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Friday, 14th November 2025

To: The Parents of Students in Years 1-13
WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE WEEK TWELVE

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

We are truly proud to honour and present our **OUTSTANDING STARS**. Please find below the incredible achievements of our students from the Graduating Class of 2025. We are grateful for all their efforts and the hard work put in by the teachers and you, dear parents. We wish them continued successes and may they be an inspiration to their younger school peers.

Outstanding Learners Award 2024-2025	
Highest in the MIDDLE EAST IAL ACCOUNTING	SAMIRA BEGUM
Highest in the MIDDLE EAST IGCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE	MARIA THERES KIZHAKKUDEN
Highest in the MIDDLE EAST GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE	FILZA ALI
Highest in the WORLD GCSE MATHEMATICS	MARIYA UNNISA BEGUM
Highest in the WORLD GCSE PHYSICS	YAFET ANDENET ADMASSU
Highest in the WORLD GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	MARIA THERES KIZHAKKUDEN



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Aeryl Zoe Jaboni Parcon

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Filza Ali

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Hannelore Felice Granada Lape

Isabella Lauren Etrata Mayogba

Joyce Youssef Wadie I. Tadr

Kaitlyn Faith Monteath

Maria Theres Kizhakkuden

Mariya Unnisa Begum

Meredith Chelsea Furtado

Miriam George

Natalie Liza D'Silva

Nurhan Alam

Rhianna Nicole Rosario

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Congratulations

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Dwayne Saldanha

Franc Vincent Bautista Feliciano

Jayden Noah Dias

Jayesh Naveen Rawtani

Jeremiah Daniel Ramos Torrecampo

Lionel Dos Santos

Marcus Gabriel Solidum Brandis

Mohammed Mahmud R.Chowdhury

Muhammad Saim Salman

Nikhil Anthony Gaikwad

Qazi Umer Farooq

Shaiyan Reza

Vikram Praful Mullassery

Wijetunga Arachchige Sanith Manhiru

Yafet Andenet Admassu

Yaseer Ahmed

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NEW UPDATES:

- **GAVEL CLUB - 8:30-10am 15th November-for those registered.**
- **FIRST REPORT DAY-22nd November 2025 - All year groups.**
- **DC BOOK FAIR, 17th to 22nd November – All year groups.**
- **SAINTZ SPORTS FESTIVAL- 17th to 20th November 2025.**
- **CAT-4 REPORTS (YEARS 4, 6, 8 & 10) WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT WEEK.**
- **HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - Please see informative attachment.**
- **IBT ARABIC EXAMS- Parents please send a fully charged laptop on the correct day for your child's exam.**
- **DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND TOURISM LETTER WRITING COMPETITION - Please see attached flyer.**
- **BOOK IN A BOX PROJECT – BRING STORIES TO LIFE! – Please see attached flyer.**
- **NATIONAL YOUNG AUTHOR'S FAIR (NYAF) UAE 2025 – Please see attached flyer.**

1) GAVEL CLUB @ SMCHS, DUBAI (YEARS 8-13): Students who have paid and registered are requested to kindly be present tomorrow for the first meeting at 8:00 am sharp. Please meet in Year 7B on the boys ground floor.

2) FIRST REPORT DAY (PARENT-TEACHER MEETING -All year groups) 22nd November, 7:30 am until 12:00 pm: Please check the link to the attached circular.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/REPORT-ONE-DAY-CIRCULAR-NOV-2025.pdf>

3) DC BOOK FAIR @ SAINT MARY'S , 17th TO 22nd November 2025 : As part of our ongoing efforts to cultivate a love of reading in our students, St. Mary's Catholic High School is collaborating with the leading book seller of the region, DC books , to organise a book fair for our children. The fair will take place from November 17th to 22nd on school premises. Students will get a chance to browse their favourite titles and buy books on these days. On Saturday, 22nd November, parents will also have a chance to attend and pick up books for their children as we have the first PTM scheduled for the same day.

