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To: The Parents of Students in Years 1-13

WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE WEEK 32

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.

On 6th May, the UAE proudly celebrates the 50th ANNIVERSARY of the Unification of the Armed Forces - A golden milestone in the story of a nation built on unity, sacrifice and the enduring security that has sheltered all who call this land home.



We invite all our students to use your creativity to write your heartfelt messages of gratitude to the armed forces that we will post on message boards around the school. These may be done on coloured paper, in different shapes such as cut-out hearts, with messages accompanied by artwork or calligraphy. Bring these in on Monday 4th May 2026 and the best messages will win exciting prizes that will also include bumper prizes of passes to Ski Dubai and Aquaventure. All work must be done on A4 size paper or smaller. Let your heart speak its gratitude as we all say THANK YOU to the UAE armed forces for keeping us safe.

NEW UPDATES:

- **IN-PERSON LEARNING, 4th -8th May 2026-All year groups:** Please check separate attachment, updated!
- **SCIENCE PROJECT & EXHIBITION YEARS 1-10 & YEAR 12:** Please read the separate attachment.
- **YEAR 11 ICT/COMPUTER SCIENCE MOCK EXAMS: 5th and 6th May 2026.** Please read information in this circular.
- **FAMILIES STILL OUTSIDE THE UAE:** Please check your child's school email for important information and guidance on Final Examinations.
- **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 12 (2026-2027):** Please check the link to this main circular.
- **YEAR 12 CONTINGENCY AMENDMENT TO PREDICTED GRADE POLICY:** Please read below in the main circular.
- **SaintzMUN: Coming Soon.**
- **RTA Parent Survey:** Sent to SIMS Parent App. Parents are encouraged to kindly respond to the survey.
- **RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027:** FINAL DEADLINE 3RD MAY 2026. Students not re-registered after this will be considered as not returning next year.
- **Distance Learning:** Please see separate circular.
- **EXAMINATIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS: Years 1 - 10 and 12:** Please read below in the main circular.

URGENT NOTICE TO PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THE RE-REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027- These students will be considered as not registered for next year after the 3rd of May 2026. We have also sent you an email reminder for this purpose.

1) IN-PERSON LEARNING (All year groups): Please read the separate circular very carefully. Amendments have been made to reflect updated protocols.

2) SCIENCE PROJECT AND EXHIBITION (YEARS 1-10 AND 12): The Science Exhibition is an exciting event for our students. The Science Project is a practical component that is added to the end of year assessment portfolio and contributes to students' overall attainment and progress. In the current circumstances, where students have had a long period of distance learning, this will be a valuable addition to their end of year assessments. Please read the separate attachment for guidance.

3) YEAR 11 ICT/ COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICAL MOCK EXAMINATIONS: Parents of Year 11 students are requested to kindly take note that the 5th and 6th of May 2026 have been designated as scheduled days for the ICT/CS Practical Mock Examination. Please check your child's Google Classroom for detailed schedules. Please ensure that your child attends the examination.

4) A-LEVEL APPLICATION TO YEAR 12: A link for the admission form, as well as a letter regarding admissions, has been sent out. Please go through it carefully. Check the link below:

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/APPLICATION-TO-ALEVEL-LETTER-APRIL-2026.pdf>

5) YEAR 12 CONTINGENCY AMENDMENT TO PREDICTED GRADE POLICY: Parents are requested to please make a careful note of the following Contingency Amendment to the Predicted Grade Policy. Year 12 students who are not answering their Final Examinations in-person will receive predicted grades if requested for, based on the assessments taken up to and including the First Term Examinations of the current Academic Year.

6) SaintzMUN Coming Soon: We are very happy to inform our students that the 4th edition of our school's very own Model United Nations Conference, **SaintzMUN'26**, is coming your way. The conference will take place in June this year. Do keep an eye out for further details in the following weeks.

7) RTA Parent Survey: The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has developed a short survey to gather parents' feedback on student drop-off and pick-up procedures and road safety practices. Please find attached communication with more details and the survey link included. The survey will take no more than one minute to complete.

