



OUR REF :

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Friday, 6 February 2026.

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

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. Please read on to find out important information that is relevant to your child and their year group.

*Our sincere gratitude goes out to our Years 1 to 6 children and parents for your support during the **Hag Al Laila** celebration on 3rd February 2026. Your kindness and generosity are highly appreciated.*

NEW UPDATES:

- ADMISSIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027:** Please check all attachments/school website.
- SCHOOL CANTEEN BACK IN SERVICE:** Effective Monday, 9th February 2026.
- SECOND REPORT DAY, 21ST FEBRUARY-** All Year groups.
- PRIMARY SPORTS DAY 12TH FEBRUARY-Years 1-4** -Please see attachment and parent invite.
- ANTI-SMOKING, ANTI-VAPING AND DRUG ABUSE POLICY:** The said policy has been sent on Sims Parent App. SMCHS enforces a ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY for drugs, smoking, vaping and related substances in accordance with UAE law and KHDA/MoE regulations. [\(Click here for link to Policy\)](#).
- DENTAL CHECK UP, 13th & 20th FEBRUARY:** Years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

- **COLOURED CLOTHES DAY, YEARS 1-4: 13th February 2026.**
- **ETHNIC DAY, YEARS 5-13: 13th February 2026. Traditional clothes.**
- **BEAT DIABETES WALKATHON 2026, 8th FEBRUARY @8:00 AM -ZABEEL PARK - YEARS 9, 10 AND 12.**
- **ONLINE SCHOOL ON THE 2ND AND 3RD OF APRIL 2026 - YEARS 1-13.**
- **PEARSON EXCELLENCE AWARDEE CERTIFICATES: Last year's GCSE and GCE awardees-Certificates available for collection at the school office during working hours.**



UAE CHILD DIGITAL SAFETY LAW:

7 duties parents are now legally required to do every time their child goes online.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Fighter Jets War – Antoni Tarcius Pravio, 7C

Fighter Jets War is a thoughtfully crafted work that reflects the creativity, curiosity and disciplined thinking of a young mind. Antoni presents a compelling exploration of aviation and courage, blending imagination with values such as teamwork, responsibility and perseverance.

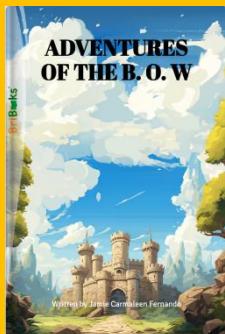


As a Year 7 student author, Antoni sets a commendable example for his peers, demonstrating that meaningful storytelling can begin at a young age. His effort encourages fellow student to read actively, think critically and express their ideas with confidence and clarity.

We congratulate Antoni on this achievement and look forward to seeing more inspiring work from our budding writers at St. Mary's Catholic High School.

Adventures of the B. O. W - Jamie Carmaleen Fernando, 7E

Jamie Carmaleen Fernando is a young, ambitious writer with vivid dreams and a wish to express herself. She hopes to inspire people around the world and show them the beauty of nature through her out-of-this-world, yet heartfelt, book.



We are very proud of Jamie for her accomplishment. We wish Jamie the very best and hope to see more of her work in print in the future.



Silk Of The Fallen - Aashika Mohandhas Sheela, 11E

Aashika Mohandhas Sheela is an enthusiastic fiction writer who explores ancient Asian worlds, crafting emotional, atmospheric stories of royalty, destiny and fate.



We are very proud of Aashika for her accomplishment. We wish Aashika the very best and hope to see more of her work in print in the future.

Congratulations!

ADMUN'26 at Al Diyafah High School

- Best Delegate UNOOSA
Taher Tambawala - 10F
- Best Delegate HOH (House of Heroes)
Tahera Tambawala- 10E
- Best Research UNICEF
Sandil Netthikumara- 8F
- Verbal Mention D1SEC
Constance Acuna - 9E



Anju Methmal, Year 12: Won first place in
Heriot Watt University Business competition
conducted in collaboration with Sun & Sands Sports.

