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TRN : 104153998000003

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13**  
**WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE WEEK SIX**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from Saint Mary's.** We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. Please read on to find out important information that is relevant to your child and their year group.

**NEW UPDATES:**

- **ADDITIONAL APP FOR SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT - ZENDA -**  
Please see attached circulars and information.
- **SIMPLY BOTTLES CHALLENGE - All students.**
- **READING BINGO - YEARS 2-10 - Please see attached flyers.**
- **GRADUATION CEREMONY, 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025- Current year 12 students-Please see flyer.**
- **GL CAT - 4 SCHEDULES (Years 4, 6, 8 and 10).**
- **NAJAH DUBAI EDUCATION EXHIBITION - Please see attached flyer.**

Our school has partnered with Zenda to give parents an additional option for fee payments. Please check the separate circulars with information that you need to know.

**1) SIMPLY BOTTLES RECYCLING PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES:** We are inviting parents to please support the children in this campaign as we really would like them to value the importance of recycling. In addition to prizes from Simply Bottles, we will be awarding three classes (YEARS 1-4/ YEARS 5-8/ YEARS 9-13) with the highest number of bottles recycled with a picnic day out in January 2026. Please send the empty plastic water bottles collected with your child each day. This campaign will run until December 2025. Last Year our school won the **FIRST PRIZE** among all other participating schools for this.

**2) READING BINGO (YEARS 2-10):** An exciting reading challenge for students from years 2-10. Please see attached flyers for details.

**3) GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CLASS OF 2024-2025 (Current Year 12 students and parents) SAVE THE DATE 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 evening ceremony:** Parents are requested to kindly save this date. Please see attached flyer.

**4) GL CAT-4 TEST FOR YEARS FOUR, SIX, EIGHT AND TEN ONLY:** Parents of students in Years Four, Six, Eight and Ten are requested to kindly check the separate attachment to this circular regarding the GL CAT4 examination. Please email the Skiply receipt indicating payment for the same to your child's class teacher. **CHILDREN MUST BRING A FULLY CHARGED DEVICE – ONLY A TABLET OR LAPTOP ( THE TEST WILL NOT RUN ON A MOBILE PHONE ) ON THE DAY THE TEST HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THEIR CLASS. Please find the schedule below.**

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | <b>Years 4A, 4E, 10B, 10C, 10F</b>  |
| <b>TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>    | <b>Years 4D, 4F, 6B, 8A, 8B, 8F</b> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b> | <b>Years 4B, 4C, 6D, 8C,</b>        |
| <b>THURSDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER</b>  | <b>Years 6A, 6C, 6F, 8D,</b>        |
| <b>FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>    | <b>Years 6E, 8E, 10A, 10D, 10E</b>  |

## 5) ABSENCES DURING TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS:

**YEARS 2-10:** If your child is sick, please email the class teacher and inform them if your child is going to or has missed an assessment/s. Some re-assessments might be scheduled over the weekend or on a regular school day, depending on the number of assessments missed. If it is the weekend, you will be informed of the day and time to bring your child in for the same. However, children must be prepared to take a missed assessment as soon as they return to school given that they should have already been prepared in advance.

**Any absence will require a medical certificate to reschedule the assessment, even if the absence is only for ONE DAY. In the absence of a medical certificate, an assessment will not be rescheduled, and no marks will be credited for that missed assessment**

**Assessments will not be credited for leave that is not justified.** This will impact children's academic progress, and we urge parents not to schedule holidays during working days.

## **YEARS 11, 12 and 13: WEIGHTED AVERAGE**

The system will work a bit differently for these year groups since they have continuous assessment and have more than two assessments during the assessment window which is also a much longer window than the other year groups.

