



OUR REF :

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**To: The Parents of students in Years 4-13 – DISTANCE and BLENDED
LEARNING UPDATE**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. As we reach the end of what has been a very surreal 2020 we would like to wish you all a safe, blessed and peaceful Winter Break. We pray that the spirit of the season fills your hearts and homes with love, joy, happiness and the special warmth of family. Knowing that many of you might not opt to travel at the moment, we hope that you will find the much needed time to connect virtually with family at this festive time of the year.

WINTER BREAK:

The school will be closed for the Winter Break from **Sunday, 13th**

December until Thursday, 31st December

2020 and we return to lessons on

Sunday, 3rd January 2021. The school office will

also be closed on all these days. The school office will be open on Saturday, 12th December from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm and we would encourage you to use this time to collect any documents that you need to collect .



TRAVEL DECLARATION:

In order for the school to be compliant with the UAE Covid-19 travel requirements, please click on the official DHA link (available on website) and answer the relevant questions even if your child is not travelling. We appreciate if you are not travelling that you complete it as soon as possible. If you are travelling, please complete it prior to your child's return to lessons on 3rd January 2021.



SOCIAL STUDIES EXAM FROM MOE FOR YEARS 2 TO 13:

We were informed yesterday that ALL students from years two through thirteen are required to do a centralised Social Studies Exam mandated by the Ministry of Education (MOE) tomorrow, 10th December 2020. Our class teachers met with their classes today at the end of the day to give children further information on the steps to login and do the exam. They will also email each child his/her unique password for this purpose. The MOE has strongly advised against the use of tabs as additional software has to be downloaded and so we would request your help to have you child complete it on your laptop before 7:00 pm tomorrow as the link expires at 8:00 pm. Children with access to a desktop or a laptop will be doing it together between 8:00 and 9:00 am tomorrow morning. **Children who have any Wifi issues can do it anytime of the day before 8:00 pm.**

SURVEY FOR DISTANCE OR BLENDED LEARNING FOR TERM TWO FROM 28TH JANUARY 2021:

We will be sending you'll a reminder of the protocols to read through on Saturday, 12th December 2020 and once you are all reminded of the same, we will require every parent to fill out a form with your choice for the mode of learning for your child for the second term and you will need to sign the form, scan it and email it as an attachment to your child's class teacher. Please read the protocols very carefully so that you can make an informed decision. ***The deadline for sending this form back to your child's class teacher is 5th January 2021.***

FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS 13TH TO 27TH JANUARY 2021:

We have uploaded the First Term Examination Time Table to the school website and have attached the same to this circular. Please read on about further information related to examinations.

Year 4:

For English Language, English Literature, Math, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Social Studies, Science, History, Computing, Moral Education, French, we will use Google Forms and exams will be out of 50 marks and 1 hour or 1 hour 30 minutes duration. For Geography, Music, Bible, Citizenship and PSHE, there will be a project-based task for 25 marks that will be converted to 100. Art – a themed piece will be given for 25 marks and this will be converted to 100. (The Music and Art assignment and guidelines will be given before the winter break) Project tasks



will not include videos and will be based on what children can achieve on their own with minimal or no assistance from parents. Please ensure that your child has a digital device (laptop/ desktop/ tablet) that is in good working condition for the exams.

Years 5 & 6:

For English Language, English Literature, Math, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Social Studies, Science, History, Computing, Moral Education, French, Geography, Citizenship & Bible, we will use Google Forms and papers will be out of 50 marks and 1 hour duration. For Music, there will be a project-based task for 25 marks that will be converted to 100. Art – a themed piece will be given for 25 marks and this will be converted to 100. (The Art and Music assignment and guidelines will be given before the winter break) Project tasks will not include videos and will be based on what children can achieve on their own with no assistance from parents. Please ensure that your child has a digital device (laptop/ desktop/ tablet) that is in good working condition for the exams.

Years 7 through 13:

For secondary school we will not be using Google Forms but students will receive their examination question paper and they will be required to write the answers just as they would on ruled paper sheets and scan it as a PDF document and send it to a specially created GOOGLE CLASSROOM for Examinations. There will be a separate time allocated after the exam for students to scan and post their answer scripts. Full details of the process will be sent to you and to the children in January. It is imperative that children have a good supply of good quality ruled paper and a digital device that works well so as not to hamper their work. Please ensure that you have a good and stable Wifi connection for the examinations. A desktop or laptop is preferable to a tablet.

Portions for the First Term Exams:

All portions for the First Term examinations have been uploaded under the relevant Department section of the school website.