Survey link: [<https://forms.gle/SXA5SjaT5vimdKiP7>]

8) RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 – YEARS 1-10 AND YEAR 12: We have attached an important circular regarding re-registering your child for the next Academic Year 2026-2027. It is important that you go through the circular carefully. *The final date for re-registration had been extended until 3rd May 2026. We trust that parents who wish to re-register their child for the next academic year will not delay this any further.*

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

(For parents out of the UAE, these have been sent to your child's email).

- 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.

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.

- b) 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.
- c) **NO WATCHES (ANALOG / DIGITAL OR SMART) ARE ALLOWED DURING EXAMINATIONS. NO WATCHES OF ANY KIND.**
- d) 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.
- e) 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)
- f) 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.
- g) Students writing with pens **MUST ONLY USE A BLACK BALL POINT PEN.** For Years 1 to 4, only pencils must be used when answering examination papers.
- h) NO ink erasers, correcting fluid or ink killers are permitted for examinations.
- i) Students must be on time for exams; no extra time will be given to late comers.

10) GL EXAMINATIONS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MATHS & SCIENCE YEARS

4-10- a reminder to please make the required payment: Upon reviewing our records, we have noted that a significant number of parents have not yet paid for the GL examinations. We do understand that this must have been forgotten with the stress of the extenuating circumstances, but we request parents to kindly not delay this payment any further and to kindly ensure that this is done over the weekend. We have also sent reminders to your email.

[https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/GL-PROGRESS-TESTS-YEARS-4-to-10-2026.pdf#new tab](https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/GL-PROGRESS-TESTS-YEARS-4-to-10-2026.pdf#new_tab)

11) URGENT PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES: At the heart of St. Mary's is our "Marian family", a community built on mutual support and a shared commitment to our children's future. As a not-for-profit institution, we rely almost exclusively on school fees to sustain our operations, pay our dedicated staff and maintain the learning environment that your child deserves. Our ethos has always been to ensure that no child's education is interrupted due to financial constraints in a particular academic year. However, the current significant amount in outstanding fees, in some cases both first and second term outstanding, has placed enormous pressure on our school.

We, therefore, respectfully request all parents with outstanding fees to kindly settle these at the earliest to allow us to continue to provide a safe and good quality education as well as meet the new safety and security protocols to be compliant in order to re-open.

12) NGRT FORM C EXAMINATIONS FOR YEARS 2-10: Please note that Form C of the NGRT series will be conducted according to the schedule below. Parents have already paid for NGRT at the start of the year. **Any absence will require a medical certificate to reschedule the exam, even if the absence is only for ONE DAY.**

Tuesday, 5 th May 2026	YEARS 7 and 8	Bring in a fully charged device
Wednesday, 6 th May 2026	YEARS 9 and 10	Bring in a fully charged device
Thursday, 7 th May 2026	YEARS 2 A and 2B	In the Computer Labs
Friday, 8 th May 2026	YEAR 2C	In the Computer Labs
Monday, 11 th May 2026	YEARS 2D and 2E	In the Computer Labs
Monday, 11 th May 2026	YEARS 4 and 6	Bring in a fully charged device
Tuesday, 12 th May 2026	YEARS 3A, 3B & 3C	In the Computer Labs
Wednesday, 13 th May 2026	YEAR 3D	In the Computer Labs
Thursday, 14 th May 2026	YEAR 3E	In the Computer Labs
Thursday, 14 th May 2026	YEAR 5	Bring in a fully charged device
Friday, 18 th May 2026	YEAR 3F	In the Computer Labs

13) ADMISSIONS TO YEAR ONE, YEAR TWO and YEARS THREE TO TEN FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026- 2027: We have now begun this process, and applicants should check their email for relevant invitations to attend entrance tests.

14) 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.

15) 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

16) 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.

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) 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.

19) 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 thank the Government of the UAE for all its efforts in ensuring the safety of its citizens, residents and visitors. We commend the Leaders on their resilience and commitment to safety and security. Please rely only on official government sources for information and do not share any unverified information on social media or via any other means of communication.

Yours sincerely,


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To: Parents of students in ALL YEAR GROUPS

**A return to in-person learning at St. Mary's
(Years 1- 13 : those who have opted for in-person learning.)**

The only amendments made to this document (shared last week) have been put in a yellow box. (Information relevant to this has been updated in the circular).