**Therefore, a student in these year groups should have a minimum of two completed assessments if three are given in total and a minimum of three completed assessments if four are given and so forth.**

**Any absence will require a medical certificate to ensure the provision of a weighted average, even if the absence is only for ONE DAY. In the absence of a medical certificate the missed assessment will be marked as zero.**

A weighted average will be applied only to those students with an approved medical absence and have completed a minimum of two assessments or more depending upon the total number of tests given. ( as explained in bold above )

## **6) IBT ARABIC A & B (ARABIC A- Years 5-10) (ARABIC B – Years 5, 7 & 9):**

Please see link to circulars

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/IBT-LETTER-ARABIC-A.pdf#new tab>

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/IBT-LETTER-ARABIC-B.pdf#new tab>

## **7) FOURTH SUBJECT DROP (GCE / IAL SUBJECTS ONLY) –YEAR 12**

**STUDENTS:** We have been receiving subject drop forms signed by parents and these are being duly processed where required evidence of the requirement of only three subjects has been provided. Once a subject has been dropped it cannot later be re-taken due to a loss of curricular hours. Parents are therefore requested to carefully consider this decision. There is no deadline for dropping the fourth subject.

## **8) ENOUGH WATER TO BE SENT WITH CHILDREN OR A FEW AED 1 COINS**

**TO PURCHASE WATER FROM THE MACHINES:** Parents of students especially those in lower primary are requested to kindly send enough drinking water with your child or one or two AED 1 coins so they can be assisted with getting water from the machines. For reasons of hygiene and safety there are no drinking water fountains.

**9) BREAKFAST/ SNACK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING:** We recognise that many children, especially those travelling on long bus journeys to reach school every morning, find it difficult to have their breakfast so early in the morning and some suffer travel illness. We would like to inform parents that it's perfectly alright to send a packed snack or breakfast with your child so that they may eat it in class first thing in the morning when they reach school. This is a much healthier option than children being on an empty stomach for long hours.

**10) INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA & CYBERBULLYING:** Please see the link to the circular.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/CYBERBULLYING-BULLYING-SANCTIONS-AND-CONSEQUENCES-REMINDER-CIRCULAR.pdf>



### **11) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY & UPPER PRIMARY CHILDREN:**

Parents of secondary and upper primary children are strongly encouraged to kindly make frequent checks of your child's use of social media. We have seen in many cases that minor children are being sought out on Instagram, Snapchat and other platforms by much older individuals for chats and conversations. It is important for parents to know who their children are conversing with to protect them from any potential safeguarding issues. We would also like to remind parents about your children's use of inappropriate content and language on Social Media Platforms which you will be aware of only if you make frequent checks of the same. Please have your child remove himself/herself from private social media groups that are not encouraged or recommended by us at St. Mary's. The school cannot take responsibility for private groups started by students, and we strongly discourage the formation of these groups as well as discourage student participation in them. It is once again important here that ALL PARENTS check your children's digital activity frequently including group activity if your child is part of private groups created by students.

### **12) ADMISSION TO A-LEVELS (PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS):**

Parents of Year 11 students are requested to kindly go through the separate circular on A-Level admissions. Link here.

<https://stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/ADMISSION-TO-A-LEVELS-for-the-ACADEMIC-YEAR-2025-2026.pdf>

**13) UNIFORM INFRACTIONS:** Parents are hereby notified that we have been very disappointed with the large number of uniform infractions, especially among senior students.

*These include very long and unruly hair of boys ( kindly ensure that proper haircuts are undertaken this weekend ) , long hair of girls untied, coloured and highlighted hair of girls ( we have specifically reminded parents at the end of last year that this is strictly not allowed ) , multiple ear piercings for girls, shorter than acceptable skirt lengths , long fingernails of both boys and girls, heavy make -up on girls.* What is even more disappointing is the lack of collaboration from parents when we correct students for the same. Parents are requested to please check on your children before they leave home in the morning. Please refer to the uniform policy.

**14) STUDENT SCHOOL EMAIL ID:** Your child's school email will be a focal point for our communication to you. **We will use a parent's email only to communicate outstanding fee or disciplinary issues.** A **CLASS GROUP EMAIL** has been created using the students' official email ID for every class. This is for the dissemination of information daily from the class teacher to the parents of this class and we request parents not to write back to this address. We recommend that every parent checks this email after 6:00 pm everyday for important updates. New students will receive their school email IDs on Monday.

