



OUR REF :

TRN : 10415399800000

Friday, 9th January 2026**To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13****WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE WEEK SIXTEEN**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy and have begun 2026 on a healthy and happy note. Please read on to find out important information that is relevant to your child and their year group.

**SCHOOL ENDS AT 11:15 ON ALL FRIDAYS
COMMENCING TODAY, 9th JANUARY 2026**

NEW UPDATES:

- EXAM RULES AND REGULATIONS: YEARS 11 and 13** - Please see separate attachment, all other year groups-please refer to weekly circular.
- CLASS FIELD TRIPS: Years 1-6** - Please check the links for the relevant circulars for your child's year group.
- CHANGES TO EXAMS ON 16th JANUARY FOR YEARS 12 AND 13** - Please see attached circular.
- NGRT FORM B, Years 2-10: Schedules in this circular**
- KHALEEJ TIMES UAE TALENT HUNT FOR CHILDREN OF DETERMINATION** - Please see attached flyer.

IMPORTANT PARENT AWARENESS:

KHDA has alerted all private schools about observations regarding dangerous physical behaviours among students, including choking, breath-holding, applying pressure to the neck, forceful contact to the head, and participation in social media trends such as the 'skull breaker challenge'. These actions are often presented as joking or play but they pose serious immediate risks to students' health and even have the implications of being life threatening.

We have attached an infographic from DHA regarding these dangerous physical behaviours. We are strongly urging ALL parents to have age-appropriate conversations with your children about the risks involved with various dangerous physical behaviours which could also be life threatening. The school would also have to report any of these to the relevant external authorities.

Parents are strongly reminded to kindly monitor your child's online usage and use of social media including online games so that you are aware of the content that your child is accessing.

St. Mary's Catholic High School has a strict 'NO TOUCH' policy wherein NO STUDENT is allowed to TOUCH another student or have any PHYSICAL CONTACT with another student even as a form of play, a joke, a game etc. Kindly reiterate this to your children.

It is for this reason that games like tag, black shoe etc are strictly prohibited because what often starts out as a game ends up with someone getting hurt.

1) SECOND TERM FEES TO BE PAID WITHOUT DELAY: All parents please be advised that the timely payment of fees is crucial to the sustainable functioning of the school. We urge parents to kindly pay the Second Term fees without any further delay.

2) CHANGES TO EXAM SCHEDULE FOR 16TH JANUARY FOR YEARS 12 AND 13:

All parents of children in years 12 and 13 are requested to kindly check this important circular attached.

3) FIELD TRIPS (YEARS 1-6): All parents of children in years one through six are requested to kindly check the links below for the relevant field trip circular for your child. Please remember that payment is **NOT ON THE SKIPLY OF THE SCHOOL BUT ON THE SKIPLY ACCOUNT OF SCRABEL. Kindly email your Skiply receipt to the class teacher.**

- <https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Field-Trip-Year-1-WOOHOO.pdf>
- <https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Field-Trip-Year-2-AL-BARARI.pdf>
- <https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Field-Trip-Year-3-ROBOLAND.pdf>
- <https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Field-Trip-Year4 -TR88-House.pdf>
- <https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Field-Trip-Year-5-6-SEAWORLD.pdf>

4) EXAMINATIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS-Years 1-10 and 12:

- a) If your child is **very ill** and unable to attend school send an email to the class teacher with the medical certificate informing them of the absence. We will only re-schedule exams that have been missed for this reason. Re-scheduled exams are usually rescheduled as soon as the child returns or if there are many then these might be scheduled for a Saturday and/ or Sunday depending on how many exams have been missed. Please do not keep children at home for minor reasons. Any illness will require a medical certificate for rescheduling an exam.
- b) **Any absence will require a medical certificate to reschedule the exam, even if the absence is only for ONE DAY. In the absence of a medical certificate, an exam will not be rescheduled, and no marks will be credited for that missed examination.**
- c) Students must carry their stationery in a transparent plastic case or pouch. No borrowing will be permitted so please ensure that you have the required pens, pencils, erasers and geometry items as needed.

- d) **NO WATCHES (ANALOG / DIGITAL OR SMART) ARE ALLOWED DURING EXAMINATIONS. NO WATCHES OF ANY KIND.**
- e) Students must not have in their possession any electronic devices to include but not limited to mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, laptops, Bluetooth devices, iPod, mp3/4 players etc. If any of these items are found with a student during an exam, they will be given a zero.
- f) Students must not have any unauthorised material during an exam – notes, chits of paper with written notes, any written notes concealed in the desk or on the person. If any of these are found with a student during an exam, they will be given a zero (irrespective of the intent or the lack of it).
- g) Students must not resort to any form of malpractice during an exam; they must not speak to any other students during an exam. Any form of malpractice will lead to being given a zero for that exam.
- h) Students writing with pens **MUST ONLY USE A BLACK BALL POINT PEN.**
- i) NO ink erasers, correcting fluid or ink killers are permitted for examinations.
- j) Students must be on time for exams; no extra time will be given to late comers.

