



OUR REF :

TRN : 100259955100003

Friday, 2nd June 2023

**To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13 –
WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE WEEK THIRTY-FIVE**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. Please read on for all the latest updates.

NEW AND URGENT

- **MESSAGE TO STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS FROM BISHOP PAOLO MARTINELLI- please see attachment.**
- **BOOK ORDER CIRCULAR –Attached. Book order forms given to children as hard copies.**
- **CLARIFICATION REGARDING YEAR 11 PROM**
- **RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT YEAR: The final date for re-registration was 20th April, students not re-registered will now be considered as not coming back for the next Academic Year 2023-2024.**

ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WINDOW FOR PAYMENT OF THE SECOND TERM FEES WAS BETWEEN THE 1ST OF DECEMBER 2022 AND THE 31ST OF JANUARY 2023. FEES NOT YET PAID ARE NOW CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING. ANY STUDENT WHOSE SCHOOL FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ETC.

7) ADMISSION TO A-LEVELS :

We have already sent this circular on the 23rd of September 2022 and several weeks after that but since it is close to the end of the year for Year 11 students , we want to remind parents about A-Level admissions. **A link for the A-Level admission form will be made available early next week.**

8) TIK TOK ACCOUNTS WITH MANY YOUNG CHILDREN :

We would like to bring to your notice that the legal age for a Tik Tok account is 18, however we have come across many young children with Tik Tok accounts that are being misused by them for cyberbullying or making them innocent victims of material and content that is highly inappropriate for them. We are advising parent of younger children to kindly delete these accounts for the good of the children.

9) UNIFORM INFRACTIONS – WE NEED PARENTS SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT CHILDREN ARE UNIFORM COMPLIANT :

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 etc. What is even more disappointing is the lack of collaboration from parents when we correct students for the same. We are conducting ongoing full and complete uniform checks . Students who need repeated reminders after this notification will be dealt with disciplinary action. Your collaboration will be greatly appreciated to this end. We need your support to help children realise that a certain decorum and neatness of appearance is required through all walks of life and we want them to learn the value of that here at school. It is very difficult for us to teach them these values when we do not have your support.

10) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023:

Please check all information related to the same from our WELCOME BACK CIRCULAR dated 26th August 2022. The legend of key dates is below.

26th June	Last day for students and staff
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11) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY & UPPER PRIMARY CHILDREN :

Please refer to our circular of 16th September 2022.

12) IRRESPONSIBLE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, PARTICULARLY BY STUDENTS IN YEARS 9-11:

Parents are requested to carefully read the separate circular issued in this regard on 16th September.

13) 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 and she will get back to you. Please include your telephone number in case she needs to call you.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





ADDRESS BY BISHOP PAOLO MARTINELLI

TO PRIMARY STUDENTS, A FEW STAFF AND MANAGEMENT

On the occasion of the pastoral visit to the parish in Dubai, I am very happy to have the opportunity to visit St Mary's Catholic High School. This school is part of the St. Mary's Group of Schools, an expression of the dedication of the Apostolic Vicariate to the education of the new generations.

Everything we do today for children's education is an investment for the future. Why it is so essential to have a commitment to the world of education? Because promoting education is a great sign of hope for every people and nation. Without education, there is no future.

We need an education that introduces the new generations to a deep relationship with the whole reality. We need knowledge and Wisdom. Wisdom is the gift we need to enter a harmonious relationship with people and things and build good not only for oneself but for everyone, with profound respect for creation and the environment. God created everything with Wisdom. And he wants us to learn to use all things wisely to be men and women capable of building a better and more fraternal world.

Dear students, make good use of these unique years of your life. The time of youth is unrepeatable. You have school experiences that will decide your future. You have the time and tools to learn about life in all its aspects. You can have many relationships with different people. Learn Wisdom, tolerance, respect, and acceptance of all people. Learn to love and promote the common good.

Never let yourself be stopped by difficulties. Do not be afraid of problems that may seem big to you. Remember that you are never alone. Your families are there, ready to support you. There are your teachers who accompany you every day. Trust in God, who created us for happiness and to live together as brothers and sisters.



I also address my thoughts to your families and parents, dear students, and I thank them for the trust they have placed in our school. Of course, the primary responsibility for your education rests with your parents. But they can find a strong and competent ally in school. Every day the school accompanies the journey of your families.