4) FIRST TERM FEES TO BE PAID WITHOUT DELAY: All parents please note that the deadline for the First Term Fee payment has well passed. The timely payment of fees is crucial to the sustainable functioning of the school. We urge those parents who have not yet made the First Term fee payments to kindly do so without any further delay. First Term fees that have not been paid will now be considered as outstanding and we will not be able to issue any official documents in this case.

5) SAINTZ INTERSCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL: Our school will be hosting the Saintz Interschool Sports Festival from 17th to 20th November 2025 from 2:30 to 7:00 pm daily. Older students who live nearby are welcome to attend to support their school teams.

6) BUILDING OUR FUTURE STARS-FINAL TWO SESSIONS FOR TERM ONE ARE 21ST AND 22ND NOV. 2025: Parents of children who are part of this programme are requested to kindly keep note of these two dates.

7) CAT-4 REPORTS (YEARS 4,6 8 and 10): Parents are requested to kindly check your child's email over next week to receive the CAT4 reports.

8) INTER-HOUSE MATCHES YEARS 12 AND 13: Parents are requested to kindly be informed that the year 12 students have organised their Inter-house matches on the 14th , 15th , 21st and 22nd of November in the afternoons between 1:30 and 5:00 pm. Year 13 have the same on the 15th and 21st of November in the afternoon hours.

9) HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE: Parents are requested to kindly go through the informative attachment.

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

Please send a fully charged device with your child based on the schedule below.

Tuesday	18th November	ARABIC A STUDENTS –YEARS 5-10
Wednesday	19th November	ARABIC B STUDENTS YEAR 5
Thursday	20th November	ARABIC B STUDENTS YEARS 7 and 9

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11) NO BARTERING / EXCHANGE OF GOODS OR SHARING OF FOOD FOR THE GOOD OF ALL CHILDREN:

We have recently come across a few cases of children across various year groups bringing in items from home to exchange with their classmates for food or a snack item. These items have included but are not limited to small toys, gift cards, collectible cards, stickers, etc. We are certain that as parents you understand that many children suffer from food allergies and in the excitement could actually consume something that has ingredients to which they are allergic. The act of trading has many potential implications that are beyond the maturity of young children to deal with. It has the potential to cause arguments and fights. Often, children are trading for an item that you as parents do not allow them to consume, for example chewing gum. We are urging all parents to kindly ensure that children are not bringing any items to school other than what is required for their learning in lessons.

12) 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.

13) 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.

14) 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.

15) 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.

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

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17) 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.

18) 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#new_tab

19) 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.

20) 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.

21) 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.

22) 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 Skippy 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.

23) 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.

24) 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.

25) 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.

26) 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.

27) 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.

28) 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.

29) 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 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)





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HAND, FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE



What is hand, foot and mouth disease and why has my child got it?

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common childhood condition that can also affect adults. It is often caused by the coxsackie virus and causes a mild illness in most children. The illness usually clears up by itself in 7-10 days.

What are the signs and symptoms?

The first symptoms of hand, foot and mouth are:

- Sore throat
- High temperature above 38 degrees
- Not wanting to eat and drink.

A few days after the temperature, ulcers appear in the mouth and a rash appears on hands, feet and sometimes thighs and bottom. The rash starts as spots which can be red, pink or darker than your normal skin tone. The spots then develop into blisters. The blisters are grey or lighter than your normal skin tone and can be painful. Painful blisters in the mouth can make it difficult to eat and drink. Children younger than five years old may get worse symptoms than older children and adults.



Does my child need any tests to confirm the diagnosis?

The diagnosis is made by a doctor or other medical practitioner who can recognize hand, foot and mouth from the rash your child has, and the history given by yourselves.

What treatments are available?

You cannot take antibiotics or other medicines to cure hand, foot and mouth.

It has to run its course and gets better on its own in 7-10 days.

Is there anything I can do to help my child?

There are some ways you can help your child feel better.

- Encourage lots of fluids to stop them getting dehydrated. Avoid acidic drinks.
- Use paracetamol and Ibuprofen to help with the pain.
- Try soft or liquid foods like soup and ice cream.