ATTENTION TO ALL PARENTS: “ PANTSING ”

- An overview for ALL PARENTS. Pantsing is an act of physical bullying where a victim's trousers are pulled down in a public setting. While many children and students view Pantsing as a prank or a joke or a playful act, we MUST remind them that in the UAE this is strictly viewed as a form of Bullying and will be treated in that context. This act could have serious psychological trauma on students and cause lasting embarrassment. We ARE STRONGLY REMINDING ALL PARENTS to talk to your children and explain to them that under NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST ANYONE COMMIT THIS ACT.

DANGEROUS GAMES THAT HAVE POTENTIAL FOR INJURY: We would like to bring to the attention of parents that some students, particularly boys in years 5-9 have been playing games like 'black shoe' or 'shoe tag' during the break. This involves large groups of boys, running after each other, trying to stamp another's shoe/foot. This happens in the setting of a crowded quadrangle of children during the breaktime, many of whom are sitting and eating their snacks. The act of strongly stamping another's foot/shoe could lead to serious injury and we urge parents to kindly speak to your children about the potential dangers. We will not be permitting them to indulge in such games.

NOT STANDING NEAR ANY DOOR (EITHER AT HOME OR AT SCHOOL): We would also like parents to talk to children and reiterate to them the dangerous implications of hanging around or standing near doors. We have quite often noticed that children tend to move near the door to peep out in between lessons to look for the arrival of the next teacher, sometimes a child returning from the washroom may not see them and upon suddenly opening the door could potentially and unknowingly injure the person near the door. Proximity to any door could always have the potential for fingers getting jammed or other injuries and we would urge ALL parents to sit with children and have these important conversations with them.

1) ADMISSIONS TO YEAR ONE, YEAR TWO and YEARS THREE TO TEN FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026- 2027:

We would like to inform all parents that the admissions notices for the Academic Year 2026 – 2027 have been uploaded to the school website and we have attached them to this circular as well. Please go through them carefully.



2) SCHOOL CANTEEN BACK IN SERVICE FROM MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2026:

We are happy to announce that our school canteen will be back in operation effective, Monday, 9th February 2026. We would like to sincerely thank ALL parents, students and staff for your patient understanding these past months.

3) SECOND REPORT DAY – SATURDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 2026 (7:30 am – 12:30 pm) :

Please see the separate circular.

4) PRIMARY SPORTS DAY 12TH FEBRUARY, YEARS 1-4 :

All parents of children in Years 1-4 are requested to kindly read the separate attachment.

5) DENTAL CHECK UP, 13TH AND 20TH FEBRUARY , YEARS 2, 3, 4 and 5 :

Drs. Nicolas and ASP Centre will be conducting a complimentary dental screening for students in years 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a Topical Fluoride Application for students in Years 2, 3 and 4 only, at Saint Mary's Catholic High School only on 13th and 20th February 2026. The procedures will be carried out by DHA- licensed dentists following strict Dubai Health Authority Infection Control Guidelines, using sterile instruments for each child.

Parents who do NOT wish for their child to take part in the dental screening are kindly requested to PRINT, SIGN and RETURN the opt-out-form attached to this circular.

For the Fluoride application, please also print and sign the consent form which will be shared by the class teacher in the class group email. Kindly note that if consent for the fluoride application is not received, it will be considered as a refusal. The last day to submit both forms

is 5th February 2026. Forms must be submitted in hardcopy form and not sent via email to teachers.

6) MOCK EXAMINATIONS YEARS 11 AND 13 AND SERIOUS TIME FOR STUDY

NOW : Please note that the Mock Examinations for years 11 and 13 will run from the 9th to the 13th of March before the Spring Break and the 30th and 31st of March 2026 and the 6th to the 9th April 2026. Students must report to school at sharp 7:00 am. No leave will be sanctioned during Mock Examinations. **Any medical illnesses even for one day will require a medical certificate.** The Mock Exam Timetables have been uploaded to the school website and have been attached to this circular.