Another special thanks to the teachers. You are entrusted with these young people who are society's and the world's future; they are the promise of a more just and peaceful world. Take care in the educational relationship. It is not just a question of transmitting knowledge but of arousing dreams, questions, and desires for good in the hearts of young people. We need words of Wisdom that enable us to have a new inspired vision for the future. I wish you to experience the beauty of being an educator every day. Be happy to be educators of the youth.

A word of Gratitude for all members of the Staff and Management. Thank you for your commitment and competent work in the daily life of the School. We know, there are so many challenges to face every day to keep the School in order. Your commitment ensures the proper functioning of the school structure and the organization in all its activities. Managing an educational activity such as a school requires foresight, planning and innovation skills. Thank you for your dedication to our students.

Special thanks to the sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery. Their presence and their faithful and total commitment constitute the heart of our educational proposal.

God loves each of us —students, parents, families, teachers, and staff. God will never let his Wisdom be lacking for the educational experience to be effective. We trust in God and walk daily together on the way to building a more fraternal and human World.

May God give you Peace, Joy and Blessings

.... **Bishop Paolo Martinelli OFM Cap**
Apostolic Vicar of Southern Arabia



OUR REF :

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DATE: 2nd June 2023

To: Parents of students from Year Two to Year Eleven -2023-2024(currently years1 - 10)

ORDERING BOOKS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR-2023-2024

Dear Parents

Greetings from St. Mary's. We have been working hard over the last many weeks with our local book suppliers as well as International Book suppliers to ensure that books will be shipped from the UK despite the trials of delivery and distribution experienced over the last two to three years.

Books must be ordered by filling in the PHYSICAL ORDER FORM sent with your child.

This year only an advance amount of AED 250/- must be paid to Periwinkle via THEIR SKIPLY APP. (STEPS ATTACHED AT THE END OF THIS CIRCULAR).

You are not compelled to purchase books through the school and you are free to use the book list to source second hand books as well.

KINDLY ALSO NOTE THAT EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PURCHASING ANY BOOKS THROUGH THE SCHOOL, THE ACTIVE LEARN DIGITAL PLATFORM and LEARNING LADDERS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DAILY TEACHING AND LEARNING AND PROGRESS TRACKING. (THE ACTIVE LEARN DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR YEARS 1-6 INCLUDES HARD COPIES OF MATHS and SCIENCE TEXT BOOKS)

Students who are leaving St. Mary's may ignore the email and relevant book circulars.

For students with outstanding dues, please note that purchasing books does not ensure a seat for next year. All outstanding dues must be paid for in full for re-registration for the next Academic Year 2023-2024.

All stationery and notebooks will be delivered along with the text books in the school on the book distribution day. Text books will be distributed strictly based on the order that you have made.

ACTIVE LEARN/ ACTIVE TEACH& LEARNING LADDERS

The school uses the Pearson 'Active Learn' an E-Learning pedagogy . This is supported by an online platform wherein students will be given a password and download instructions. Students will require a desktop computer or a tablet or a laptop and printing facility at home. Learning Ladders is being used to track student's progress against specific learning objectives and will give both children and parents a clear idea of the progress that children are making. Kindly note that the payable amount for 'Active Learn' and 'Learning Ladders' has also been included on each booklist.

THE ADVANCE AMOUNT OF AED 250/- TOWARDS BOOKS AND THE ACTIVE LEARN ONLINE PLATFORM & LEARNING LADDERS MUST BE MADE BEFORE 15TH JUNE 2023 HOWEVER BOOK ORDER FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9TH JUNE 2023 AS THESE HAVE TO BE STAMPED AND RETURNED BACK TO YOU. NO ORDERS CAN BE PLACED AFTER 9TH OF JUNE 2023 AS THIS WILL IMPACT THE DELIVERY OF THE ENTIRE SHIPMENT.

Parents who are away on emergency leave will receive a soft copy of the order form from the class teacher and must be returned via email.