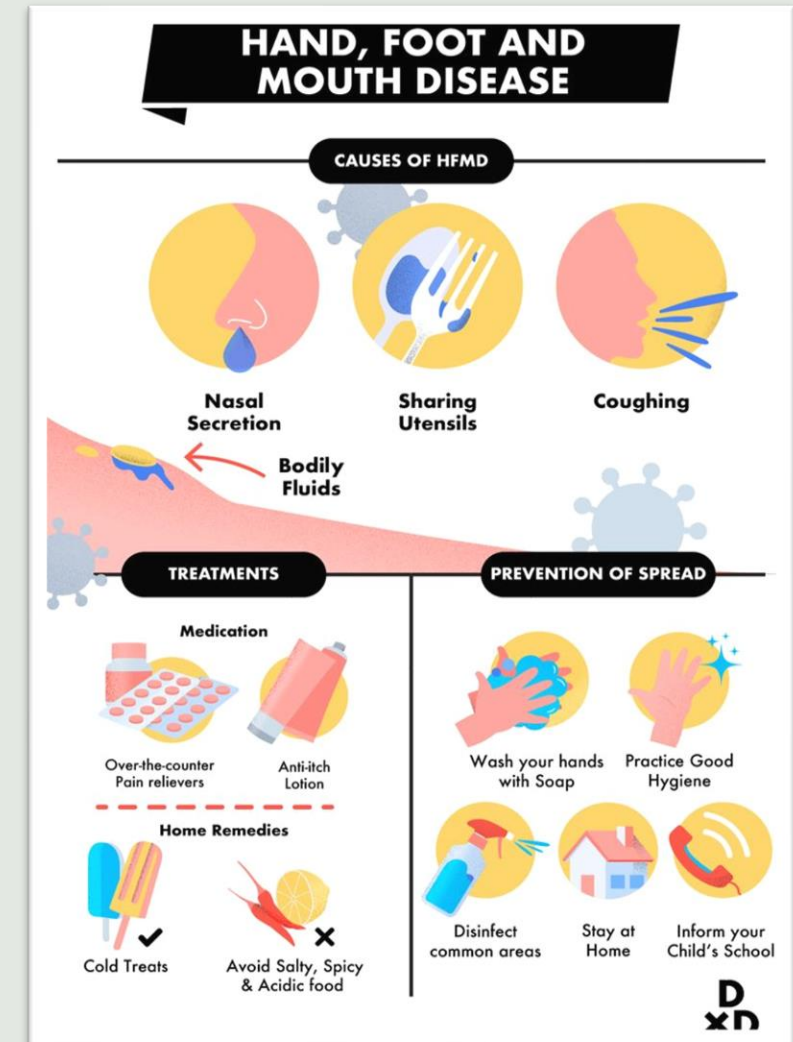
How to stop Hand, foot and Mouth disease spreading?

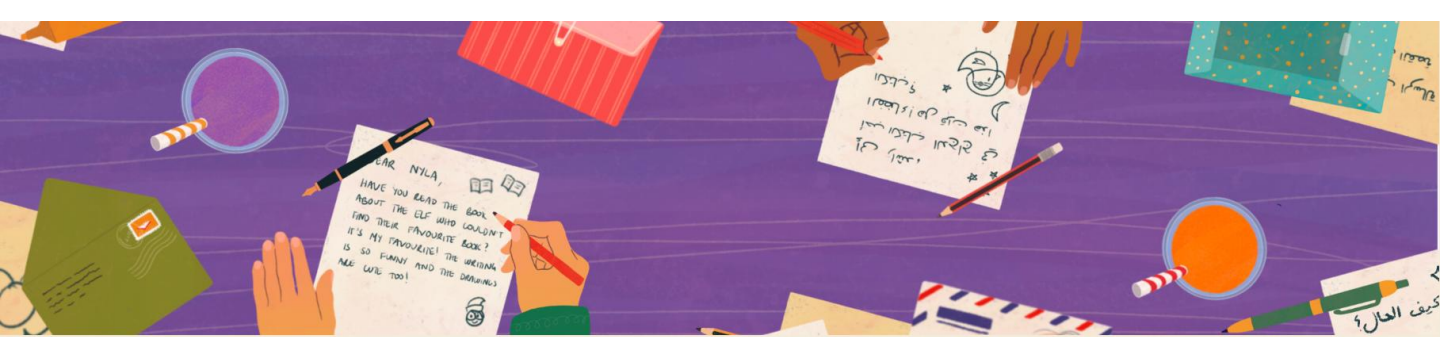
Hand, foot and mouth is very contagious which means it is easily passed from one person to another. It is spread by coughing, sneezing and in faeces (poo). You can spread it a few days before you have symptoms, but you are most likely to pass it on a few days after symptoms started. To try to stop giving it to another person you can ask your child to:

- Sneeze and cough into a tissue
- Wash their hands after going to the toilet, coughing or sneezing
- Bin used tissues as quickly as possible.
- Please do not send your child to school if they have fever

School Policy on HFM Disease

- According to DHA guidelines, if your child is diagnosed with HFM disease, the child is excluded from school until all blisters have dried (usually 3-6 days)
- The close contacts of HFM disease are not excluded from the school.





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Aira Anupol

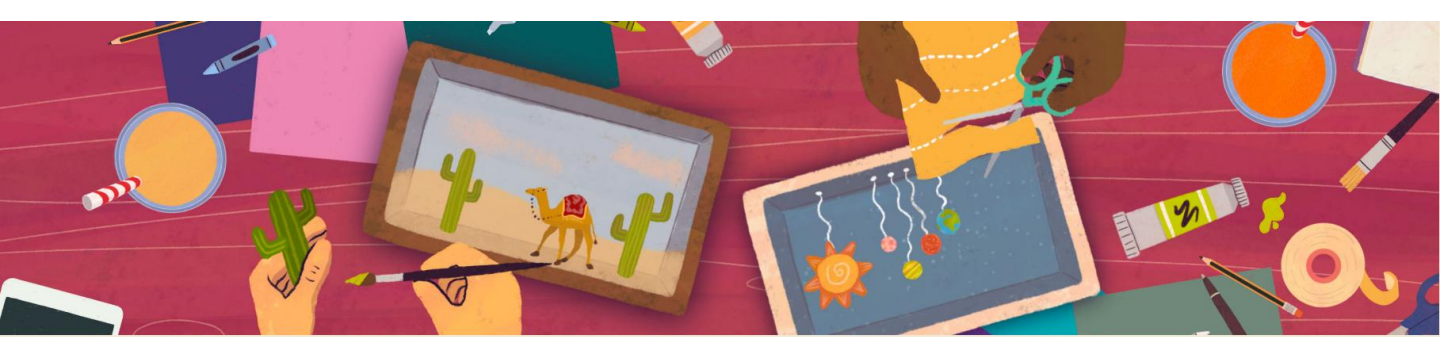
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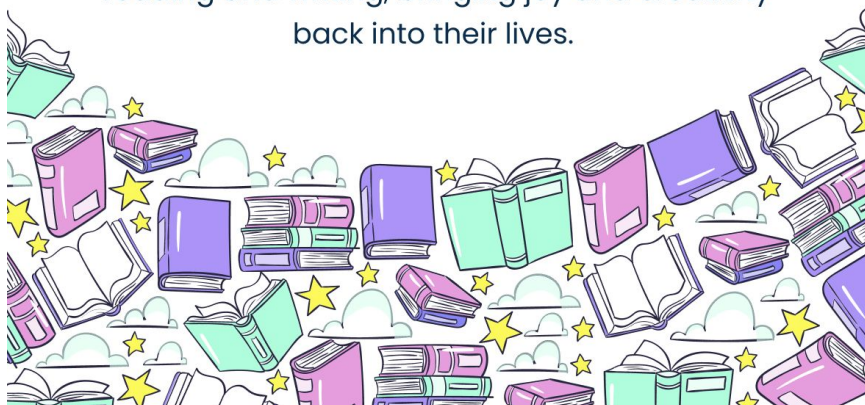


What is the National Young Authors' Fair?