We urge parents to please monitor students doing board examinations as we have found a lack of seriousness among many students. This is a critical time for solving past papers, clearing doubts and undertaking intensive revision. We still find that many students are not displaying a responsible attitude towards their studies and this will impact them negatively in the long run. Parents will need to be more active in monitoring their social media use and any other time that is not spent fruitfully. We urge children to use this short time left to maximise their revision and preparation for the Pearson Edexcel Exams in May-June 2026.

7) BEAT DIABETES WALK , 8TH FEBRUARY 2026 FOR YEARS 9, 10 AND 12:

Please see attached circular. . Please save the date for this event. Parents are most welcome to join our school group. Children aged 12 years and above must pay AED 20.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/BEAT-DIABETES-WALK-YEAR-9-10-and-12.pdf>

8) ONLINE SCHOOL ON THE 2ND AND 3RD OF APRIL 2026 , YEARS 1-13 : All parents are requested to kindly note that we have received permission from KHDA to have two days of online school on the 2nd and 3rd of April 2026. This is to ensure the safety of our students and staff due to the large crowds that will be accessing the area on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. More details about lessons and online lesson links will be sent before the Spring Break.

9) SCHOOL JACKET/HOODIE IDENTIFICATION : All parents of children are requested to kindly sew clear name tags on the inside of school jackets/ hoodies. This is to help clearly identify lost items especially in situations where one jacket might be claimed by more

than one student as their own and without any clear identification becomes impossible to determine the rightful owner of the lost item.

10) VARSITY JACKET (INITIATIVE BY THE YEAR 12 CLASS): Parents of Year 12 students are informed that students of Year 12 arrange to have Varsity Jackets bearing the school logo that we permit them to wear instead of the regular winter jacket. Please note that this is entirely a student initiative and there is no obligation for any child to purchase the same. It is completely optional.

11) BUILDING OUR FUTURE STARS: 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>

12) 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.

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 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.

16) 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

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 every day for important updates.

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 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.

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 one of you a safe and happy weekend .

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



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Admissions for the Academic Year 2026-2027**YEAR ONE ONLY****Information to parents applying to YEAR ONE**

We are pleased to announce the procedures for New Admission for the Academic Year 2026-2027 at St Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We invite you to read on carefully as this will help in saving time and enable us to work smoothly.

As per the guidelines of KHDA, the Ministry of Education, minimum age for admission to Year One is 5 years on the 31st of December

2026 for UK curriculum schools. Children born between 01 JANUARY 2021 and 31st DECEMBER 2021 may apply for YEAR ONE.

ALL STUDENTS APPLYING TO YEAR ONE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED FS2 OR KG1. THIS IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION TO ST. MARY'S.



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Admission Procedures

Forms must be filled online using the link provided in this notice with all relevant supporting documents. Please note that forms that are not fully filled, have incorrect details and/or do not have all the supporting documents will not be considered.

Documents to be attached with the form:

- 4 passport photographs
- 1 photocopy of the passport with valid visa of the child, parents/ guardian
- Last report card from the previous school
- Emirates ID of parents and candidate
- Birth certificate of the child
- The Health Card (Immunization Card)
- The Baptismal Certificate (Christians only)

Face-to-face interviews that test a child's reading and general conversational ability will be scheduled for short listed candidates in the month of April 2026. Candidates will also be required to show evidence of writing skills at the interview.

A SAMPLE OF READING TEXTS WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE ADMISSIONS TAB. Parents should be aware that the **INTERVIEWS** are competitive. Other factors are also taken in consideration such as those which will allow us to maintain a good balance in the internationality of the student body.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL APPLICANTS MAY BE CALLED FOR AN INTERVIEW AS SPACES ARE LIMITED.

Those applicants who are called for an interview will have to pay a non-refundable assessment and administration fee of AED 210 (INCLUSIVE OF VAT) on the day of the assessment.

Incomplete application forms will not be considered for admissions. Students studying in a particular class will not be allowed to take admission in the same year, for e.g. if a child is studying in year one he / she will not be considered for admission to year one.

Valid Residential Visa for the child, parents or the guardian who is sponsoring is a must to consider the applications for admission process. In case your UAE visa is under process, kindly provide evidence of the same and / or an undertaking to provide the same once secured.