KINDLY BEAR IN MIND THAT BOOKS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE IF A PAID ORDER HAS NOT BEEN MADE AS THESE BOOKS ARE BEING SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM THE UK, BOOK DISTRIBUTION DATES WILL BE ISSUED WITH THE END OF YEAR CIRCULAR.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





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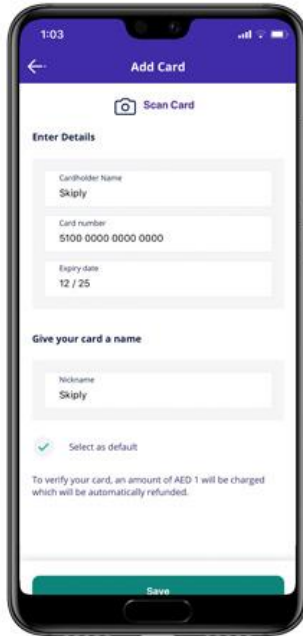


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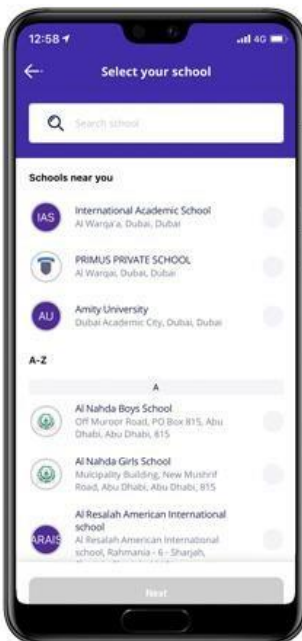
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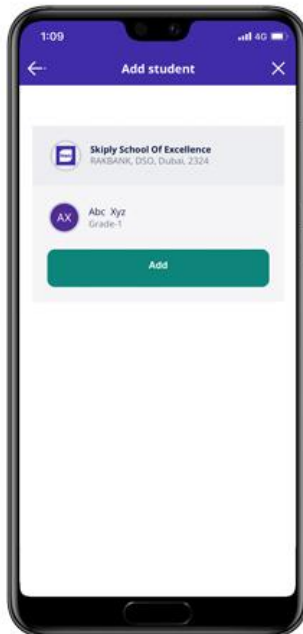
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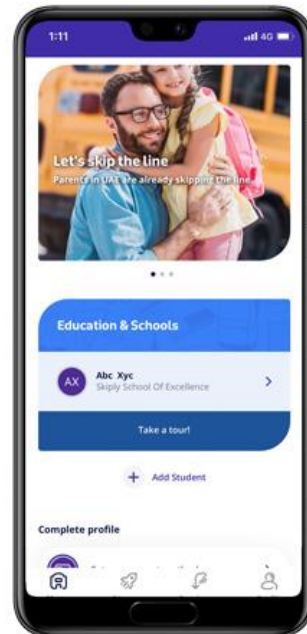
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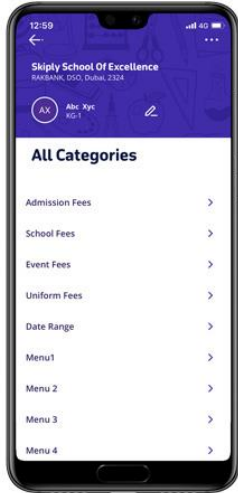


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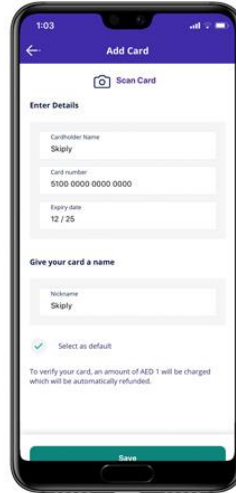
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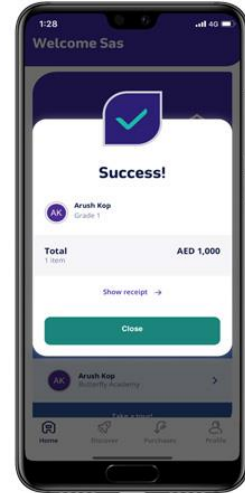
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DATE: 28th April 2023

**To: Parents of students in Year 11 –
PRIVATE PARTY BEING ORGANISED AS A SCHOOL PROM**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. We had been approached by a representation of students from Year 11 about the school prom as is customary for the year 11 cohort every year. The school offered its full support to them in organizing the prom. However, after the Eid break, the same representation of students approached the Vice Principal and explained that the children in the cohort did not want the school to be involved since they wanted to bring their 'plus ones' who are from other schools and/or universities.

The school usually supports students in this initiative and ensures that the event is chaperoned, however since the students are inviting 'plus ones' who are not students of the school, the school cannot be responsible for outsiders. We would like to clarify that the school is not involved in any way in the organization of this event and will not be liable or responsible for any actions that occur at the event or as part of it. This is a private party being organized privately and NO STAFF members will be in attendance.