Revision for the First Term Exams:

Although some revision might be put into Google Classroom, there is no expectation that it has to be done in the Winter Break and teachers will go through this revision in January. We are providing it earlier for those parents who might wish to do some revision work during the break. However students who will be sitting their board examinations are expected and encouraged to make use of this time to revise previously taught material from years nine and ten and to practice material from past papers.



PDF Reading book assigned in Google Classroom for years 4 through 10:

One book will be assigned for children to read during the Winter Break and a quiz on these will be conducted after the exams and the marks will be integrated into the examination for English Language. Reading is the most valuable skill and we would like to embed this skill in every child, so your support in encouraging them to read with interest will be greatly appreciated.

ADMISSION FORMS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022:

We would like to inform all parents that admissions to the Academic Year 2021-2022 are now open. There will be NO ADMISSIONS FOR YEAR ELEVEN. Kindly check the school website www.stmarysdubai.com for the admissions notice (**will be posted on Saturday, 12th December 2020**) for further information related to admissions.

SECOND TERM FEES & TIME FRAME FOR MAKING FEE PAYMENTS:

Please note that Second term fees must be paid between the 1st and 31st of January 2021. All fees must be paid on time and via the SKIPLY APP.

GL CAT4 REPORT:

Please be informed that the GLCAT4 report for your child will be sent to the SIMS PARENT APP.

COMPETITION AND PROGRAMME PARTICIPATION UNDER DL SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE:

We would like to invite you to please check this new section we have added for many interesting programmes and competitions that the children can participate in.

REFUND FOR ARABIC/ ISLAMIC STUDIES/ MORAL EDUCATION BOOKS AND COLLECTION OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEXT BOOKS **UPDATED LINK:**

We have uploaded a refreshed link on the school website for the purpose of booking an appointment with Iris International for refunds.

BLENDDED LEARNING CRITICAL AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIRED:

If any child who has opted for Blended Learning shows symptoms of Covid-19, they must be kept at home and a diagnosis must be sought from an approved medical practitioner. The parent must email Ms. Lise-Ann on lpinto-smchs@smgeducation.org and inform her of the status and send a copy of a PCR test that has been conducted. In addition in case a child or a parent, sibling or any family member of a child who has opted for Blended Learning, tests POSITIVE for COVID-19, an email must be sent to Ms. Lise-Ann without delay and the child must be kept at home to self isolate for 14 days. These are critical DHA requirements and as the Health and Safety Officer of the School, Ms. Lise-Ann will then contact the parents of any other child who was in contact with the child in question as well as staff members who will also have to self isolate for 14 days as part of contact tracing requirements. ***A PCR Negative test for a child who previously tested positive is also required in addition to the 14 day isolation in order for the child to return to school.***

DISTANCE LEARNING CRITICAL AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIRED:

Even if a child who has opted for Distance Learning has tested positive for Covid-19, parents are requested to please inform Lise-Ann via an email, clearly stating your child's full name, class and section, Emirates ID number, date of birth, home address and parent's mobile number. This is because DHA contacts Ms. Lise-Ann both via telephone and email requesting this information and often it is during late hours in the evening or at night and so this information from you would greatly assist the process with DHA.

UPDATED PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION TO SCHOOL & CLASS TEACHERS:

We have uploaded a link on the school website for you to access and provide us the critical information required without delay. **We are still waiting for many parents to fill in this information. THIS IS MOST URGENT!! PLEASE DO NOT DELAY ANY FURTHER !!!**

DL SECTION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:

We would like to remind ALL parents to kindly visit the DL section on our school website as we have been updating it with many useful links , documents, vital information for keeping your children safe online, tips on well-being and mindfulness to name a few. We are sure that you will find these useful and we will keep updating this section as often as we can.

EXPO 2020 SECTION ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:

We would like to invite you and your children to browse this section regularly as we will keep updating it with interesting and relevant resources for the children.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM STRICTLY FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AND NOT A FORUM FOR COMMUNICATION BY PARENTS:

We would like to remind all parents that the GOOGLE CLASSROOM is an educational space strictly for the children and their teachers. **KINDLY DO NOT POST MESSAGES TO THE TEACHERS IN STREAM.** If you wish to communicate with any teacher kindly send them an email.

SCHOOL EMAIL ID TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SCHOOL WORK:

Students **MUST NOT USE** the school email ID credentials to register on any gaming website or third party eBook websites etc. Students should be very careful when visiting any website they are unsure of as there is the potential possibility of clicking on pop ups which could lead to inadvertently sharing information from a child's device to the linked pages. If any student or parent finds any unusual activity happening with your school email ID, kindly forward the same to IT support on their email and they will look into the matter immediately.

THANK YOU:

Our deepest gratitude to each and every member of the St. Mary's Community – Staff, students and parents . We are always grateful for your support , your warm caring ways and your faith in us.