**15) BOARD EXAMINATION FEES:** We would like you to be informed well in advance that **PEARSON EDEXCEL LONDON BOARD EXAMINATION FEES** will be collected in the month of **NOVEMBER 2025** for students in years **ELEVEN** and **THIRTEEN**. We trust that this will help you to budget accordingly. You can check your **KHDA Parent-School contract for the BOARD EXAM FEE AMOUNT** for each year group.

**16) FINANCE-RELATED EMAILS:**

- 1) [fee-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:fee-smchs@smgeducation.org)

**ALL FEES Related matters (payments):** Kindly make sure to send the transaction details with the required SUBJECT Header for quick validation of your concerns and attached proof of payment.

(Mode of Payment / Particulars/ Amount / Student ID)

SKIPLY/ TERM 1 FEES/ 4,800 Dhs / 002563 / Kiandra Smith / 11A

SIMS Student Registration Number Request must also be sent to the email above.

- 2) [finance-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:finance-smchs@smgeducation.org)

**ALL INVOICE, ACCOUNTS RECONCILIATION, TC and other related matters.**

Kindly make sure to send the transaction details with the required SUBJECT Header for quick validation of your concerns and attached proof of payment.

(Particulars/ Student Details)

Request for Pro-Forma Invoice / 002536 / Kiandra Smith / 11A

**17) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026:** Parents are requested to check the approved KHDA School Calendar for the Academic Year 2025-2026 that has been attached to this circular for your easy reference. This will help you plan ahead. If the regulators make any changes to the same, we will inform you immediately. Please note that only emergency medical / bereavement leave will be approved during school days. Leave for family holidays and celebrations must coincide with the school holidays as per the KHDA calendar.

**Leave for events like graduations, weddings, parties etc will not be granted during school days and if absences like this occur during exams, there will be no re-exams in that case. We expect parents to respect these dates and not request leave during school days.**

## **KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR**

**Parents are strongly reminded not to plan holidays/ celebrations and other events outside the approved holiday slots in the calendar as these will not be approved.**

## **18) INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026 AND APPLICABLE PAYMENTS:**

Parents are requested to kindly go through this table carefully so that you will be aware of which International Benchmark tests are applicable to your child. Payments will be via Skiplly and will be advised as these come up.

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

| YEAR GROUP | NGRT | CAT-4 | GL  | IBT ARABIC A | IBT ARABIC B |
|------------|------|-------|-----|--------------|--------------|
| YEAR 1     | NA   | NA    | NA  | NA           | NA           |
| YEAR 2     | YES  | NA    | NA  | NA           | NA           |
| YEAR 3     | YES  | NA    | NA  | NA           | NA           |
| YEAR 4     | YES  | YES   | YES | NA           | NA           |
| YEAR 5     | YES  | NA    | YES | YES          | YES          |
| YEAR 6     | YES  | YES   | YES | YES          | NA           |

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

| YEAR GROUP | NGRT | CAT-4 | GL  | IBT ARABIC A | IBT ARABIC B |
|------------|------|-------|-----|--------------|--------------|
| YEAR 7     | YES  | NA    | YES | YES          | YES          |
| YEAR 8     | YES  | YES   | YES | YES          | NA           |
| YEAR 9     | YES  | NA    | YES | YES          | YES          |
| YEAR 10    | YES  | YES   | YES | YES          | NA           |
| YEAR 11    | NA   | NA    | NA  | NA           | NA           |
| YEAR 12    | NA   | NA    | NA  | NA           | NA           |
| YEAR 13    | NA   | NA    | NA  | NA           | NA           |

**PLEASE CHECK ERRATUM CORRECTED NOW IN BOTH RED BOXES ABOVE.**

**19) PREDICTED GRADES POLICY FOR YEARS 12 & 13:** We would like to remind all parents and students to carefully go through this Policy that is available on our school website. The situation that unfolded over the last few years made many children realise, albeit too late the true value of being consistent with their study habits and not waiting until the last minute before exams to prepare and study. It is always best for every child to be **CONSISTENT AND HIGHLY REGULAR** with their study and ensure that they maintain a good level of attainment across all their assessment opportunities and prepare as well as they can for their Board Examinations. This will also help them to achieve better predicted grades as every assessment and examination counts towards the calculation of the same.