We regret that we will not be able to contact all the applicants individually. We will contact successful candidates through email, if you do not receive an email within two weeks of the interview, then it means that he or she has not made it through the face-to-face interview. Please do not call the school to check the status of your application. We will not be able to entertain such enquiries. **As places are very limited, parents are advised to seek admission to other schools too.**

ATTESTED LEAVING CERTIFICATE FROM THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL IN DUBAI/ OTHER EMIRATES MUST BE SUBMITTED AFTER THE FINAL ADMISSION APPROVAL FROM ST. MARYS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DUBAI.

Please do not phone the school for admission-related enquiries.

PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO APPLY FOR ADMISSIONS:

<https://smchs.ethdigitalcampus.com/RegistrationPortal?dbConnVar=SMCHS>



Amendment to age cut-off requirements for new student admissions

Effective from 2026-27 Academic Year

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What changes have been made to the age eligibility cut-off requirements?

The age cut-off date for admission to Pre-Kindergarten, KG 1/FS 2, KG 2/Year 1 and Grade 1/Year 2 has been amended for schools and Early Childhood Centres (ECCs) that commence the academic year in August or September. For these institutions, the age cut-off date has been changed to December 31, replacing the previous cut-off of August 31.

This amendment is effective for the 2026–2027 academic year and applies only to new student admissions at public and private schools and ECCs that commence in August or September as outlined in the table below:

Age requirements for schools and ECCs that start in August or September:

Age Requirements by Entry Level				
Level	British Curriculum	French Curriculum	Other International Curriculum	Age
Pre-K	FS1 (Foundation Stage 1)	Petite Section (PS)	Pre-Kg (Pre-kindergarten)	3 years old by December 31 of the admission year
KG 1	FS 2 (Foundation Stage 2)	Moyenne Section (MS)	KG 1	4 years old by December 31 of the admission year

KG 2	Year 1	Grande Section (GS)	KG 2	5 years old by December 31 of the admission year
Grade 1	Year 2	Cours Préparatoire (CP)	Grade 1	6 years old by December 31 of the admission year

2. What are the age eligibility requirements for schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April?

Schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April will continue to apply the existing age eligibility requirements, with March 31 remaining the approved cut-off date.

Age requirements for schools and ECCs that start in April:

Age Requirements by Entry Level	
Level	Age
Pre-K	3 years old by March 31 of the admission year
KG1	4 years old by March 31 of the admission year
KG2	5 years old by March 31 of the admission year
Grade 1	6 years old by March 31 of the admission year

3. When will these changes take effect?

These changes will take effect in the 2026–2027 academic year for schools and ECCs that commence in August or September.

Schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April will continue to apply the current age eligibility requirements, with March 31 remaining the approved cut-off date.

4. Which students will be affected by these changes?

The amended age eligibility requirements apply to new students enrolling in a school or Early Childhood Centre for the first time, in accordance with the approved age cut-off dates and levels outlined in the tables above.

Students who are currently enrolled in schools or ECCs will not be affected by this amendment.

5. Do the new age eligibility cut-off dates apply to all levels?

The new age eligibility cut-off dates apply only to new student admissions in Pre-Kindergarten, KG 1 / FS2, KG 2 / Year 1, Grade 1 / Year 2 or their curriculum equivalents, effective from the 2026–27 academic year, as outlined in the tables above.

6. Can a student be accepted if their date of birth is one day after the cut-off date?

Is there any flexibility for admission?

In accordance with the Education, Human Development and Community Council's decision, **no exceptions** will be granted to the approved age eligibility cut-off dates.

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We are pleased to announce the procedures for New Admission for the Academic Year 2026-2027 at St Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We invite you to read on carefully as this will help in saving time and enable us to work smoothly.

As per the guidelines of KHDA, the Ministry of Education, minimum age for admission to Year Two is 6 years on the 31st of December 2026 for UK curriculum schools. Children born between 01 JANUARY 2020 AND 31ST DECEMBER 2020 may apply for YEAR TWO.

ALL STUDENTS APPLYING TO YEAR TWO SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED YEAR 1 or KG2. THIS IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION TO ST. MARY'S.