5) NGRT FORM B TEST SCHEDULES: Parents are requested to kindly make note of these schedules and PLEASE ENSURE THAT A FULLY CHARGED LAPTOP/ TABLET is sent (years 4-10) on the specified days. **Children who do not have their device will be required to come in on a Saturday for the same.**
Please remind the children to be responsible in this regard.

19th JAN.	YEAR 2 A/B/C	IN THE COMPUTER LAB
20th JAN.	YEAR 2 D/E	IN THE COMPUTER LAB
20th JAN.	YEAR 5 & 7	BRING IN A FULLY CHARGED DEVICE
21st JAN.	YEAR 6 & 8	BRING IN A FULLY CHARGED DEVICE
22nd JAN.	YEAR 4	BRING IN A FULLY CHARGED DEVICE
22nd JAN.	YEAR 3 A/B/C	IN THE COMPUTER LAB
23rd JAN.	YEAR 3 D/E/F	IN THE COMPUTER LAB
26th JAN.	YEAR 9 & 10	BRING IN A FULLY CHARGED DEVICE

6) YEARS 11, 12 AND 13 STUDENTS AND EXAMINATION DAYS: During the examination window, students of years 11, 12 and 13 will attend school only on days when they have examinations.

7) BUILDING OUR FUTURE STARS: We are happy to announce the extension of our Building Our Future Stars Programme to include Years 5-10. Parents are invited to kindly check the below link.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Building-Our-Future-Stars-Term-2.pdf>

8) 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 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.

9) 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.

10) 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.

11) 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 its 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.

12) 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#new_tab

13) 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.

14) 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

15) 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.

16) 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.

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 Skiply 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) 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 one of you a safe and happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

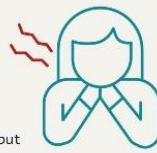


Student Safety Alert: Dangerous Physical Behaviours

What Are These Behaviours?

Students may be exposed to or encouraged to take part in unsafe physical behaviours such as:

1. Choking or breath-holding
2. Applying pressure to the neck or head
3. Attempting or imitating risky “challenges”



Students may describe these behaviours as joking, playing, or games, but they are **extremely dangerous**.

Why Are These Behaviours Dangerous?

These behaviours are **NOT** harmless games; they are medically dangerous and can be fatal.

Any action that restricts breathing or blood flow to the brain can result in:



Brain damage within seconds

Cutting off oxygen, even briefly, can injure brain cells. Irreversible damage can occur in less than one minute.



Sudden loss of consciousness

Students may collapse or fall and sustain head injuries.



Seizures

Oxygen deprivation increases the risk of abnormal brain activity and seizures.



Cardiac Arrest

Lack of oxygen affects the heart's electrical rhythm.



Strangulation marks and internal injury

Pressure on the neck can damage the airway and blood vessels.



Death

Multiple countries report fatalities among children aged 17–7

There is **no safe way** to participate in these activities.

Why Might Students Try Them?

Students may be influenced by:

1. Peer pressure or wanting to fit in
2. Curiosity or misunderstanding of the risks
3. Online videos, social media trends, challenges or dares
4. Sensation-seeking behaviour, particularly in pre-teens and teenagers



Warning Signs Parents Should Watch For



Physical signs

Marks, redness, or bruising around the neck

Headaches, dizziness, or fainting

Bloodshot eyes



Behavioural signs

Sudden secrecy about online activity

Talking about “challenges” or risky games

Unexplained mood or behaviour changes

Wearing clothing to hide the neck area

What Parents Can Do

1. Talk calmly and clearly with your child about the dangers
2. Reinforce that these behaviours are **not games** and are never acceptable
3. Monitor online content and discuss unsafe trends
4. Encourage your child to say **NO**, walk away, and report concerns to a trusted adult

Need Help or Support?

If you are concerned about your child's physical or emotional wellbeing:

- Contact your school directly
- Seek medical advice where necessary

Together, families, schools, and authorities can help keep all students safe.

One breath can change everything.

No online trend is worthy of your child's health or life.

إشعار هام حول سلامة الطلبة: التحذير من سلوكيات خطيرة

ما هي هذه السلوكيات الخطيرة؟

قد يتعرض أبناؤنا الطلبة أو يتم تشجيعهم على القيام ببعض السلوكيات الجسدية الخطيرة، مثل:



1. تقييد التنفس أو حبس النفس.