**20) SUBJECT CHANGE POLICY, YEARS 9 TO 13:** We would like to request all parents of children in these year groups to please go through the Subject Change Policy which is available in the Parents' Info section of the school website.

**21) NO DISTRIBUTION OF ANY ITEMS ( cakes/ candies/ chocolate/ and even non-edible items ) FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** Parents are reminded that while the class would be happy to sing for your child on his/her birthday , there should be **STRICTLY NO DISTRIBUTION** of any food/ sweets or even non-edible items like small toys etc on your child's birthday.

**22) PARENTS TAKING PICTURES AND VIDEOS ON SCHOOL PREMISES:** All Parents are reminded that taking pictures and videos of children on the premises is a strict violation of Child Protection Policies. We understand that as parents it is exciting to capture

memories but when other children are involved, it goes against all Child Protection Policies. We will do our best to send you all memories of various activities captured in school.

**23) GATE ACCESS TO THE PREMISES:** Parents are requested to kindly not use the church gates to access our premises for drop off and pick up. GATE 4 and GATE 5 are the school gates to be accessed.

**24) STUDENT ABSENCES MUST BE INFORMED BY PARENTS:** All parents are requested to kindly inform the class teacher via email whenever a child is absent, even if it is just for one day. A simple email with the reason for the absence will suffice but is mandatory. Unaccounted for absences will be marked as unjustified and will be reflected on students' progress reports.

**25 ) PARENTS' WHATSAPP GROUPS :** While a WhatsApp group maybe very useful for *sharing important information that can be very helpful – sometimes essential – for busy parents, it has increasingly been noticed that these groups seem to have become breeding grounds for gossip, Chinese whispers and criticism. We are noticing more and more that a personal experience of a child or a staff member has become fodder for public comment, and this has extended to even the very private medical information of children being openly discussed on parent groups.* There's a broader societal issue here. This is all very new to us adults. We must reflect on the example we're setting. We talk about what our children are doing online, but we don't reflect on our own behaviour; we don't have an agreed etiquette. We would like all parents , especially those in primary school to do some reflection on the unchecked chatter and quite often the vilifying of staff members in the parents' WhatsApp groups over the past year and ask yourself if that is truly helping you or rather creating unwanted stress. As a school, we would like you to reach out to the teachers or to Ms. Lise-Ann (in more urgent cases) rather than allow what could be one parent's opinion or perspective or misinterpretation in many cases, cloud the perspectives of all the rest. Let us try not to micromanage the children but have more faith in their capacity for resilience and courage.

**While we continue to encourage you to use emails as the official channels for communication, we would like to offer some useful guidelines for the ethical use of WhatsApp groups should parents still feel the need for them.**

## Groups can be used to share:

- Reminders about deadlines, school activities, and events.
- Questions about school activities or special events e.g. what date the science project is due in, uniform or non-uniform day, when the deadline to pay for something is, etc.
- Sharing important information already posted in a circular to help reach more parents e.g. alerts about sickness, school policies, etc.
- Sharing information which can be useful to the other parents in the group e.g. where to buy costumes for dressing up days, ideas for projects, etc.
- Foster a sense of community.
- Sharing relevant community notices e.g. road closures or new traffic lights in the local area, etc.
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We **STRONGLY discourage** the use of the groups to:

- **Gossip.**
- **Voice grievances.**
- **Share personal problems.**
- **Point out another child's behaviour.**
- **Discuss the work of teachers: if a parent has a concern regarding the teacher, that parent should speak with him or her directly.**
- **Raise individual concerns or complaints: if a parent has a particular concern or complaint regarding the school or any member of the Staff, that issue should be raised directly with the school.**
- **Share political or religious posts or discussions.**

**26) URGENT QUERIES AND CONCERNS:** If you have any urgent queries and concerns, kindly send an email to our Vice Principal , Ms. Lise-Ann on [l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org) and she will get back to you. Please include your telephone number in case she needs to call you.

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)





OUR REF : .....

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Date: September 26, 2025.