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. Firstly, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your patience and support over the last many weeks. You have journeyed with us in a spirit of empathy and resilience and for that we want to say, *"Thank You."*

It has been a very rewarding experience to have been able to welcome the children back to in-person learning. We have seen happy faces all around the school campus and we are grateful that the school is once again filled with a "cheerful noise".

While the current phase is being managed through a flexible approach allowing for hybrid learning options, we strongly believe that students greatly benefit from in-person learning for a host of reasons that we all know as adults but particularly in the current context where students have missed direct instruction and the company of their peers. In addition, we would like parents to understand that the **KHDA** has currently adopted a flexible option to assist families who are still out of the country while they plan their return in the current phase. However, families in Dubai should have no reason not to send children back for in-person learning.

The education sector affirms that schools are fully equipped and ready to receive students providing a safe, structured and well organised learning environment. The education sector continues to monitor the situation on an ongoing basis, implementing the necessary measures to maintain readiness and respond effectively to evolving developments.

At St. Mary's, we have conducted a comprehensive assessment of school facilities in line with the mandated health and safety standards to ensure operational readiness. All our staff have been fully trained in line with the new set of protocols set by KHDA to include training in Psychological First Aid as well as certified CPR and First Aid Training for All teaching staff. Our teachers are therefore equipped to handle a wide range of situations effectively.

School transport services through STS are delivered through well-defined operational mechanisms that ensure efficiency, consistency and seamless service provision, in line with the highest safety standards.

The following have been updated from the General Regulations for the Use of Outdoor Areas and the Continuity of Educational, Extracurricular Activities and School Events.

Organisation of the School Day

- Students shall enter the school in a normal and orderly manner (already in place).
- Morning Assemblies will continue as part of regular school operations (We have indoor class assemblies in the summer months).
- Organised gatherings in outdoor areas are permitted under the supervision of school staff (breaks will be rotated so there is no crowding).

Activities and Events

- Extracurricular activities and school events may be conducted in outdoor spaces and areas in an organised and expanded manner.
- Break periods shall be structured within designated outdoor areas to support students' wellbeing and safety (breaks will be rotated so there is no crowding).
- School events shall continue, ensuring the smooth and orderly handover of students to parents.

General Regulations

- Outdoor extracurricular activities shall be implemented according to plans approved by the school administration.
- Clear evacuation routes from open areas to safe zones must be identified and approved.
- Regular drills on evacuation and emergency procedures shall be conducted.
- Outdoor activities shall be immediately suspended upon issuance of any official alert to ensure a prompt and safe response.
- In the event of any official alert, these guidelines shall be suspended, and schools shall revert to the main approved guidelines to ensure unified action and rapid response.
- Overcrowding in outdoor and open areas must be avoided to ensure student safety.

1) Our Foremost Priority: **Safety First**

The safety and wellbeing of every student and staff member remain our foremost priority. In any situation, we act swiftly to protect lives, maintain calm, and keep all students safe.

In any emergency:

- Lives come first – belongings are not important.
- Students kept safely in safe zones designated in a majority of classrooms or in safe corridor areas.

In the current phase:

- ~~No outdoor assemblies~~
- ~~No outdoor sports~~
- ~~No outdoor breaktime~~ (**Canteen not operational**)

2) Safe School Environment


What is a Safe Zone?

Safe Zone Rules as defined in the KHDA reopening protocols:


- Designated away from windows and glass
- If no safe zone exists, the room must not be used
- Reachable within 1 minute from any location
- Easy access without crossing outdoor or exposed areas
- Multiple safe zones per building to cover all areas

At St. Mary's, the vast majority of classrooms and corridors are designed to be secure spaces where students can shelter in place when required.