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- The Health Card (Immunization Card)
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Short listed candidates for year **TWO** will be called for a written test in Maths and English to test literacy and numeracy. This will tentatively be scheduled either at the end of April 2026 or early May 2026. An interview will be held for successful candidates in the next phase of the admission process. An email will be sent that includes the time and date of the entry test. Please do keep checking your email (including your spam folder). This will be sent in the month of March.

A SAMPLE OF READING TEXTS WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE ADMISSIONS TAB. Parents should be aware that the INTERVIEWS and THE WRITTEN TESTS are competitive. Other factors are also taken in consideration such as those which will allow us to maintain a good balance in the internationality of the student body.

Please note that NOT all candidates who apply will be called for a written test as spaces are limited. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

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Amendment to age cut-off requirements for new student admissions

Effective from 2026-27 Academic Year

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What changes have been made to the age eligibility cut-off requirements?

The age cut-off date for admission to Pre-Kindergarten, KG 1/FS 2, KG 2/Year 1 and Grade 1/Year 2 has been amended for schools and Early Childhood Centres (ECCs) that commence the academic year in August or September. For these institutions, the age cut-off date has been changed to December 31, replacing the previous cut-off of August 31.

This amendment is effective for the 2026–2027 academic year and applies only to new student admissions at public and private schools and ECCs that commence in August or September as outlined in the table below:

Age requirements for schools and ECCs that start in August or September:

Age Requirements by Entry Level				
Level	British Curriculum	French Curriculum	Other International Curriculum	Age
Pre-K	FS1 (Foundation Stage 1)	Petite Section (PS)	Pre-Kg (Pre-kindergarten)	3 years old by December 31 of the admission year
KG 1	FS 2 (Foundation Stage 2)	Moyenne Section (MS)	KG 1	4 years old by December 31 of the admission year

KG 2	Year 1	Grande Section (GS)	KG 2	5 years old by December 31 of the admission year
Grade 1	Year 2	Cours Préparatoire (CP)	Grade 1	6 years old by December 31 of the admission year

2. What are the age eligibility requirements for schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April?

Schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April will continue to apply the existing age eligibility requirements, with March 31 remaining the approved cut-off date.

Age requirements for schools and ECCs that start in April:

Age Requirements by Entry Level	
Level	Age
Pre-K	3 years old by March 31 of the admission year
KG1	4 years old by March 31 of the admission year
KG2	5 years old by March 31 of the admission year
Grade 1	6 years old by March 31 of the admission year

3. When will these changes take effect?

These changes will take effect in the 2026–2027 academic year for schools and ECCs that commence in August or September.

Schools and ECCs that commence the academic year in April will continue to apply the current age eligibility requirements, with March 31 remaining the approved cut-off date.

4. Which students will be affected by these changes?

The amended age eligibility requirements apply to new students enrolling in a school or Early Childhood Centre for the first time, in accordance with the approved age cut-off dates and levels outlined in the tables above.

Students who are currently enrolled in schools or ECCs will not be affected by this amendment.

5. Do the new age eligibility cut-off dates apply to all levels?

The new age eligibility cut-off dates apply only to new student admissions in Pre-Kindergarten, KG 1 / FS2, KG 2 / Year 1, Grade 1 / Year 2 or their curriculum equivalents, effective from the 2026–27 academic year, as outlined in the tables above.

6. Can a student be accepted if their date of birth is one day after the cut-off date?

Is there any flexibility for admission?

In accordance with the Education, Human Development and Community Council's decision, **no exceptions** will be granted to the approved age eligibility cut-off dates.

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Admissions for the Academic Year 2026-2027

YEARS THREE to TEN

Information to parents applying to **THREE through TEN**

We are pleased to announce the procedures for New Admission for the Academic Year 2026-2027 for Years 3 to 10 at St Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We invite you to read carefully as this will help in saving time and enabling us to work smoothly.

Admissions to Year 10 are open only to those students coming from the UK Curriculum system.

Admission Procedures

Forms must be filled online with all relevant supporting documents.
Please note that forms that are not fully filled, have incorrect details and/or do not have all the supporting documents will not be considered.