To: **The Parents of Students in Years 1-13**  
**ZENDA APP...** (School Fees, made easy)

Dear Parents,

At St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai, it is our constant endeavour to introduce new services that can help enhance your experience with us. School payments are an important part of this experience, and we remain committed to continuous improvements in order to enhance how you pay fees and deliver a more streamlined process that will make managing your child's education easier.

With this in mind, we are excited to announce that we have partnered with **ZENDA**, one of the leading payments app in the Middle East, to improve how you make school payments. Currently active in over 400 schools across the region and having received overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents, with a 4.9/5 rating on app store, zenda's seamless and secure fee payment platform promises you:

- **More convenience**, through a single solution to manage all payments, from tuition to trips
- **Convenient option**, to split termly fees into a flexible payment plan offered by the school.
- **Peace of mind**, with effortless fees management and dedicated support right on your fingertips

Please refer to the attached document for more information on the features and benefits of the zenda app.

For stepwise instructions on how to use the app, please refer to the attached guide or this video: [app.zenda.com/pay-fees-uae](https://app.zenda.com/pay-fees-uae)

Download zenda from here: [app.zenda.com/getstarted](https://app.zenda.com/getstarted) or by using the QR code below. To log in, use your registered email/mobile with the school.



If you have any questions, please contact the school or chat with the zenda team on WhatsApp: [help.zenda.com](https://help.zenda.com)

Yours Sincerely,



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(Principal)





# HOW TO PAY FEES



## School fees, made easy

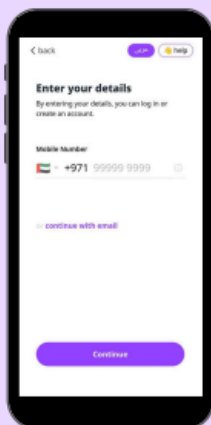
Convenient fee payments at your fingertips

### Step 1

#### Login to the zenda app

Download the zenda app:  
[app.zenda.com/getstarted](https://app.zenda.com/getstarted)

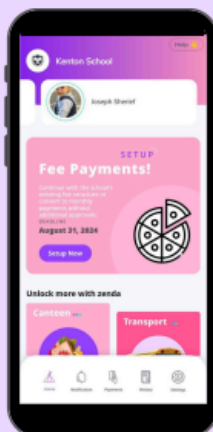
To login, use your email/mobile registered with the school



### Step 2

#### Click on Setup Now

on the app homepage to proceed with the fee payment

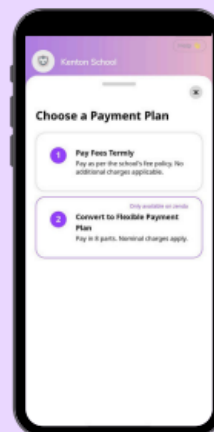


### Step 3

#### Choose a plan

Select **Pay Fees Termly** to pay fees as per school's default schedule

Select **Convert to Flexible Payment Plan** to split the fees into parts



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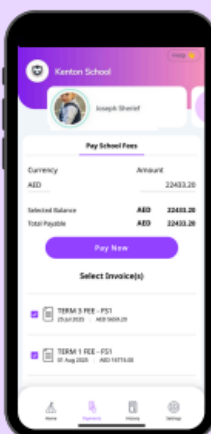
#### For Pay Fees Termly

### Step 4

#### Complete Payment

Review the available invoices and select the one invoice(s) you wish to pay for

Click on **Pay Now** to enter details and complete the payment



#### For Flexible Payment Plan

### Step 4

#### Review Payment Schedule

Review the payment schedule and check the box to agree to the Terms and Conditions

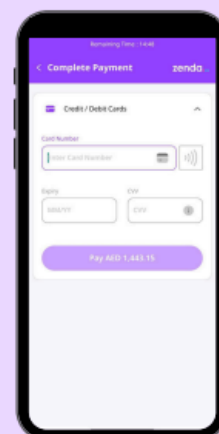
Click on **Setup Payment Plan**



### Step 5

#### Complete Setup

Enter your card details and click on **Pay** to complete the setup



# FLEXIBLE PAYMENT

Dear Parents,

Through our partnership with zenda, we have given parents more flexibility in how you pay school fees, by offering you the option to switch from paying fees termly to paying in parts.