Classrooms with safe zones within:

- All safe zones in classrooms have been marked by a **GREEN TAPED LINE** – 
- These safe zones are away from windows
- Safe zones map available in every classroom
- Fire and evacuation route map in every classroom (has always been there)
- Clear signage available in ALL classrooms
- An emergency Grab Bag available in every classroom

Corridors with safe zones:

- Corridors with safe zones are also marked by a **GREEN TAPED LINE** 
- They are reachable within 1 minute from any room that needs to access them
- They are kept clear of obstacles and safe for movement
- Clear coloured arrows marked in corridors to show emergency exit routes

Staff Training

- All staff have been fully trained in line with the KHDA reopening protocols
- All teaching staff have received certified CPR and First Aid training
- All staff have been trained in Psychological First Aid

3) Following Official Alerts (Red Alarm)

We rely only on verified information government alerts to make decisions, so you can trust that our actions are always timely and followed correctly. The school strictly follows official government alerts only.

Parents are strongly urged:

- To **NEVER** rely on social media or rumours
- To wait for official school communication only from the Principal's office
- To always keep your SIMS PARENT APP handy

4) Guidelines for Parents, Teachers and Students (Before and After school)

Your collaboration and readiness before, during and after school hours is very important. Please follow these important rules as outlined for parents in the KHDA school reopening protocols.

PHASE 1: Before Arriving at School (Before leaving home)

- If no alert - Send your child to school as usual
- **If an alert is issued – DO NOT send your child; wait for official updates**
- Once the 'All clear' is received from official government channels- proceed to send your child to school.
- **If alert is received while en route-Proceed to the nearest safe, covered location**
- Wait for the 'All clear' from official government channel -proceed to school.

PHASE 2: At Drop Off

- If no alert – Parents drop off their children at the respective gates as usual
- No gathering or lingering at the school gates or in the quadrangles at all
- Students must enter the building immediately
- ~~NO ASSEMBLY~~
- **If an alert is issued – Parents and students to enter the school building (if entry is safe) and move to the nearest SAFE ZONE.**
- No waiting outside the school

PHASE 4: During Dismissal and Return

- If no alert- Dismissal proceeds normally in an organised, swift, and gradual manner. (We will be undertaking a staggered dispersal)
- **If alert is issued – Dismissal is suspended immediately**
- **Students are not allowed outside the building**
- **If there is an alert during dismissal-Parent and student proceed to a safe covered location**
- **No standing in open areas**
- **If the student is alone-proceed to a safe covered place immediately**
- **Do not leave the covered place until alert is lifted**
- When alert is lifted dismissal resumes in an organised and gradual manner
- Students handed over to parents/ carers in an organised way
- No gathering in front of gates and sidewalks

5) Guidelines for Parents, Teachers and Students During School Hours

PHASE 3: While Inside the School

- If no alert- Classes continue as normal
- ~~No morning assembly, No sports outside~~
- ~~No activities in quadrangles, open areas or near windows/glass~~
- ~~No outside break time –students will be in class during the break time~~
- **If an alert is issued-Stop all activities immediately**
- **Move to nearest safe zone**
- **Students sit in low, calm position away from windows and glass**
- **If staff are outside any building, proceed immediately to the nearest safe zone**

Parents should

- **NOT** rush to school
- **WAIT** for official communication via the SIMS PARENT APP or email

6) Student Wellbeing and Emotional Support

A calm, caring and nurturing environment helps students feel safe. Our teachers are trained to support every child's emotional needs.

The school ensures:

- A calm and supportive environment
- Continuous monitoring and supervision of children
- Regular wellbeing check ins
- Regular Mindful activities conducted with students
- Wellbeing resources also shared with parents to be used at home

Teachers and staff are trained in:

- Psychological First Aid (PFA)
- Supporting anxious or distressed students

7) Support for Students of Determination

We carefully support Students of Determination, and our counsellors have been checking in on them regularly throughout the last few weeks. We have individual plans and dedicated staff to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students with additional needs.

Individual support plans are in place for those with:

- Mobility needs- Evacuation chairs are kept in those rooms where students with mobility needs will require them.
- Visual/Auditory needs
- Autism and sensory needs
- Dedicated buddies and assigned staff for safety

8) Emergency Response Actions

In an emergency, we follow either of two clear actions: **SHELTER IN PLACE** (within a safe zone) or **EVACUATE**. Both will be practiced regularly.