Please note that there are no vacancies for Year Eleven hence NO FORMS will be accepted for Year Eleven.

Documents to be attached with the form

- 4 passport photographs
- 1 photocopy of the passport with valid visa of the child, parents/ guardian
- Last report card from the previous school
- Emirates ID of parents and candidate
- Birth certificate of the child
- The Health Card (Immunization Card)
- The Baptismal Certificate (Christians only)
- Most recent GL report (where applicable)
- Most recent CAT-4 report (where applicable)

Short listed candidates for Years three to ten will be called for a written test in Maths and English to test literacy and numeracy. This will tentatively be scheduled either at the end of April 2026 or early May 2026. An interview will be held for successful candidates in the next phase of the admission process. An email will be sent that includes the time and date of the entry test. Please do keep checking your email (including your spam folder). This will be sent in the month of March.

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Friday, 6th February 2026.**To: Parents (Years One to Years Thirteen): Second Parent-Teacher Meeting / Second Report Day/ PARENT-TEACHER MEETING**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Marys. The second Parent-Teacher Meeting / Report Day of the academic year will be a wonderful opportunity for you and your children's class teachers to share insightful information about them. The second Parent-Teacher Meeting has been **SCHEDULED** on **Saturday, 21st February 2026 from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm**. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Meeting slots are listed below. Some parents may be called if there are serious academic and/or behavioural concerns.

Class SIMS ROLL ORDER LIST –

- **Numbers 1-10 (7:30 am - 8:30 am),**
- **11-20 (9:00 am - 10:00 am),**
- **21-30 (10:30 am -11:30 am)**

A-Level students will be given a different schedule in class, and they will explain to you how that will work.

Report cards will be published on the SIMS PARENT APP in advance; however, we will not be able to publish report cards of children who have outstanding first term fees. Reports cannot be published if fees are paid at the last minute. (For example, if fees are paid a few days before the report day, reports cannot be published immediately) . Kindly ensure that all outstanding fees are paid immediately if you have not yet done so.

Parents are asked to kindly jot down important points you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher and to not spend more than five minutes with the teacher as a courtesy to other parents. However, if you feel you need to spend a longer time with the class teacher, then it is advisable to make a private appointment with the class teacher at a later date by contacting them via email so they will schedule an appointment based on their availability.

Please send a similar email to any subject teacher that you feel you might need to meet personally and a private appointment can be made on another day according to their scheduled timetable availability.

The school management might send a request to meet certain parents where there are serious academic and/or behavioural concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





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DATE: Friday, 06 February 2026

**To: Parents of Students from Years One to Four
SPORTS DAY, 12th FEBRUARY 2026****Greetings from St. Mary's.**

We would like to invite you to read the update on **Sports Day** for Years 1-4.

The Annual Sports Meet for Years One to Four has been **scheduled for 12th February 2026 at 7:45 am at St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai**. We would be honoured to have you present with us on this day to support our young competitors.

All parents are cordially invited to join the school community for this event and cheer the children in a spirit of healthy competition. An invitation HAS BEEN ATTACHED.

Please make sure that your child has enough water and snacks on that day. Canteen facilities will be available but it is always advisable to send children well equipped from home. **Those children who use an inhalator must also have it with them.** All students must be in their proper sports uniform.

The Sports Meet will run from 7: 45 am until 11:30 am. **However children must be in school by the regular start time of 7:05 am.** All students must be in proper sports uniform and must carry sufficient water and juices. Students must carry a cap.

Parents who wish to, may take their children home after the sports day, however children must be collected from the class by meeting the class teacher directly.