With the zenda app,

- Convert your termly fees into **4** parts
- Set up instantly using credit or debit card
- No need for any approval or PDCs

Watch this video on how to pay fees in parts on zenda: [app.zenda.com/pay-in-parts-uae](https://app.zenda.com/pay-in-parts-uae)

We have also attached a step-by-step guide on how you can use the flexible fee payment plan on zenda.

To pay fees, download the zenda app: [app.zenda.com/getstarted](https://app.zenda.com/getstarted) or by using the QR code below, and set up flexible payment plan. Use your registered email/mobile with the school to login.



If you have any questions, please contact the school or reach out to the zenda team on WhatsApp at [help.zenda.com](https://help.zenda.com)

Sincerely,

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(Principal)





## Pay fees in parts, with zenda

Use the flexible payment to split fees into parts

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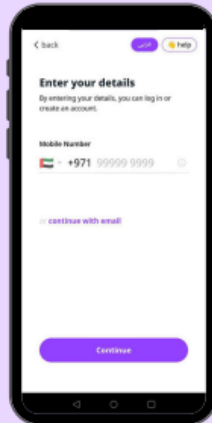
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Download the zenda app



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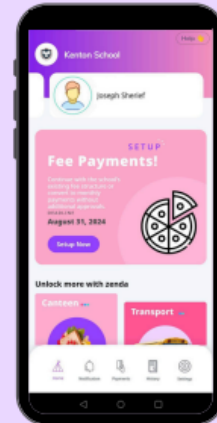
**Login to zenda app**  
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registered with the school.

Click on **Continue**



### Step 3

**Click on Setup Now button**  
on the homepage to proceed with  
setting up the fee payment

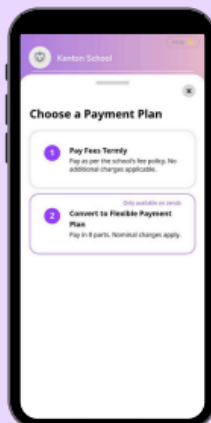


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Use the flexible payment to split fees into parts

### Step 4

**Choose a plan**  
Select **Convert to Flexible Payment Plan** to split the fees into parts



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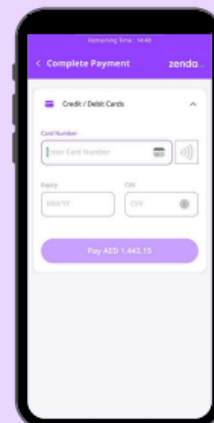
**Review payment schedule**  
Review the payment schedule and  
check the box to agree to the Terms  
and Conditions

Click on **Setup Payment Plan**



### Step 6

**Complete setup**  
Enter your card details and click  
on **Pay** to complete the setup





## ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*


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**with zenda.**

TO PAY FEES ONLINE, DOWNLOAD ZENDA NOW


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One Solution for all school payments



Pay fees  
**online**



Pay fees  
**in parts**



Discover & pay  
**for other services**

**St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai** has partnered with zenda, a leading payments and financing app in the UAE, to provide convenient and flexible fee payment options for parents.

Parents have the option to:

- Pay school fees online from the comfort of your home
- Split the fees and pay in parts
- Discover & pay for other services like school trips, exams, activities & more

Download zenda for Android/iOS devices from here:

[app.zenda.com/getstarted](https://app.zenda.com/getstarted) or by scanning the QR code below,



Use your registered email/mobile with the school to login.