- Shelter in Place (Stay safe within a Safe Zone)
- Students remain inside safe zones
- Students sit low and calm until further instructed
- Evacuation (If required to safer zones)
- Students move safely to Assembly Points
- Emergency services are contacted immediately



9) Risk Levels

A simple colour -coded system is in place so everyone understands what to do

- **GREEN** (Normal Conditions) ●
- School operates normally (indoors only)
- **NO OUTDOOR** Sports/ Assemblies/ Breaktime
- **RED** (High Risk) ●
- Immediately shift to distance learning
- School will reopen only after official approval



10) Rapid Response – The First 3 Minutes

The first three minutes are the most important. Our staff will act swiftly, staying calm and will account for every student.

- Immediate decision (Shelter in Place or Evacuate)
- Safe and calm student and staff movement
- Headcount and reporting

11) Communication with Parents

SMCHS, Dubai is committed to maintaining clear and effective communication with families in an emergency or disaster situation.

Our communication policy during an emergency is guided by KHDA regulation directives:

- The School Principal is the sole authorized voice. All other staff refer parents to management- NO EXCEPTIONS
- While an incident is underway, the principal's focus will be entirely on the students and MUST not answer any individual parent calls.
- **The school will only use official channels to communicate and particularly during an Emergency, will use the SIMS Parent App and parent e-mail.**
- The school does not use Social Media channels and WhatsApp messaging for communication is strictly prohibited.

During Emergencies:

- Do not call teachers directly.
- Do not share unverified information.
- Do not visit school unless instructed to do so.
- The Principal is the sole voice in an emergency.

12) Important Reminders for Parents

- **Do not take or share photos/videos during emergencies.**
- Always follow school instructions carefully and strictly.
- Ensure that your contact details are updated with the school.
- Keep your SIMS PARENT APP ACTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE

13) Learning Continuity

Learning continues no matter the varying situations. We are fully ready to switch between in-person and distance learning as the government authorities mandate us to do. Distance learning continues for families still abroad but will look different since we are now in revision phase for the final examinations.

Our Commitment: At St. Mary's, we endeavour to care for every child entrusted to our care. We have made sure that all protocols have been adhered to, in order to keep your child safe, calm and learning every day. Your trust and collaboration are essential in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the children in this new phase of reopening. Let us work together to welcome the children back to school.

For Parents of In-person students – An overview of what next week will look like.

Monday, 4th May to Friday, 8th May 2026

Morning Arrival at School: The school gates will only open at **6:35 am** and not before. Parents who drop their children to school are strongly reminded that children **MUST NEVER** be left waiting outside the school gates. If you arrive early, please wait with your child in the car in a secured parking sport until 6:35 am. Kindly do not park your car in front of the gate or on the road. **THE CHURCH GATES ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR ENTRY TO SCHOOL ON ANY ACCOUNT.**

School begins at 7:10 am and children should go directly to their respective classes as they arrive at school. Children must be in school latest by 7:05 am.

Please remind children that:

- They should not linger at the gate or in the quadrangles.
- They must move directly to their classes.

Things to be brought to school through the week.

- Regular stationery and their refill pad
- All timetabled books and revision sheets
- Enough water and snacks (The canteen will not be operational)
- Any books that they would like to revise from.
- A fully charged laptop or tablet on days when they have the NGRT exam.

Afternoon Staggered Dismissal from school in the current phase (To prevent overcrowding):

- Students from Years 1-4 who are collected by their parents or carers **MUST BE** collected by **1:20 pm SHARP**. Please go directly to your child's class to collect them. Please wear a lanyard with a badge that clearly states **YOUR NAME, YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS (For Example: Joe Blogg, parent of Sue Blogg Year 5A)**
- If an older sibling collects a younger sibling from Years 1-4, they too must wear the same badge, and they will be allowed to collect their sibling at 1:20 pm and leave with them at the same time.
- All children who leave by themselves (those who walk, use public / private transport or the metro) will leave at 1:30 pm.
- Children who use the STS buses will leave at 1:40 pm to board the buses.

Friday Staggered Dismissal from school in the current phase: (To prevent overcrowding)

- Students from ALL cohorts whose parents pick them up or who use public / private transport will be dismissed at **11:00 am SHARP**.
- STS Bus users will be dismissed at **11:15 am SHARP**.

7th and 11th May 2026 are examination days with the regular school timings 7:10 am to 1:50 pm.

