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**To: The Parents of Students in Years 1-13**

## **WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE WEEK 33**

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.

**While we are still waiting for an update from official channels regarding the delivery of learning next week, we would like to clarify that if there is a return to school, those students coming on-site will be required to carry a fully charged device with them.** This is only to provide an equitable assessment for ALL students in a hybrid mode. We have amended assessments for suitable remote access and therefore from a standpoint of equity, ALL students in a particular cohort, must access the same assessments for that cohort. This is not applicable for Years 11 and 13.

### **NEW UPDATES:**

- **ONLINE EXAMINATIONS:** Communication already sent mid-week.
- **SCIENCE PROJECT & EXHIBITION YEARS 1-10 & YEAR 12:** Please read the separate attachment.
- **YEAR 11 ICT/COMPUTER SCIENCE MOCK EXAMS:** This stands as indefinitely postponed due to the current government mandate.
- **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 12 (2026-2027):** Please check this important attachment. Link attached to this circular.
- **RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027: FINAL DEADLINE 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026.** Students not re-registered after this will be considered as not returning next year.

**URGENT NOTICE TO PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THE RE-REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027- These students will now be considered as not registered for next year 2026-2027.**

**1) ONLINE EXAMINATIONS: We had sent in communication mid-week, and we will continue with examinations online (in a hybrid mode ) or for all if the current mandate from the government continues into next week.**

- Please note that Mental Maths for all Year Groups has been cancelled.
- For English Language Years 7-10- We have only done Paper 2 and will not be doing Paper 1.

**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 below link for guidance. Submit it latest by the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2026.

[Link : https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Annual-Science-Project-Exhibition-2026.pdf#new\\_tab](https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Annual-Science-Project-Exhibition-2026.pdf#new_tab)

**3) YEAR 11 ICT/ COMPUTER SCIENCE PRACTICAL MOCK EXAMINATIONS:**

Parents of Year 11 students are requested to kindly take note that on account of the current mandate, we have had to postpone these exams. We will update you as soon as we receive official updates from the government.

**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) RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 – YEARS 1-10 AND YEAR 12: *We would like parents to be aware that any child who has not been re-registered for the next academic year will be considered as not returning for the next Academic Year 2026-2027.***

**6) SaintzMUN-Coming Soon:** We are very happy to inform our students that the 4<sup>th</sup> 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) 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)

**8) 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.

**9) EXAMINATIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS - Years 1-10 and 12 :** Please refer to the document sent mid-week.

[https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ONLINE-FINAL-EXAMINATIONS-RULES-REGULATIONS-AND-TECHNOLOGICAL-REQUIREMENTS-ALL-COHORTS.pdf#new\\_tab](https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ONLINE-FINAL-EXAMINATIONS-RULES-REGULATIONS-AND-TECHNOLOGICAL-REQUIREMENTS-ALL-COHORTS.pdf#new_tab)

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**10) 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.**

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

**11) 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.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/admission/>

**12) 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.

**13) 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](https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/CYBERBULLYING-BULLYING-SANCTIONS-AND-CONSEQUENCES-REMINDER-CIRCULAR.pdf#new_tab)

**14) 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.

**15) 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.**

**16) 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.

**17) URGENT QUERIES AND CONCERNS:** If you have any urgent queries and concerns, kindly send an email to our Vice Principal , Ms. Lise-Ann on [lpinto-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:lpinto-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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( Principal )