# READING BINGO

10/10/2025- 10/11/2025



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| Read while Eating something Frozen   | Read a Fairytale<br>     | Read a Shopping List<br>            | <br>Read in a Public Library | <br>Read to your Sibling     |
| Read in your Pajamas<br> | Read to your Pet<br>    | <br>Read to your Toy                | Read a Non-Fiction   | Read a Set of Instructions for a Game   |
| Read by the Pool<br>    | Have Someone Read to You  | Read a Book about a Animals  | Have a Reading Party with your Family  | <br>Read a Restaurant Menu |
| Read a Nature Book   | <br>Read by the Window | Read in a Comfy Chair  | Read a Poem  | Read for an Hour  |
| <br>Read Under a Tree   | Read a Recipe   | Read the Back of a Cereal Box<br> | Read while Eating  | Read a Fiction  |

## Reading Bingo Rules (Years 1-3)

- Reading Bingo is intended to foster the students' love for reading.
- Books read must be age appropriate.
- The challenge runs from 10th October, 2025- 10th November 2025.
- Students are required to read and complete one full row of challenges either vertically, or horizontally, or diagonally to gain entry into the leader board.
- Every time you read and finish a challenge, tick the box. One book applies to one box only.
- No academic books or books from our curriculum will be accepted.
- For the yellow box challenge you may read in hard copy (book) or soft copy (tablet, e-reader, PDF). However you will be required to bring it in (book or the digital link).
- For the blue box challenge parents need to send the photograph to their English teachers that clearly identifies with the challenge.
- You will be asked to share or talk or do a simple check about your reading so that the teachers can check your progress and enter your name in the leader board.
- Try to make a line by completing five boxes in a row – it would be good to see if you can complete two or more lines.
- The biggest challenge? A Full House! – finish every box on the bingo board.
- Read for fun, explore new kinds of books, and enjoy the journey while you aim for your lines!





ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, DUBAI

# READING BINGO

|  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Read a Book with an Animal in the Title        | Read a Poetry Collection                      | Read a Book Set in School  | Read a Book with more than 100 Pages         | Read a Graphic Novel                       |
| Read a Classic                                 | Read a Book with a 4 Word Title               | Read a Book Set in a Place You have Never Been to                          | Read a Book with a Mythical Creature         | Read a Book that is a Part of a Series     |
| Read a Science Fiction Novel                   | Read a Book with a Person's Name in the Title | Read a Book (Traditional Story) from a Different Culture                   | Read a Book your Friend Loves                | Read a Book that you would Like to Re-Read |
| Read a book that has been adapted into a Movie | Read a Book based on a True Story             | Read a Book about Friendship   | Read a Book about Someone Famous             | Read a Book your Parents read as Kids      |
| Read a Fairy Tale                              | Read a Comic                                  | Read a Book in which the Main Character has a Disability or Unique Ability | Read a Book Written by your Favourite Author | Read a Book on Adventure                   |

## Reading Bingo Rules (Years 4-6)


- Reading Bingo is intended to foster the students' love for reading.
- Books read must be age appropriate.
- The challenge runs from 10th October, 2025- 10th November 2025.
- Students are required to read and complete one full row of challenges either vertically, or horizontally, or diagonally to gain entry into the leader board.
- Every time you read and finish a challenge, colour in or tick the box. One book applies to one box only.
- No academic books or books from our curriculum will be accepted.
- You may read in hard copy (book) or soft copy (tablet, e-reader, PDF). However you will be required to bring it in (book or the digital link).
- You will be asked to share or talk or do a simple check about your reading so that the teachers can check your progress and enter your name in the leader board.
- Try to make a line by completing five boxes in a row – it would be good to see if you can complete two or more lines.
- The biggest challenge? A Full House! – finish every box on the bingo board.
- Read for fun, explore new kinds of books, and enjoy the journey while you aim for your lines!



# Reading Bingo



10/10/2025- 10/11/2025

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| Read a Thriller/ Detective Novel               | A Poetry Collection                           | Read a Book from the Best Seller List  | Read a Book with more than 100 Pages         | Read an Award Winning Book                 |
| Read a Classic                                 | Read a book About Well-Being                  | Read a Book Set in a Place you have Never Been to  | Read a Book with a Mythical Creature         | Read a Book that is a Part of a Series     |
| Read a Science Fiction Novel                   | Read a Book with a Person's Name in the Title | Read a Book that got Published this Year   | A Book your Friend Loves                     | Read a Book that you would Like to Re-Read |
| Read a book that has been adapted into a Movie | Read a Book Based on a True Story             |  Read a Dystopian Novel | Read a Biography                             | Read a Book your Parents read as Teenagers |
| Read a book by a Female Author                 | Read a Comic                                  | Read a Book in which the Main character has a Disability or Unique Ability                                 | Read a Book Written by your Favourite Author | Read a Book on Adventure                   |

Reading Bingo Rules (Years 7–10)

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- The biggest challenge? A Full House! – finish every box on the bingo board.
- Remember, the goal isn't just to complete the board, but to challenge yourself with new genres and deepen your reading experience!