The **National Young Authors' Fair** is UAE's foremost, nationally celebrated book-writing competition for School Students. **Entirely FREE** for both schools and participants, it offers an exceptional chance for young minds to flourish as budding authors.

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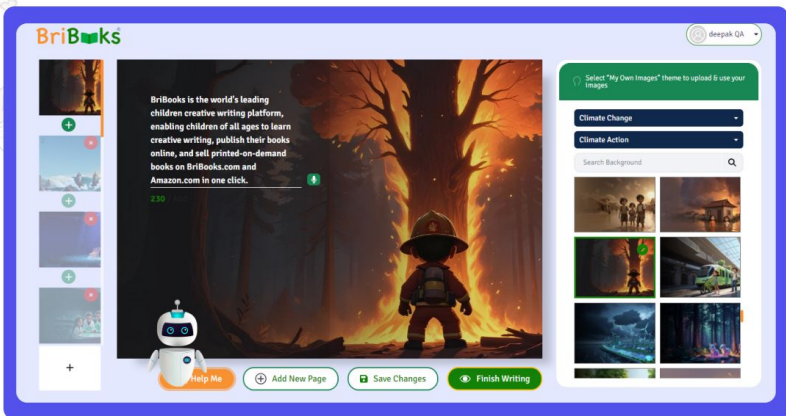
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Award & Trophy



Participation Certificate



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Digital Media
Coverage

Feature in



Feature in
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How to Participate?

www.yaf.bribooks.com/events/student/signup/nyaf-ae-2025?sid=190857

Click here to Register



OR



Scan the QR Code



Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share that ST. Mary Catholic High School Dubai has been selected to participate in the National Young Authors fair UAE 2025-26, the world's largest free book writing event, organized by BriBooks.

This is a unique opportunity for our students to explore their creativity and become young authors.

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(Registration ensures access to all program details and workshops)

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Let us encourage our children to dream, create, and express
ST. Mary Catholic High School Dubai is proud to nurture the next generation of young authors.

Warm regards,

Paul Asir Joseph

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NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

(FOR PARENTS and STUDENTS)

VERSION 1.0- 31st October 2025

Sat, 1 st Nov	Year 13 Extra classes: MATHS & PSYCHOLOGY YLP (8:00 – 10:00 AM) Building Our Future Stars OFFICE CLOSED
Sun, 2 nd Nov	
Mon, 3 rd Nov	UAE FLAG DAY- COLOURED CLOTHES DAY –UAE FLAG COLOURS School team training -boys
Tue, 4 th Nov	POSITIVE PARENTING TALK (ONLINE) FROM KHDA School team training -girls
Wed, 5 th Nov	POSITIVE PARENTING TALK (ONLINE) FROM KHDA School team training -boys
Thu, 6 th Nov	School team training -girls
Fri, 7 th Nov	GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CLASS OF 2025 Building Our Future Stars
Sat, 8 th Nov	SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Building Our Future Stars YLP (8:00 – 10:00 AM)
Sun, 9 th Nov	
Mon, 10 th Nov	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK School team training -boys
Tue, 11 th Nov	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK School team training -girls