8th May, Friday is also an examination day with the regular Friday timing of 7:05 to 11:15 am.

Yours sincerely,

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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 5th and 6th of May.

Years ONE THROUGH SIX:

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

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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 NINE AND TEN

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

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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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

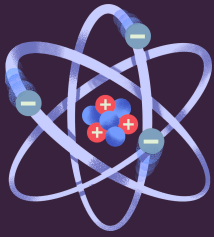
LET US TEACH OUR CHILDREN THAT THE KEY VALUES AT THIS TIME ARE: RESPECT, INTEGRITY, RESILIENCE AND EMPATHY.

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)





ANNUAL SCIENCE PROJECT EXHIBITION 2026



Dear Students and Parents,

Our school will be conducting the **Annual Science Project Exhibition 2026**. The completed projects will be due on **1st June 2026**.

This will be a whole-school Science fair/exhibition, and every student is strongly encouraged to participate.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

Year 1 to Year 3 : Students will create Science posters on A3-size paper based on Science topics suggested below.

Year 4 to Year 10 : Students will complete their projects individually.

Year 12 : Students will work in groups assigned by their respective Science teachers.

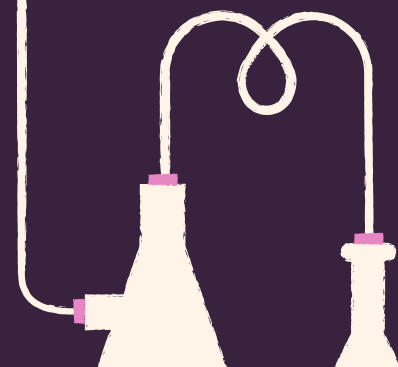
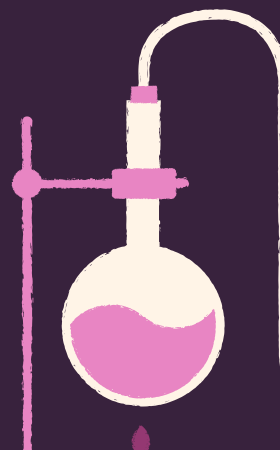
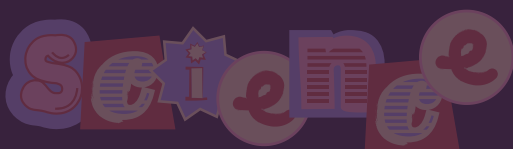
The submission timeline has been carefully planned to provide students with ample time to complete their work at a steady and comfortable pace.

The project will be assessed out of **20 marks**, which will contribute to the students' **Final Summative Assessment**.

A Science project challenges students to solve a problem or answer a question using the scientific method or design process.

It is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Develop scientific thinking skills.
- Encourage curiosity and creativity.
- Foster innovation and problem-solving abilities.



Students are encouraged to select topics that genuinely interest them. Projects should be meaningful, connected to real-world experiences, and where possible, presented as a **working model**.

Please note:

- All work must be completed by the student.
- Parents may support by offering guidance, encouragement, and by monitoring progress.
- A successful project does not need to be expensive—many outstanding projects can be created using simple materials available at home.

Top projects from each class will be selected for display at the school exhibition. Selected students will also have the opportunity to present their models and findings.

Further details, including assessment criteria and specific guidelines, will be shared on Google Classroom by your child's Science teacher and discussed during Science lessons.

Thank you for your continued support in making this a meaningful and exciting learning experience for our students.

SUGGESTED POSTER TOPICS (YEAR 1-3)



- **Say NO to plastics.**
- **Save Water, Save Life (Importance of water conservation in the UAE).**
- **Solar Energy: Power from the Sun.**
- **Endangered Species in UAE.**
- **Keeping Our Environment Clean.**
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.**
- **The Importance of Trees (Mangroves in the UAE).**
- **Healthy Habits for a Healthy Life.**
- **Save Earth from Pollution.**
- **My Green City (Eco-friendly living).**

SAINTZMUN'26 COMING SOON!!!

ANNUAL COMEBACK



Meaningful May 2026

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

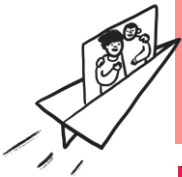
27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



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