



OUR REF :

TRN : 100259955100003

Friday, 1st September 2023

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

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. It has been a wonderful week back to school with the children and we are grateful for your high level of collaboration and support.

DECLARATION FORM – ONLY FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS FROM YEARS 7-13.

Parents of students are requested to carefully fill out these declaration forms for your children and please send TWO COPIES back with your child to the class teacher by MONDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023. Primary parents will receive the same in the school diary in the coming week.

CLINIC CONSENT FORM – FOR PARENTS OF ALL STUDENTS. Kindly fill out all details carefully and send it back with your child on Monday, 4th September 2023.

Please note that our school office is closed on the first and third Saturdays of every month and the administrative staff work on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

1) UNIFORM SALES / TEXT BOOKS FROM PERIWINKLE/ SCHOOL STATIONERY:

If you have not yet collected stationery, then that may be collected in school from Monday onwards from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you wish for your child (in the case of older children) to collect their own stationery, please send a written note with your child to the class teacher, confirming the same.

Uniforms and books from Periwinkle will have to be collected from their store. (Iris store in Oud Metha .

IRIS International

School Supplies

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Oud Metha – Dubai.

Uniforms provided by the school will be available in the school uniform store on Tuesdays and Thursdays (8:00 to 10:30 am) and on working Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

2) SCHOOL TIMINGS AND DROP OFF AND PICK UP :

School timings are:

- **7:10 am until 1:40 pm (Mon – Thu) and**
- **7:10 – 11:55 am (Fri)**

All students must be on the premises by 7:05 am SHARP.

Parents of Year One and Year Two students can drop their children to their respective classrooms and pick them up from there until the 8th of September ONLY.

OWN TRANSPORT PARENTS TO ACCESS GATE NO. 5. Years 1-3 pick- up time for own transport is 1:25 pm (Monday to Thursday) and 11:40 am (Friday).

Students using the metro must use GATE NO. 4.

Parents of older students using STS are requested to kindly remind your children not to linger once they are dispersed. This week many of them have delayed the roll out of the buses and this has caused a lot of inconvenience especially to very young children who are still transitioning to a longer school day.

3) GL CAT-4 TEST FOR YEARS FOUR, SIX, EIGHT AND TEN ONLY:

Parents of students in Years Four, Six, Eight and Ten are requested to kindly check the separate attachment to this circular regarding the GL CAT4 examination. Please email the Skippy receipt indicating payment for the same to your child's class teacher. **CHILDREN MUST BRING**

A FULLY CHARGED DEVICE – ONLY A TABLET OR LAPTOP (THE TEST WILL NOT RUN ON A MOBILE PHONE) ON THE DAY THE TEST HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THEIR CLASS.

4) ADMISSION TO A-LEVELS (PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS):

Parents of Year 11 students are requested to kindly go through the separate circular on A-Level admissions attached to this weekly notice.

5) NGRT STANDARDISED LITERACY TEST YEARS 2-10:

We have issued a separate circular for this and have attached it to this weekly circular. Please go through this carefully.

6) UNIFORM INFRACTIONS :

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, heavy make -up on girls.* What is even more disappointing is the lack of collaboration from parents when we correct students for the same. We will be conducting a full and complete uniform check on Monday, 4th September 2023. Any further infractions found after this notification will be dealt with disciplinary action. Your collaboration will be greatly appreciated to this end. Parents are requested to please check on your children before they leave home in the morning. Please refer to the uniform policy.

7) STUDENT SCHOOL EMAIL ID:

Your child's school email will be a focal point for our communication to you. **We will use a parent's email only to communicate outstanding fee or disciplinary issues.** In the coming weeks we will be creating a **CLASS GROUP EMAIL** using the students 'official email ID for every class. This is for the dissemination of information daily from the class teacher to the parents of this class and we request parents not to write back to this address. We recommend that every parent checks this email after 6:00 pm every day for important updates. **New students will receive their school email Ids on Monday.**

8) Payment of Term Fees:

All FIRST TERM FEES MUST be paid via the SKIPLY APP or a direct Bank Transfer between the 20th of August and the 20th of September 2023. First Term fees that are not paid by the 20th of September 2023 will then be considered as OUTSTANDING. Please respect the fee payment deadlines.