Wed, 12 th Nov	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK School team training -boys
Thu, 13 th Nov	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK FHC REHEARSAL (2:00 – 4:30 PM) School team training –girls
Fri, 14 th Nov	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK COLOURED CLOTHES DAY Building Our Future Stars
Sat, 15 th Nov	Year 13 Extra classes: PHYSICS & ACCOUNTING YLP (8:00 – 10:00 AM) GAVEL CLUB COMMENCES Building Our Future Stars OFFICE CLOSED
Sun, 16 th Nov	
Mon, 17 th Nov	SAINTZ SPORTS FESTIVAL 2:00 – 7:00 PM VACCINATIONS YEARS 2-6 DC BOOK FAIR SCHOOL LIBRARY
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Fri, 21 st Nov	VACCINATIONS YEARS 2-6 DC BOOK FAIR SCHOOL LIBRARY Building Our Future Stars
Sat, 22 nd Nov	FIRST REPORT DAY AND PARENT TEACHER MEETING -7:30 AM TO 12:00 PM DC BOOK FAIR SCHOOL LIBRARY-open to parents Year 13 Extra classes: CHEMISTRY & BIOLOGY Building Our Future Stars YLP (8:00 – 10:00 AM)
Sun, 23 rd Nov	
Mon, 24 th Nov	YEAR 3 A/B/C outing to WADI AL HAMMAR School team training -boys
Tue, 25 th Nov	FHC YEAR 4 STUDENTS - School team training –girls
Wed, 26 th Nov	NATIONAL DAY ASSEMBLY –COLOURED CLOTHES DAY-UAE FLAG COLOURS OR TRADITIONAL WEAR YEAR 3 D/E/F outing to WADI AL HAMMAR School team training -boys
Thu, 27 th Nov	School team training –girls Students overseas trip to Singapore
Fri, 28 th Nov	Building Our Future Stars
Sat, 29 th Nov	YLP (8:00 – 10:00 AM) OFFICE CLOSED
Sun, 30 th Nov	



OUR REF :

TRN : 104153998000003

Date: 21st August 2025.

To : Parents of students from Year One to Year Thirteen & PARENTS OF NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL- REVISED KHDA APPROVED CALENDAR

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's Catholic High School. We are writing to inform you about major changes to the approved KHDA calendar that we had shared with you along with our end of year circular. Over the summer break, we received news quite recently from the KHDA about changes to the already approved academic calendar for 2025 2026. Please disregard the approved calendar as well as the key dates that was shared in our end of your circular of June 2025.

Please find attached the new revised approved KHDA calendar along with key dates for events during the academic year. As always, dates are subject to change depending on any notifications received from the government.

We thank you for your understanding and we wish all of our students happy and blessed start to the new academic year 2025 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





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 be not be approved.

25 Aug 2025

**FIRST ACADEMIC DAY
SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

4 Sep 2025

GOVERNMENT HOLIDAY

Subject to change

1 Oct 2025 to 10 Oct 2025

WINDOW FOR MID-TERM ASSESSMENTS

13 Oct 2025 to 17 Oct 2025

MID-TERM BREAK

7 Nov 2025

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Subject to change

22 Nov 2025

FIRST REPORT DAY FOR PARENTS (PTM)

2 Dec 2025 & 3 Dec 2025

NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAYS

**8 Dec 2025 to 4 Jan 2026
(Inclusive)**

WINTER BREAK

KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR

5 Jan 2026

SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER THE WINTER BREAK

12 Jan 2026 to 26 Jan 2026

FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

First Term Examinations in the morning.
Regular lessons after break. Students will not be allowed to go home after the morning's exam.

4 FEB 2026

SPORTS DAY (YEARS 5 TO 8)

Subject to change

5 FEB 2026

SPORTS DAY (YEARS 9 TO 13)

Subject to change

20 FEB 2026

SPORTS DAY (YEARS 1 TO 4)

Subject to change

9 Mar 2026 to 13 Mar 2026
30 Mar 2026 & 31 Mar 2026
6 Apr 2026 to 9 Apr 2026

**MOCK EXAMINATIONS
(YEARS 11 AND 13)**

16 Mar 2026 - 27 Mar 2026
(Inclusive)

SPRING BREAK

30 Mar 2026

SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER THE SPRING BREAK

KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR

**7 May 2026, 8 May 2026 &
11 May 2026**

FINAL EXAMS

Final exams in parallel with regular lessons

12 May 2026 to 22 May 2026

FINAL EXAMS

Final Exams and students go home at 11:30 am

26 May 2026 to 29 May 2026

EID AL ADHA

Subject to government declaration.