Yours sincerely,

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ST. MARY'S Catholic High School, Dubai

THE MANAGEMENT, PRINCIPAL, STAFF & STUDENTS

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE

primary SPORTS DAY

2025-2026

THURSDAY
12 FEBRUARY

7:45 AM TO 11:30 AM

VENUE:
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD





YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS – MARCH-APRIL 2026

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
9 th March	Mon	1EN0/01 English Language 1- 1h 45 min	1EN0/02 English Language 2-2hrs 5 min
10 th March	Tue	4IT1/ 01R -ICT-1h 30 min 4CP0 / 01 Computer Science- 2 hrs	1CH0/1H Chemistry 1-1h 45 min 4EC1/01R Economics 1-1h 30 min
11 th March	Wed	1MA1/1H Mathematics (NC P1)- 1h 30 min	1MA1/2H Mathematics (CAL P2)- 1h 30 min
12 th March	Thu	1BI0/1H Biology 1-1h 45 min 4AC1/01R Accounting 1-2hrs	1PH0/1H Physics 1- 1h 45 min 1BS0/01 Business Studies 1-1h 45 min
13 th March	Fri	4RS1/02 Religious Studies 2- 1h 30 min	1PS0/02 Psychology 2-1h 20 min
30 th March	Mon	1ET0/01 English Literature 1-1h 45 min 4HI1/1R History-1 h 30 min	4RS1/01 Religious Studies 1- 1h 45min
31 st March	Tue	1BI0/2H Biology 2-1h 45 min 4AC1/02R Accounting 2-1h 15 min	1PH0/2H Physics 2-1h 45 min 1BS0/02 Business Studies 2-1h 45 min
6 th April	Mon	1CH0/2H Chemistry 2-1h 45 min 4EC1/02R Economics 2-1h 30 min	1PS0/01 Psychology 1-1h 45 min
7 th April	Tue	1MA1/3H Mathematics (CAL P3)- 1h 30 min	1ET0/02 English Literature 2-2hrs 15 min 4HI1/2R History- 1h 30 min
8 th April	Wed	Moral Education A – 1h 30 min	Ministry Arabic -2hrs 30 min
9 th April	Thu	4AA1/01 Arabic (A1)- 2hrs 15 min	4AA1/02 Arabic (A2)- 1hr 30 min
13th , 14th , 15th April- Pearson Edexcel Art Board Exam			

REPORTING TIME EVERY MORNING IS 7:00 AM- IN YOUR RESPECTIVE QUADRANGLES.

Morning exams will start at 7:10 am. Second session exams will commence after a short break from the end of the first session. Students cannot leave the premises.

COMPUTER SCIENCE and ICT Mock Exam Practical on the 4th and 5th of March 2026 respectively. Further details of timings will be available on the school website and in the students' GC.



YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS – MARCH-APRIL 2026

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
9th March	Monday	9CHO/01 Chemistry 1 hr 45 Min 9ECO/01 Economics 2hrs	9BSO/01 Business 2hrs
10th March	Tuesday	9CHO/02 Chemistry 1hr 45 Min 9ECO/02 Economics 2hrs	WET03 /01 English Lit. 3 2hrs
11th March	Wednesday	9BIO/01 Biology 1hr 45Min	9PSO/01 Psychology 2hrs 15 Min
12th March	Thursday	9MAO/03 Mechanics and Statistics 2hrs	9BSO/02 Business 2hrs
13th March	Friday	9PHO/01 Physics 1hr 45Min	Moral Education (A) -1 hr 30 Min
30th March	Monday	9PHO/02 Physics 1 hr 45 Min	9MAO/01 Pure Mathematics 2hHrs
31st March	Tuesday	9BSO/03 Business 2hrs	9PSO/02 Psychology 2hrs 15 Min
6th April	Monday	9CHO/03 Chemistry 2hrs 30Min 9ECO/03 Economics 2hrs	WET04/01 English Lit.4 2hrs
7th April	Tuesday	9BIO/02 Biology 1hr 45Min	9MAO/02 Pure Mathematics 2hrs
8th April	Wednesday	9PHO/03 Physics 2hrs 30Min	9PSO/03 Psychology 2hrs
9th April	Thursday	9BIO/03 Biology 2hrs 30 Min WAC12 Accounting 2 3hrs	Islamic Studies
10th April	Friday		ARABIC – 2 hrs 30 Min

REPORTING TIME FOR THE MORNING SESSION IS 7:00 AM AND SECOND SESSION WILL START AFTER A SHORT BREAK. Those having only a second session on a particular day must report by 9:00 am at the latest.