Second Term fees must be paid between the 1st of December 2023 and 15th January 2024. The new FEE STRUCTURE for the next academic year 2023-2024 has been uploaded to the school website.

The school's RAK Bank account is mentioned below:

Account Name: St.Mary's Catholic High School
Account No: 0182154991001
IBAN No.: AE860400000182154991001
Bank: The National Bank of Ras Al-Khaimah
SWIFT CODE: NRAKAEAKXXX

Once a transfer has been made, please share the transfer details, the student name, Year & section and student's SIMS ID number through email to "fee-smchs@smgeducation.org"

9) BOARD EXAMINATION FEES:

We would like you to be informed well in advance that EDEXCEL LONDON BOARD EXAMINATION FEES will be collected in the month of NOVEMBER 2023 for students in years ELEVEN and THIRTEEN. We trust that this will help you to budget accordingly. You can check your KHDA Parent-School contract when released by KHDA for the BOARD EXAM FEE AMOUNT for each year group.

10) FINANCE-RELATED EMAILS:

1) fee-smchs@smgeducation.org

ALL FEES Related matters (payments) : Kindly make sure to send the transaction details with the required SUBJECT Header for quick validation of your concerns and attached proof of payment.

(Mode of Payment / Particulars/ Amount / Student ID)

SKIPLY/ TERM 1 FEES/ 4,800 Dhs / 002563 / Kiandra Smith / 11A

SIMS Student Registration Number Request must also be sent to the email above.

2) finance-smchs@smgeducation.org

ALL INVOICE, ACCOUNTS RECONCILIATION, TC and other related matters

Kindly make sure to send the transaction details with the required SUBJECT Header for quick validation of your concerns and attached proof of payment.

(Particulars/ Student Details)

Request for Pro-Forma Invoice / 002536 / Kiandra Smith / 11A

11) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024:

Parents are requested to check the approved KHDA School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023-2024 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 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 be not be approved.

28 th AUGUST 2023	School re-opens for ALL STUDENTS
29 th SEPTEMBER 2023	Prophet's (P.B.U.H) Birthday
30 th OCTOBER 2023	Holiday for all students
10 th NOVEMBER 2023	Holiday for all students
1 st DECEMBER 2023	Martyr's Day
11 th DECEMBER 2023 – 1 ST JANUARY 2024 (Inclusive)	Winter Break
2 nd JANUARY 2024	School re-opens after the Winter Break
16 th JANUARY – 1 ST FEBRUARY 2024	First Term Examinations in the morning. Regular lessons after break. Students will not be allowed to go home after the morning's exam.
2 nd FEBRUARY 2024	Term break for all students
15 th FEBRUARY 2024	Sports Day Years 5-13 (subject to change)
23 rd FEBRUARY 2024	Sports Day Years 1-4
11 th -22 nd MARCH 2024 15 th , 16 th & 17 th APRIL 2024	Mock Examinations years 11 and 13
25 th MARCH – 5 TH APRIL 2024 (inclusive)	Spring Break
9 th to 12 th APRIL 2024	Eid Al Fitr (subject to government declaration)
15 th & 16 th MAY 2024	Final exams in parallel with regular lessons
17 th MAY 2024	Study Holiday
20 th to 31 st MAY 2024	Final Exams and students go home at 11:00 am
17 th & 18 th JUNE 2024	Eid Al Adha (subject to government declaration)
28 th JUNE 2024	Report Day & Last working day for students and teachers

Please note that the GL EXAMS usually take place during the month of May and June.

12) GOOGLE CLASSROOM:

Class teachers and subject teachers will be adding students to their respective Google Classrooms over the week. Reference material, homework assignments, teaching and learning material will be posted in Google Classroom and this will continue to be of critical importance.