We extend Christmas wishes for a Peaceful and Joyous Christmas to all the families celebrating Christmas and to all our students and parents, we wish you a very fulfilling Winter Break and Happy New Year and we pray that the year 2021 ahead shall be filled with God's blessings for each and every one of you. May this festive season find peace and love in every family that makes up the larger family of St. Mary's. Especially this year that has been fraught with so many challenges, let us hold one another closely in prayer and hope for better days ahead. We wish those of you who are travelling, safe and meaningful journeys and for those of you who are staying here, we hope that you will enjoy the pleasant weather and some quality family togetherness. Stay safe and blessed ! Please be assured of our prayers and blessings for our Marian Family



Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 1 - 3 : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	TIME	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE
13 TH January	Wednesday	5:30-7:00 pm	English Writing	English Writing	English Writing
14 th January	Thursday	5:30-6:30 pm	Computing	Computing	Computing
17 th January	Sunday	5:30-7:00 pm	Arabic	Arabic	Arabic
18 th January	Monday	5:30-7:00 pm	English Reading	English Reading	English Reading
19 th January	Tuesday	5:30-6:30 pm	History	History	History
20 th January	Wednesday	5:30-6:30 pm	No Exam	UAE Social Studies	UAE Social Studies
21 st January	Thursday	5:30-7:00 pm	Math	No Exam	French
24 th January	Sunday	5:30-7:00 pm	No Exam	Math	Math
25 th January	Monday	5:30-6:30 pm	Islamic Studies	Islamic Studies	Islamic Studies
26 th January	Tuesday	5:30-7:00 pm	Science	Science	Science
27 th January	Wednesday	5:30-6:30 pm	No Exam	Moral Education	Moral Education



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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 4 : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	TIME	YEAR FOUR
Children must join the Zoom link by 7:45 am for attendance			
13 TH January	Wednesday	8:00-9:30 am	English Language
14 th January	Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	Computing
17 th January	Sunday	8:00-9:30 am	Arabic
18 th January	Monday	8:00-9:30 am	English Literature
19 th January	Tuesday	8:00-9:00 am	History
20 th January	Wednesday	8:00-9:00 am	UAE Social Studies
21 st January	Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	French
24 th January	Sunday	8:00-9:30 am	Math
25 th January	Monday	8:00-9:00 am	Islamic Studies
26 th January	Tuesday	8:00-9:30 am	Science
27 th January	Wednesday	8:00-9:00 am	Moral Education



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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 5 & 6 : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	TIME	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
Children must join the Zoom link by 7:45 am for attendance				
13 TH January	Wednesday	8:00-9:30 am	English Language	English Language
14 th January	Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	Computing	Computing
17 th January	Sunday	8:00-9:30 am	Arabic	Arabic
18 th January	Monday	8:00-9:30 am	English Literature	English Literature
19 th January	Tuesday	8:00-9:00 am	History	Geography
20 th January	Wednesday	8:00-9:00 am	UAE Social Studies	UAE Social Studies
21 st January	Thursday	8:00-9:00 am	French	French
24 th January	Sunday	8:00-9:30 am	Math	Math
Sunday		12:00-1:00pm	Geography	History
25 th January	Monday	8:00-9:00 am	Islamic Studies/Bible/ Citizenship	Islamic Studies/Bible/Citizenship
26 th January	Tuesday	8:00-9:30 am	Science	Science
27 th January	Wednesday	8:00-9:00 am	Moral Education	Moral Education



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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 7 & 8 : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	YEAR SEVEN	YEAR EIGHT
13 TH January	Wednesday	English Language	English Language
14 th January	Thursday	UAE Social Studies	Islamic Studies/Bible/Citizenship
17 th January	Sunday	Arabic	Arabic
18 th January	Monday	English Literature	English Literature
19 th January	Tuesday	History	Geography
20 th January	Wednesday	Computing	UAE Social Studies
21 st January	Thursday	French	Science
24 th January	Sunday	Math	Math
Sunday		Geography	History
25 th January	Monday	Islamic Studies/Bible/ Citizenship	Computing
26 th January	Tuesday	Science	French
27 th January	Wednesday	Moral Education	Moral Education



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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 9 & 10 : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	YEAR NINE	YEAR TEN
13 TH January	Wednesday	English Language 2 English Language 1	English Language 2 English Language 1
14 th January	Thursday	Physics/ Business	Chemistry/ Economics
17 th January Sunday		Arabic	Psychology
		Moral Education	Moral Education
18 th January	Monday	English Literature 1 / History/ Art	Religious Studies
19 th January	Tuesday	ICT/ Computer Science	English Literature 1 / History/ Art
20 th January	Wednesday	Biology /Accounting	Physics/ Business
21 st January	Thursday	Religious Studies	ICT
24 th January Sunday		Math	Math
25 th January	Monday	Chemistry/ Economics	Biology /Accounting
26 th January	Tuesday	Psychology	Arabic
27 th January	Wednesday	English Lit 2	English Lit 2



