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### To: Parents of Students in Years 1-13 **REMOTE LEARNING : 6TH MARCH 2026**

Dear Parents, Staff and our dear Students,

**Greetings from St. Mary's.** We trust that this update finds you all safe and well. Please be assured of our prayers and best wishes for each and every member of our Marian Family.

**We can now confirm that the KHDA has informed us of the change to the Spring Break. The new dates for Spring Break are from 9<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.** All further updates as received from the authorities will be communicated to you. Mock exams for Year 11 and Year 13 will be postponed to after the Spring Break. Rescheduled timetables will be sent to you in a few days. If any further changes are necessitated by the current situation in the region, we will update you of those changes if and should they arise.

The Knowledge and Human Development Authority has made it very clear that nobody is to access the school premises until we are given a go ahead by the authorities. We trust that this answers the question of many parents with regard to books left in lockers. Regrettably, the premises are currently out of bounds. This is purely to ensure the safety and security of the school community.

For tomorrow, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026, please find below, instructions for what remote learning will look like at our school.

**Attendance Registration** mandatory for all (please check well in advance that any network issues are resolved) - only via a live zoom link for ALL students from Years 3 to 13 at 7:05 am sharp until 7: 15 am. Please note that every single student will have to identify

themselves via the Zoom link, live on camera to their class teachers in order for them to be marked present for the day. This is also applicable to Year 13 students, who sometimes attend on site lessons later if they do not have the first lesson in the morning.

We have been slowly phasing in live lessons down the cohort ladder only to give families time to adjust with this current situation as well as keeping in mind work from home situations for families as well as balancing screen time for our children.

### **YEARS 11, 12 and 13**

- Live Synchronous lessons for ALL lessons of the day are applicable to Years 11, 12 and 13.
- Teachers will send them a zoom link in their subject GC.

### **YEARS 9 and 10**

- Live Synchronous Lessons are applicable to students of Years 9 and 10 for the following lessons:
  - Mathematics, Arabic, English Language, Islamic Studies, all Science and all Commerce subjects.
- Asynchronous lessons for subjects not mentioned above with work posted in GC which MUST be turned in before the end of the lesson.

### **YEARS 7 and 8**

- Live Synchronous Lessons are applicable to students of Years 7 and 8 for the following lessons:
  - Mathematics, Arabic (A), Arabic B, Islamic Studies, English Language and Literature and Science.
- Asynchronous lessons for subjects not mentioned above with work posted in GC which MUST be turned in before the end of the lesson.

### **YEARS 2 TO 6**

- A combination of Synchronous and Asynchronous lessons for Years 2-6 according to the days timetable and lesson timings.
- Years 2, 3 and 4 will receive a plan for each class in your class group email.
- Subject teachers will post relevant work in the Google classroom only for some subjects. This will be indicated in the plan for your class.

## YEARS 5 and 6

- Live Synchronous Lessons are applicable to students of Years 5 and 6 for the following lessons:
  - Mathematics, Arabic (A), Arabic B, Islamic Studies, English Language and Literature and Science.
- Asynchronous lessons for subjects not mentioned above with work posted in GC which MUST be turned in before the end of the lesson.
- Until tomorrow, tasks will be set for History, Moral, Social and Cultural Studies and Values Ed.

We are trying our best to consider student wellbeing and not have extended screen time for younger children. We appeal to parents to ensure that children are attending required lessons and that they are maintaining respectful standards of behaviour online.

Clear cut Rules and regulations for the use of zoom in remote lessons are available for Years 7–10. These are sent to your SIMS parent apps, student emails and class group emails.

We have also extended these rules and instructions for primary children.

Also indefinitely postponed are:

- Building our Future Stars programme
- Year 8 parent meeting with subject leaders on 07 March for subject choices

Our weekly circular will be sent out tomorrow as usual.

We understand that these can be very confusing times for families, but we are certain that the UAE Government is doing its best to ensure our safety and security. It is important that we rely only on verified sources for information in these extenuating circumstances and be supportive of one another.

We wish you all a safe Spring Break as we navigate the current uncertainty. Please be reassured of our prayers for everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)