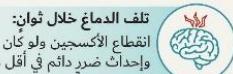
2. الضغط على الرقبة أو الرأس.

3. تقليد “تحديات” خطيرة منتشرة على الإنترنت.

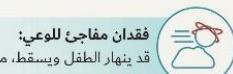
وقد يقدم الطلبة على هذه الممارسات من باب المزاج أو اللعب أو التحدي، إلا أنها سلوكيات غير آمنة وقد تُعرض حياتهم للخطر.

لماذا تُعد هذه السلوكيات خطيرة؟

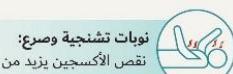
هذه السلوكيات ليست ألعاباً بريئة، بل هي خطيرة طبياً وقد تكون مهددة للحياة. أي فعل يقييد التنفس أو يعيق تدفق الدم إلى الدماغ يمكن أن يؤدي إلى:



تلف الدماغ خلال ثوانٍ:
اقطاع الأكسجين ولو كان لفترة وجيزة، قد يؤدي إلى تلف خلية الدماغ وإحداث ضرر دائم في أقل من دقيقة.



فقدان مفاجئ للوعي:
قد ينهار الطفل ويسقط، مما يعرضه لإصابات في الرأس.



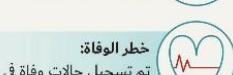
نوبات تشنجية وصرع:
نقص الأكسجين يزيد من احتمال حدوث نشاط دماغي غير طبيعي.



توقف القلب أو اختلال في ضرباته:
انخفاض الأكسجين يؤثر على النظام الكهربائي للقلب.



علامات الخنق وإصابات داخلية:
قد يسبب تلفاً في مجاري الهواء والأوعية الدموية.



خطر الوفاة:
تم تسجيل حالات وفاة في عدة دول بين الأطفال من عمر 7 إلى 17 عاماً.

لا توجد أي طريقة “آمنة” لتجربة مثل هذه الممارسات.

لماذا قد يقدم الطلبة على هذه السلوكيات؟

قد يتأثر بعض الطلبة بعوامل مختلفة، منها:

1. ضغط الأقران أو الرغبة في التقرب منهم ومجاراتهم.
2. الفضول وعدم إدراك حجم المخاطر.
3. متابعة مقاطع فيديو أو “تحديات” منتشرة عبر وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي.
4. الرغبة في لفت الانتباه أو حب المغامرة، خصوصاً لدى الأشخاص في بداية سن المراهقة.



علامات تحذيرية ينبغي على أولياء الأمور الانتباه لها



علامات سلوكيات

سلوك سري أو غير معتاد يتعلق باستخدام الأجهزة أو المحتوى الرقمي.

حديث متكرر عن “تحديات” أو “ألعاب” خطيرة يمارسها الأصدقاء.

تغيرات مفاجئة في المزاج أو السلوك.

الحرص على ارتداء ملابس تخفي الرقبة.



علامات جسدية

احمرار أو كدمات أو آثار حول الرقبة.

صداع متكرر أو دوار غير مبرر أو شعور بالإغماء.

احمرار في العينين.

1. التحدث مع الأبناء بهدوء وبصرامة عن خطورة هذه السلوكيات.
2. التأكيد على أن هذه التصرفات ليست “لعبة” ولا “مزاحاً” وأنها غير مقبولة إطلاقاً.
3. متابعة نوعية المحتوى الذي يشاهده الأبناء عبر الإنترنت، ومناقشة التحديات غير الآمنة المنتشرة.
4. تشجيع الأبناء على قول “لا” لأي سلوك يشعرون بأنه غير آمن، والابتعاد الفوري عن المواقف الخطيرة والإبلاغ عنها لأشخاص كبيري موثوق.

عند الحاجة إلى المساعدة أو الدعم

إذا كانت لديك أي مخاوف تتعلق بصحة طفلكم الجسدية أو النفسية، يرجى:

- التواصل مباشراً مع المدرسة.
- طلب المشورة الطبية عند الحاجة.

من خلال التعاون بين العائلات والمدارس والسلطات المعنية، نستطيع حماية أبنائنا.

نُقَسْ وَاحْدَدْ بَعْدِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.

لا يوجد أي “تحدي” على الإنترنت يستحق المخاطرة بصحة أبنائكم أو حياتهم.



ST. MARY'S Catholic High School, Dubai

Date: 9th January 2026.