We would also like to remind the organizers of this event that the school name or any derivative of the school name and/ or logo should not be used in naming the event or in any materials connected with the event for which no prior permission has been sought.

We will also be informing the hotel authorities of the same as we would like them to understand their own liability in using the school's name for an event that has not been officially organized by the school.

As per information from the students, the event is scheduled for 20th June at Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai, Canal View.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

PRIMARY GL EXAMINATION TIME TABLE

MAY-JUNE 2023

DATE	DAY	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
24 th May	Wednesday	-----	ENGLISH	-----
25 th May	Thursday	-----	-----	ENGLISH
1 st June	Thursday	ENGLISH	-----	-----
5 th June	Monday	YEAR 4 E & F SCIENCE	-----	SCIENCE
6 th June	Tuesday	YEAR 4 C & D SCIENCE	SCIENCE	-----
7 th June	Wednesday	YEAR 4 A & B SCIENCE	-----	-----
12 th June	Monday	-----	-----	MATHEMATICS
13 th June	Tuesday	YEAR 4 A & B MATHEMATICS	MATHEMATICS	-----
14 th June	Wednesday	YEAR 4 C & D MATHEMATICS	-----	-----
15 th June	Thursday	YEAR 4 E & F MATHEMATICS	-----	-----



ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

SECONDARY GL EXAMINATION TIME TABLE

MAY-JUNE 2023

DATE	DAY	YEAR SEVEN	YEAR EIGHT	YEAR NINE	YEAR TEN
29 th May	Monday	ENGLISH	-----	-----	-----
30 th May	Tuesday	-----	ENGLISH	-----	-----
31 st May	Wednesday	-----	-----	ENGLISH	ENGLISH
2 nd June	Friday	-----	SCIENCE	-----	-----
8 th June	Thursday	-----	-----	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
9 th June	Friday	-----	-----	MATHEMATICS	MATHEMATICS
12 th June	Monday	-----	MATHEMATICS	-----	-----
13 th June	Tuesday	MATHEMATICS	-----	-----	-----



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DATE: Friday, 23rd September 2022

To: **Parents of Year Eleven Students -
ADMISSION TO TWO YEAR A-LEVEL GCE PROGRAMME**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School Dubai. We invite you to read this circular very carefully as it has important information for parents regarding admission to the **Two year A-Level GCE Programme**.

We would like to point out very clearly, that admission to A-Level is not automatic and is a completely new process.

The conditions for a student to be considered for a place in A-Levels are as follows.

- **SHOULD HAVE AN EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR RECORD**
- **4 SUBJECTS TO BE OPTED FOR and a high grade average in the same.**
- **Admissions will be MERIT-BASED.**
- Hold a high grade **average** in all subjects (Internal Exams) in Year Eleven.
- Should have not had any serious or repeated disciplinary issues over Years Nine through Eleven.
- Should not have engaged in activities, in or out of school, which tarnish the reputation of the school.
- **Hold a minimum attendance record of 95%**
- **Be prepared for an entrance exam in the subject opted for that has not been taken at O-Level**

We would also like to bring to your attention that under the British system, a student completes high school with the completion of his/her O-Level. Hence the admission to A-Level is then a process of a 'NEW ADMISSION'.

Those students who take Arabic as a First language and Islamic Studies in A-Level will have to maintain a minimum aggregate attendance percentage of 95% for Arabic and / or Islamic Studies lessons, FAILING WHICH STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ISSUED A SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE/ATTESTED CERTIFICATES OR RECOMMENDATION LETTERS. Students who do not reflect this 95% aggregate attendance after the first month of enrollment might not be allowed to continue the A-Level programme.

Please note that St. Mary's Catholic High School offers the GCE Advanced Levels Linear Programme which means that we DO NOT OFFER **AS LEVEL CERTIFICATION** at the end of Year 12. This is a standalone qualification and results are declared only at the end of Year 13.

The whole two year Programme has to be completed for any equivalency certification.

Please consider all the criteria above while planning ahead with the next phase in your child's educational journey. Parents should also be aware that even if all criteria are met, **competition for places remains very stiff as seats are limited** and therefore, **we strongly recommend that all parents should ensure that their children have a back-up plan. This would include applying to other institutions besides St. Mary's.**

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

