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To: **Parents of Students in Years 1-13**  
**DISTANCE LEARNING FROM 4th to 8th MAY 2026.**

Dear Parents,

**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 every member of our Marian Family.

***Distance Learning will look very different this week due to over 95% of our students coming to school for in-person learning as well as the commencement of Final Examinations.***

- **School hours are from 7:10 am until 1:50 pm. Please find our lesson timings posted below. Students must be ready by 7:05 am.**
- **All students MUST be present for the morning Registration with their class teachers at 7:10 am sharp on all days and at 7:05 am on Fridays.**
- **All students MUST be present for lessons in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM and in PE uniform on days that PE is time tabled.**
- **During distance learning, attendance will be taken at each lesson, and you will be informed via email if your child has missed certain lessons.**
- **Some lessons will be live and some Asynchronous.**
- **Please ensure that your child is fully ready with all that they need in terms of the technology as well as their writing materials and textbooks.**
- **There will be no double lessons.**

## **DISTANCE LEARNING -PHASE WISE**

**Years 11 and 13:** Students of Years 11 and 13 will be sent some work in Mathematics (Year 13) and Maths, English Language, Physics and Business Studies (Year 11) to work on to help them with the next phase of their educational journey. This work must be turned into GC.

Morning registration will be **MANDATORY** for these Year groups for attendance.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS will be having ICT/ Computer Science Mock Exams on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

### **Years ONE THROUGH SIX:**

- **Live lessons only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Exams begin from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**
- **Families outside the UAE have been sent information to your child's email regarding the Final Examinations.**

Zoom links will now be sent only to the child's email.

The morning registration will be a live session and the first and last lessons will be Synchronous, but these subjects will change daily and not follow the regular timetable. Please note that your child may not be taught by the same teacher who is currently teaching them in class.

There will be three Asynchronous tasks set daily. These will have to be turned into GC.

### **Years SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

- **Live lessons only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Exams begin from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**
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## **Years NINE AND TEN**

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## **Year TWELVE**

Year 12 students who are in the UAE are strongly urged to return to in-person learning, especially considering their core Science practical sessions that cannot be done online.

They are also moving through a rigorous GCE A-Level course, and in-person learning will be the best way forward for them.

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## **TECHNOLOGICAL and LEARNING READINESS TO CONTINUE WITH DISTANCE LEARNING**

- 1) Please ensure that the latest version of ZOOM is installed on your child's laptop. Zoom will be used for ALL LIVE/SYNCHRONOUS LESSONS.
- 2) For Asynchronous lessons, work will be posted in Google Classroom.
- 3) Please ensure that your child has a fully working device with a fully working camera/webcam. The video MUST BE TURNED ON FOR ALL LESSONS. We will remove students whose videos are off. KINDLY ENSURE WORKING TECHNOLOGY. This is for reasons of safeguarding.
- 4) No filming/ photography of any part of a lesson or screen during a lesson or content of a lesson is permitted. Strict action will be taken in accordance with UAE cybercrime laws.
- 5) Parents are requested to check their email daily for important updates from the government and/or the school. We will communicate with you daily if your child has been absent or if your child has not been following the regulations in accordance with online learning.
- 6) **PARENTS MUST INFORM THE CLASS TEACHER VIA EMAIL ONLY, THE PREVIOUS NIGHT if your child is going to be absent the following day.** Please note that this has not been followed by MANY parents and it is a matter of child safeguarding that must be treated very seriously.
- 7) No eating or drinking during lessons. A virtual classroom must be respected in the same way that we respect an on-site classroom. Please talk to your children about this.
- 8) Please reach out to your child's class teacher via email if your child is struggling with anything in particular.

9) We strongly advise parents to refrain from exposing students to distressing news and social media which often have unverified and overly sensationalised material that causes more harm than good. Children cannot be treated in the same way as adults, and it is best to stick to familiar routines for them. This helps children feel safe both physically and emotionally.

10) Kindly inform your child's class teacher via email if you are currently out of the UAE.

**LET US TEACH OUR CHILDREN THAT THE KEY VALUES AT THIS TIME ARE: RESPECT, INTEGRITY, RESILIENCE AND EMPATHY.**

It is important that we rely only on verified sources for information in these extenuating circumstances and be supportive of one another.

Yours sincerely,

  
Mr . Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)