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## IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SCHOOL GROUP VISITS:

To ensure a much smoother experience this year, we have introduced the following measures:

**RSVP Scheduling:** Schedule your slot in advance to avoid waiting in queues and enjoy a more personalised visit. Complete the School Group Registration Form to RSVP for your school group's visit.

**Capped Attendance per Slot:** Only a limited number of schools will be scheduled per time slot, so your students can have more one-on-one discussions with universities. A dedicated Najah School Group Concierge will call you to confirm your school's slot.

**Priority Booking:** First-come, first-served basis for reserving a slot, to ensure a fair opportunity for all schools to book.

**Better On-Event Experience:** We have increased our staffing at each event and introduced a new system to ensure smooth entry and exit from the venue for school groups.

**Schedule your visit now! Don't miss out on the opportunity for  
your students to connect with top universities worldwide.**



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**REQUESTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION (GRADES 10 - 13)**

Dear School Principals,

The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research extends its warmest regards and wishes you continuous success.

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 5th annual Najah Dubai 2025, held in partnership with the ministry.

**Dates: 5 to 7 October 2025**

**Venue: Dubai World Trade Center (DWTC)**

**Open To: High School Students, Parents, Teachers, School Counsellors**

**Najah Dubai 2025** is the ideal event for your high school students to explore multiple higher education opportunities available to them locally and abroad.

**Visit the event with your students to give them the opportunity to:**

- Directly meet and talk to representatives from **100+ leading universities** from **20+ countries** around the world (including UAE, Canada, Australia, Germany, Hungary, Singapore, India and many more...)
- Get answers on the spot regarding **admissions/ scholarships/ visas**
- Attend **interactive seminars and live talks** that will help them learn more about the university application process, student life, internship opportunities, as well as tips and advice from experts.

**School Visit Timings:**

- Monday, 6 October 2025 - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Tuesday, 7 October 2025 - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**Family Visit Timings:**

- Sunday, 5 October 2025 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- Monday, 6 October 2025 - 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Please scan these to register for free:**

**For School Group  
Registration**



**For Students, Teachers  
& Parents Registration**



For more information, please contact **Ms. Mylene Carmona** at [najahmarketing@informa.com](mailto:najahmarketing@informa.com).

Looking forward to seeing you and your students at Najah Dubai!

Best regards,

**Alan Kelly**  
Commercial & Strategy Director  
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# **GCSE GRADUATION CEREMONY** **FOR THE CLASS OF 2024-2025**



**The GCSE GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 - 2025 will be held on FRIDAY, 7th NOVEMBER 2025 at 5:00 PM in the MAIN HALL AT ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DUBAI.**

There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, 29th October 2025 from 2:30 pm until 5:00 pm in the Main Hall. Students will receive their invitations and Graduation Gowns on the day of the rehearsal. The cost of AED 275/- for the hiring of the Graduation Gown as well as 1 Graduation USB with the photographs and videos, and other incidentals should be paid on the day of the Rehearsal. Please bring the exact amount. Only TWO adults per graduate can be accommodated in the Hall. No exceptions can be made due to space constraints.

ALL STUDENTS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY MUST COME FOR THE REHEARSAL. STUDENTS WHO ARE NO LONGER IN SMCHS, DUBAI, WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO COLLECT THEIR GOWNS FROM 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ON THE DAY OF THE REHEARSAL. STUDENTS IN YEAR 12 AT THE SCHOOL WILL BE GIVEN ANOTHER DATE TO COLLECT THE GOWNS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REHEARSAL WILL BEGIN AT 2:30 PM SHARP. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND THE REHEARSAL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