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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 11 : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
13 TH January	Wednesday	Physics 1- 1h 15 min Business Studies 1-1h 30 min	Economics 1-1h 30 min Chemistry 1-1h 15 min
14 th January	Thursday	Mathematics (CAL P2)- 1h 30 min	Mathematics (CAL P3)- 1h 30 min
17 th January	Sunday	English Language 2-2hrs 05 min	English Language 1-1h 45 min
18 th January	Monday	Physics 2-1h 15 min Business Studies 2-1h 30 min	English Literature 1-1h 45 min History-2hrs 15 min
19 th January	Tuesday	Psychology 2-1h 20 min	Psychology 1-1h 45 min
20 th January	Wednesday	Economics 2-1h 30 min Chemistry 2-1h 15 min	English Literature 2-1h 20 min French 3H -1h& 4H-1h 20 min
21 st January	Thursday	Biology 1-1h 15 min Accounting 1-2hrs	Biology 2-1h 15 min Accounting 2-1h 15 min
24 TH January	Sunday	Religious Studies 1- (Bible/ Islamic A & B)	Religious Studies 2- (Bible/ Islamic A & B)
25 th January	Monday	ICT-1h 30 min	NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS
26 th January	Tuesday	Arabic (A)- 2hrs 30 min	Arabic (NA) -2 hrs
27 th January	Wednesday	Math (NC P1) – 1hr 30 min	NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS



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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 11G & 11H : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
13 TH January	Wednesday	Physics 1- 1h 30 min Business Studies 1-1h 30 min	Economics 1-1h 30 min Chemistry 1-1h 30 min
14 th January	Thursday	Mathematics (CAL P1)- 2hrs	Mathematics (CAL P2)- 2hrs
17 th January	Sunday	English Language 1-2hrs 15 min	English Language 2-1h 30 min
18 th January	Monday	Physics 2-1h 15 min Business Studies 2-1h 30 min	English Literature 1-1h 20 min History-2hrs 15 min
19 th January	Tuesday	Psychology 2-1h 20 min	Psychology 1-1h 45 min
20 th January	Wednesday	Economics 2-1h 30 min Chemistry 2-1h 15 min	English Literature 2-1h 30 min
21 st January	Thursday	Biology 1-1h 30 min Accounting 1-2hrs	Biology 2-1h 15 min Accounting 2-1h 15 min
24 TH January	Sunday	Religious Studies 1- (Bible/ Islamic A & B)	Religious Studies 2- (Bible/ Islamic A & B)
25 th January	Monday	ICT-1h 30 min	NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS
26 th January	Tuesday	NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS	NO EXAM/ NO LESSONS
27 th January	Wednesday	Arabic (A)- 2hrs 30 min	Arabic (NA) -2 hrs



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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 12 : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
13 TH January	Wednesday	Physics 1- 2hrs	-----
14 th January	Thursday	Mathematics (Pure/Statistics)- 2hrs	-----
17 th January	Sunday	Biology 1-2hrs	Business Studies 1-2hrs
18 th January	Monday	Psychology 1-2hrs	-----
19 th January	Tuesday	Economics-2hrs	-----
20 th January	Wednesday	English Literature 1-2hrs	-----
21 st January	Thursday	Accounting 1-3hrs	-----
24 TH January	Sunday	English Literature 2-2hrs	-----
25 th January	Monday	Chemistry 1-2hrs	-----
26 th January	Tuesday	Islamic Studies -2hrs	-----
27 th January	Wednesday	Arabic (NA)- 2hrs	-----



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FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

YEARS 13 : JANUARY 2021

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
13 TH January	Wednesday	Biology 1- 2hrs	Biology 2- 2hrs
14 th January	Thursday	Economics 1-2hrs	Economics 2-2hrs
17 th January	Sunday	Physics 1-2hrs	Physics 2-2hrs
18 th January	Monday	Business 1- 2hrs	Business 2- 2hrs
19 th January	Tuesday	Mathematics Pure1-2hrs	Mathematics Pure 2-2hrs
20 th January	Wednesday	Psychology 1- 2hrs	Psychology 2- 2hrs
21 st January	Thursday	Accounting 2-3hrs	-----
24 TH January	Sunday	English Literature 3-2hrs	English Literature 4-2hrs
25 th January	Monday	Chemistry 1-2hrs	Chemistry 2-2hrs
26 th January	Tuesday	Mathematics 3-Mechanics & Statistics-2hrs	-----