11 May 2026 to 15 Jun 2026

GL EXAMINATIONS

Years 4 to 10

16 Jun 2026

GOVERNMENT HOLIDAY

11 Jun 2026 to 19 Jun 2026

RE-EXAMINATION WINDOW

27 Jun 2026

FINAL REPORT DAY

3 Jul 2026

LAST ACADEMIC DAY OF SCHOOL

August 2025							September 2025							October 2025							November 2025						
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School Days: 5							School Days: 21							School Days: 18							School Days: 20						
December 2025							January 2026							February 2026							March 2026						
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School Days: 3							School Days: 20							School Days: 20							School Days: 12						
April 2026							May 2026							June 2026							July 2026						
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School Days: 22							School Days: 17							School Days: 21							School Days: 3						

		Total days
Academic Year (Total School Days) (Minimum days required to submit the calendar is 182) The total number of days that students formally attend school and includes instructional days, examinations, academic and non-academic activities.		182

Icon	Event/Definition	Academic / School Days?	Max. No of days	Mandatory/Optional
	Summer break Summer break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory for April start schools.
	Winter break Winter break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory.
	Spring break Spring break for students	No	Range of days	*Mandatory for Sept start schools
	First midterm break (MoE Schools) Summer break for students	No		Optional
	Second midterm break (MoE Schools) Summer break for students	No		Optional
	Third midterm break (MoE Schools) Summer break for students	No		Optional
	First midterm break Summer break for students	No		Optional
	Second midterm break Summer break for students	No		Optional
	First academic day for pre-primary students The first day of the academic year for pre-primary students (do not use after winter and spring breaks)	Yes	Start date (1 day)	Optional
	Last academic day for pre-primary students The last day of the academic year for pre-primary students (do not use before winter and spring breaks)	Yes	Last date (1 day)	Optional
	First academic day for students The first day of the academic year for students	Yes	Start date (1 day)	*Mandatory
	Last academic day for students The last day of the academic year for students	Yes	Last date (1 day)	*Mandatory
	First working day of the year for teachers The first day of the academic year for teachers	N/A	Start date (1 day)	*Mandatory
	Last working day of the year for teachers The last day of the academic year for teachers	N/A	Last date (1 day)	*Mandatory
	External examination days during which there is no formal teaching Examination/assessment days fixed by examination boards (for example, IGCSE, IB, CBSE, A-level etc.). Please specify the grade(s)/year(s)	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Internal examination days during which there is no formal teaching Examination/assessment days organized and conducted by the school. Please specify the grade(s)/year(s)	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Internal examinations occurring in parallel with regular classes A regular school day during which internal examination/assessment takes place. Please specify the grade(s)/year(s).	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	External examinations occurring in parallel with regular classes A regular school day during which external examination/assessment takes place. (e.g. National Agenda assessments, ASSET, GL tests, MAP tests, IELTS etc.). Please specify the grade(s)/year(s).	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Parent Teacher Conference Days for parent teacher meeting. Please specify the schedule and the grade(s)/year(s).	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Principal/ superintendent unavailability Days when the principal/superintendent of the school is unavailable for any reason (e.g., recruitment days, conferences, training, etc)	N/A	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Unavailability of any grade(s)/year(s) due to educational purposes for students Days when students are away on educational mission or field trips (Please specify the grade(s)/year(s) and the event). Kindly refer to KHDA guidelines for trips and events.	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Other school holidays Any other holiday (not public holiday) in which the school is off and/or students are not in school	No	Range of days	Optional
	Government holidays Any tentative public holiday whose exact dates will be announced by the government of the UAE. These holidays can be communicated to parents on a tentative basis in which the school is off, but must not be confirmed until officially declared by the UAE government.	No	Range of days	Optional
	Other events Any other events in school occurring in parallel with regular classes; such as celebrations, graduation of a phase, sport day etc. (Please specify)	Yes	Range of days	Optional, but Comment is mandatory to fill
	Professional Development (Students are in School) Days for continuous professional development and training for staff when students are in school	Yes	Range of days	Optional