FIRST TERM EXAMINATION **RULES AND REGULATIONS - YEARS 11 AND 13**

- 1) ALL CANDIDATES MUST REPORT AT 7:00 AM SHARP. Examinations will begin at 7:10 am. No extra time for later comers.**
- 2) NO WRIST WATCHES ALLOWED AT ALL !!!**(This includes both smart watches and regular digital / analogue wrist watches as well). NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES OF ANY SORT. (Except a calculator) Any Bluetooth device found with a student during an exam will be considered as malpractice and will lead to disqualification.
- 3) Calculators **MUST NOT HAVE COVERS**.**
- 4) Only **BLACK BALL POINT PENS** must be used.**
- 5) Students must ensure that they have ample supply of their own stationery to include Black ball point pens, pencils(only for drawing), erasers, geometry equipment to include 30 cm rulers, protractors, compass, calculators (without covers) and tracing paper(for Maths).**
- 6) Cancellations of rough work or wrong answers must be made by cutting across them neatly with a **single line**.**
- 7) The following are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**: Correcting pens, correcting fluid or tape, erasable pens or blotting paper, highlighters or gel pens.**



- 8) Students must not borrow or communicate in any way, ask for help from or give help to another candidate while in the examination hall.
- 9) Students should raise their hands to attract an invigilator's attention.
- 10) If the fire alarm sounds, please remain seated and wait for instructions from the invigilator.
- 11) Only clear transparent plastic pouches or packets for stationery.
- 12) Water bottles must be transparent without any labels on it. Please remove the brand label if you are using commercial water bottles.
- 13) **FLASKS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- 14) Please note that any form of malpractice during the exams will lead to disqualification.
- 15) Students must be in proper school uniform. If you wish to wear a pull over / jacket inside the examination hall, please note that only the SCHOOL HOODIE or THE SCHOOL BRANDED VARSITY JACKET will be allowed. However during an exam, hoodies must not cover the ears or head.
- 16) Students must not write any inappropriate, obscene or offensive material on the paper.
- 17) If you leave the examination room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished , you will not be allowed to return.
- 18) **ANY MALPRACTICE OF ANY KIND WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.**





OUR REF :

TRN : 104153998000003

DATE: 9th January 2026.**To: Parents of students in YEAR 12 and 13****Change to some examinations due to change in FRIDAY SCHOOL TIMINGS**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We would like to inform parents of students in Years 12 and 13 about changes to the examination schedule on Friday, 16th January which has been necessitated due to the new government mandate for changing school timings on Fridays.

YEAR 12: Islamic Studies originally scheduled as the second examination on 16th January will now be rescheduled to Thursday, 22nd January 2026.

YEAR 13: Psychology 2 originally scheduled as the second examination on 16th January will now be rescheduled to Monday, 26th January 2026.

We regret any inconvenience caused but we are sure you understand that this mandate came in during the Winter break and so these changes have been inevitable. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



Eduscan Institute, founded by renowned Educational Psychologist **Dr. Alka Kalra**, has collaborated with **Khaleej Times** to launch the **UAE Talent Hunt for Children of Determination**. This initiative aims to provide an inclusive platform for children to showcase their unique abilities, build confidence, and celebrate their talents at a national level.

All entries will be reviewed by the **Khaleej Times Talent Hunt Committee**, and selected participants will be featured in **Young Times**, a special supplement of Khaleej Times.

Additionally, **all participants will be recognised**, and winning individuals will get the opportunity to **perform live on stage** during the grand finale of the Sambhaavana Carnival.



Talent Categories include (but are not limited to):

- Singing
- Dancing
- Acting
- Art & Creativity
- Sports / Martial Arts
- Any other extraordinary talent

Grand Finale Venue: Museum of the Future, Dubai
Date: Saturday, 31st January 2026



Submission Guidelines:

- Create a video showcasing your child's exceptional talent
- Video duration: **2–3 minutes**
- Include visuals such as art & craft, drawings, performances, or any representation of the child's skills (**only within the video**)
- Participation is open to **individuals only**
- Name the video file using **your child's name**
- **Last date for submission: Saturday, 10th January 2026**

Submission Email: admin.dubai@eduscangroup.com
(You may also share a YouTube or Google Drive link)

To Register:

<https://forms.gle/NcT5GsGTYXarzxaR6>

Should you require any additional details or participation guidelines

Mr. John – 050 824 5705

Mr. Abid – 052 581 0678

- **Special Requirement – Year of the Family 2026**

To honor the spirit of family togetherness, we request that:

- **The whole family will be featured**, or
- **At least one family member participates creatively** in the video

Examples:

- Playing music or dancing alongside the child
- Assisting or supporting during drawing/painting activities
- Clapping, keeping rhythm, or contributing creatively without overshadowing the child's performance

This initiative focuses on **participation, encouragement, and celebration**. Every participant is a winner, and involvement truly matters.



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