13) SIMS PARENT APP/ ACTIVE LEARN/ LEARNING LADDERS:

Please note that these are still in process and our IT Support will be sending out the invitation and credentials for the same in some time. We will let you know via a circular when that process gets rolled out. Kindly do not email IT Support for this at the moment. Login details for ACTIVE LEARN and LEARNING LADDERS will be sent by the second week of September.

Please note that the SIMS PARENT APP must be checked on a regular basis and not just at the time of report cards as when it is inactive for more than a month , APP access automatically gets disabled.

14) INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 AND APPLICABLE PAYMENTS :

Parents are requested to kindly go through this table carefully so that you will be aware of which International Benchmark tests are applicable to your child. Payments will be via Skiplly and will be advised in September 2023.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP	NGRT	CAT-4 Amended	GL	IBT ARABIC A	IBT ARABIC B
YEAR 1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
YEAR 2	YES	NA	NA	NA	NA
YEAR 3	YES	NA	NA	NA	NA
YEAR 4	YES	YES	YES	NA	NA
YEAR 5	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES
YEAR 6	YES	YES	YES	YES	NA

SECONDARY SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP	NGRT	CAT-4 <i>Amended</i>	GL	IBT ARABIC A	IBT ARABIC B
YEAR 7	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES
YEAR 8	YES	YES	YES	YES	NA
YEAR 9	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES
YEAR 10	YES	YES	YES	YES	NA
YEAR 11	NA	NA	YES	YES	NA
YEAR 12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
YEAR 13	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

New students admitted in years 6, 8 and 10 for the new Academic Year 2023-2024 will have to appear for the CAT-4 examination.

15) 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.

Link:

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/academic/educational-policy/predicted-grades-policy-a-level/>

16) SUBJECT CHANGE POLICY, YEARS 9 TO 13:

We would like to request all parents of children in these year groups to please go through the Subject Change Policy which is available in the Parents' Info section of the school website.

Link:

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/subject-change-policy/>

17) NO DISTRIBUTION OF ANY ITEMS (cakes/ candies/ chocolate/ and even non-edible items) FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Parents are reminded that while the class would be happy to sing for your child on his/her birthday , there should be STRICTLY NO DISTRIBUTION of any food/ sweets or even non-edible items like small toys etc on your child's birthday.

18) STUDENT ABSENCES MUST BE INFORMED BY PARENTS:

All parents are requested to kindly inform the class teacher via email whenever a child is absent , even if it is just for one day. A simple email with the reason for the absence will suffice but is mandatory. Unaccounted for absences will be marked as unjustified and will be reflected on students' progress reports.

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 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 wish each and every one of you a safe and happy weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





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

DECLARATION FORM

Please provide us with the information requested below and return to the Class teacher.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Name			
Year Group / Section		Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Religion (please specify)		Nationality	

MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

Known Medical Conditions including allergies (if any). Please provide details of regular medication	
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PARENT CONTACT DETAILS:

	Father / Guardian	Mother / Guardian
Name		
Company		
Occupation		
Mobile Number		
Office Number		
House Number		
Email Address		
Primary Contact (Please tick)		

The aforementioned information will be used to contact primary contact in case of emergency, if he/she is unable to answer the second contact will be called.

The information I have provided above is correct and if it were to change after the child has enrolled at St. Mary's, I accept to inform the administration.

Name : _____

Signature : _____

Date : _____

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1. CONSENT FOR FIRST-AID TREATMENT**Student Name** : _____**Class** : _____**Date** : _____**Parent's Contact No.** : _____

The following medications are available in the school clinic and are given to students according to their need after informing parents. However there are times that parents can't answer the call immediately due to work constraints etc. This form will help us in giving urgent medical care to the students while waiting for your response.

Please tick the medications that we can give if we are not able to speak to you.

NAME OF MEDICATION	INDICATION	AGREE (YES / NO)	
Paracetamol Syrup / Tablets	Fever / Headache / Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Ibuprofen Syrup / Tablets	Fever / Headache / Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Medenamic Acid Tablets	Menstrual Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Buscopan / Scopinal Syrup / Tablets	Abdominal Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Meroclopramide Syrup / Tablets	Vomitting	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Prospan Syrup	Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Anti Allergy Syrup / Tablets	Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Lozenges	Sore Throat / Throat Infection	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Moov Gel	Joint / Muscle Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Fenistil Gel	Insect Bites / Skin Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Fusidin Ointment	Wound Dressing	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Betadine Solution	Wound Dressing	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Flammazine Ointment	Burns	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Gaviscon Syrup	Acidity	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

If the child has personal medicine and needs to be taken during school hours, the parent should inform the clinic and send the prescription from the prescribing doctor and parents consent for medication (DHA) form (in school website) together with the medicine directly to the clinic.

Parents / Guardian Name : _____

Date : _____

Signature: _____

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2. CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY FIRST-AID TREATMENT

In the event that your child requires emergency treatment, your child will be given first aid and taken directly to the hospital for treatment and management.

Does your child have any valid Health Card (YES / NO)

YES

NO

Does your child have any valid Health Insurance Card (YES / NO)

YES

NO

I give my consent for my child to be transferred to hospital in case of emergency and that I take the full responsibility to bear any costs incurred.

Parents / Guardian Name : _____

Contact Number : _____

Date : _____

Signature : _____

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3. **CONSENT FOR ROUTINE MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

As per DHA school health guidelines, medical examinations will be done for new students, year 5, year 8 and year 11 students.

The medical examination includes measurement of height, weight, BMI, examination of Eyes, ears, lungs, abdomen and skeletal system. Parents are to be notified if there's any noted abnormal findings.

I give my consent for my child to be examined in the school by the school doctor and the nurse.

YES

NO

(IF YOU DO NOT GIVE CONSENT, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A MEDICAL REPORT AS PER THE REQUIREMENT BY YOUR OWN DOCTOR, SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE THE BLANK TEMPLATE.)

Parents / Guardian Name : _____

Contact Number : _____

Date : _____

Signature : _____

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**To: Parents of students in Years FOUR, SIX EIGHT & TEN ONLY
GL CAT4 EXAMINATION-SEPTEMBER 2023 (Revised year group
cohorts as advised by KHDA and will differ from the year groups we
indicated in our end of year and welcome back circular)**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. It is that time of the year for our students to complete the GL Cognitive Ability Test CAT4 which is mandated by KHDA for the year groups mentioned above. As part of our commitment to the National Agenda targets, and with a view to tracking progress and identify gaps in learning, our school will participate compulsorily in the GL-CAT4 exams. GL Education, one of the leading research organizations in the world , develops this test and provides a range of Assessment services in many countries and works in close tandem with the KHDA here in Dubai. These are mandatory assessments by KHDA and feature in your Parent-School Contract as well.

The entry fee is AED 65/- for the test , the exact amount of which must be paid ONLY VIA THE SKIPLY APP NO LATER THAN 8th SEPTEMBER 2023. Please email a copy of the SKIPLY receipt to your child's class teacher. This amount has been included in the Parent Contract as well.

CAT4 is designed to assess the four main abilities that underpin intellectual development and influence attainment. It measures four areas of reasoning:

- Quantitative
- Verbal
- Non-verbal and
- Spatial, a skill important for success in STEM subjects and an ability that is not measured by any other reasoning test for schools.

CAT4 is an assessment of reasoning that helps identify pupils' developed abilities and likely academic potential. *CAT4* is not about knowledge recall and requires no preparation, offering all students the same opportunity to show their underlying ability.

What is CAT4?

The Cognitive Abilities Test (*CAT4*) is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. It assesses how students think in areas that are known to make a difference to learning.

While many tests focus on a child's attainment in core subjects, *CAT4* is designed to give schools a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Results help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for a student and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability).

CAT4 is based on years of research and development. The current edition took five years to develop and the involvement of 25,000 students across the UK. It is a well-known assessment in schools; teachers value its ability to provide an understanding of what a child is capable of rather than defining them by their understanding of a body of knowledge in particular subjects.

How are CAT4 Results used?

CAT4 provides teachers with information that can form the basis for discussions about how best a student can learn and reach his or her potential in school.

Teachers are provided with an individual profile of learning preference along with a range of indicators of likely future performance. Used with other information (such as results from Key Stage 2 SATs, for example), these data can support teaching and learning for all children.

Can students practice for CAT4?

GL strongly advises against any kind of practice ahead of a CAT4 test as this will alter the reliability of test scores. The point of CAT4 is that it is not a test of learnt knowledge and it needs to be as unaffected as possible by any external factors, such as practice. Think of it like an eye test; if you practice ahead of an eye test and memorise the card, your diagnosis may not be correct and valuable information may be missed.

CAT4 is a timed assessment and is administered under formal conditions. However, each section of the assessment includes introductory information with practice examples, and these will familiarise the children with the style and format of the questions. These sections are not timed and may be repeated.

Is additional time allowed for children with SEND ?

CAT4 is a timed assessment and additional time is not permitted as this will affect the reliability of the results. CAT4 is not just about what and how it tests but how the questions are answered within a set timeframe. The timed element makes it diagnostically very powerful.

CAT4 subtests are generously timed and most children reach the final questions, however there may have been a minority of students during the standardisation process who would have obtained higher scores if they had been given more time. Therefore, giving extra time to a particular student could give an inflated view of their relative ability when comparing their results with the CAT4 norms.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF QUESTION TYPES

<https://www.tests.com/practice/cognitive-abilities-practice-test>

ALL NEW ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR in years 4, 6 8 and 10 will also be required to do the GL CAT-4 EXAMINATION.

SCHEDULE FOR CAT-4 EXAMINATIONS

1 st NOVEMBER	YEAR 4 A B C D E & F
2 nd NOVEMBER	YEAR 6 A B C D E & F
6 th NOVEMBER	YEAR 8 A B C D E & F
7 th NOVEMBER	YEAR 10 A B C D E & F

Yours sincerely,



**Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)**





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**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.

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'.

YEAR 11 students cannot re-register for the next Academic year when this comes up for other year groups.

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**
- **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**

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 well in advance.**

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



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DATE: Friday, 1st September 2023

To Parents of students in Years TWO to TEN :

NGRT – NEW GROUP READING TEST YEARS TWO TO TEN

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings. Our school as mandated by KHDA has to undertake the NGRT for students in Years Two to Ten . The government of Dubai has mandated that all students from ages 6-16 undertake a standardized reading literacy test thrice a year. This year we have to undertake the test thrice . We invite you to read on for further information.

NGRT is a fully adaptive, standardised, termly reading assessment. As it's adaptive, it offers a personalised experience for each student, ensuring it's accessible for those who are struggling and challenging for those who need to be stretched, so you can get to the root of any problems identified precisely and quickly.

There is no more crucial skill for success in any subject than reading, so being able to accurately assess and monitor this is essential. NGRT is proven to deliver a reliable assessment of reading comprehension, set against national benchmarks. Using it regularly helps to quickly spot problems that will hold back a child's progress, with customised practical classroom solutions for each student and the ability to demonstrate the impact of the interventions you put in place.

The amount to be paid for the NGRT is **AED 105/- ONLY**. This amount must be paid only via the **SKIPLY APP** and a soft copy of the receipt must be emailed to the class teacher. **The deadline for payment is 8th SEPTEMBER 2023.**

The schedule for the tests will be sent with the next weekend circular but will tentatively be in September 2023.

Please note that results will go towards part of the English Language assessment for the FIRST REPORT IN NOVEMBER 2023 and students must undertake the tests seriously as this will count towards attainment in English.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



August 2023						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	.	.	.

School Days: 4

September 2023						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	.

School Days: 20

October 2023						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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School Days: 21

November 2023						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	.	.	.

School Days: 21

December 2023						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

School Days: 5

January 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31

School Days: 22

February 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	.	.	.

School Days: 20

March 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

School Days: 16

April 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30

School Days: 13

May 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	.	.

School Days: 22

June 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

School Days: 18

July 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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School Days: 0

Academic Year (Total School Days) (Minimum days required to submit the calendar is 182)
The total number of days that students formally attend school and includes instructional days, examinations, academic and non-academic activities.

Total days
182