



NEWSLETTER

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GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

The Grade 12 students were awarded their GWA diplomas last week in a recorded ceremony. The students paraded the halls of the school decked out in their cap and gowns to the tune of *Pomp and Circumstance* and then entered into the Auditorium to receive their hard-earned certificates. Despite the challenges of this year brought about by the world pandemic, the students displayed an impeccable work ethic, overcame the daily struggles and graduated with grace and honor. We would like to thank GWAPA for their contribution (GWA souvenir and Graduation cookies), supplying lunch as well as their support throughout 100 Days and Graduation.

The staff and SLT at GWA would like to wish them a heartfelt: Congratulations Class of 2021!



MESSAGE FROM GWAPA



[Click here](#) for this week's message from the GWA Parents Association. Kindly note that the Dragons Den Uniform store will now be closed as of Wednesday 2 June until next Academic year. Feel free to reach out to gwapa_gwa@gemsedu.com for any urgent requests.

Non School Uniform Days

Thursday 3rd June Battuta Day - Yellow Theme



Thursday 10th June Sina day - Red Theme



Thursday 17th June Razi Day - Blue Theme



Thursday 24th June Zuhr Day - Green Theme



Last day of School Wednesday 30 June

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO/PRINCIPAL, DR RANA

Dear Parents, Carers and GEMS World Academy Community,

If ever we needed to understand how important it is that people pull together and share common goals and values to support one another through thick and thin, this year has been the time to learn that lesson. GEMS World Academy will continue to strive to bring the whole community together to celebrate the achievements of each and every one of our remarkable students. Despite the pandemic, this has been something we have all worked hard to do throughout the year and I have been very proud of everyone – students, staff and the parent/carer community – who have contributed to our real sense of collegiality and hope throughout this challenging time.

One thing of central importance to us all is the mental and general well being of our students. We continue to develop an approach that educates not just the intellect and the mind through our world class IB curriculum but also focuses on ensuring that hearts, spirits and bodies are educated too. We are already well along in the process of planning for this so that self esteem, friendship, and being an important part of a caring, aspirational environment are central to everything we do in the next academic year.

This week our end of year assessments continue and will show the ambition and seriousness of our students. Alongside this we are very happy to be showcasing the theatrical performance of 'The Little Shop of Horrors' by our outgoing Grade 12 students. We have also had really successful Parent Class Representative coffee mornings this week which has shown how brilliant a community we are. I am so very proud of all of us and feel privileged to be a part of such a fantastic community.

Finally, please note that GWAPA elections will be held next academic year in September to enable the new parents to participate in nominations. If interested in supporting the school and all our wonderful students and staff then please do put yourself forward for this important work. It is through the warm partnership between school, student and parent/carers that our educational provision will go from strength to strength. Thank you for your continued support.



GWA NEW UNIFORM UPDATE

We are delighted to inform you that the new uniform has been finalised. As of 15 August 2021, the new uniform will be available for purchase from our uniform supplier, Threads. We would like to thank our Community for being part of the process in selecting our new uniform. [Click here](#) for more details on the new designs. Please refer to the following [letter](#) for uniform roll out.



AIS ATHLETICS EVENT

GWA's campus was a hub of activity this weekend as we hosted the AIS Athletics Championships of 2021. Over 200 athletes from schools across Dubai competed in the two day event. GEMS Education CEO Mr Varkey was trackside to personally see some of our own GWA track stars in action.

AIS Athlete and GEMS Wellington Al Khail student Giacomo De Lorenzi broke the official Guinness World Record for mountain climbers. GWA were delighted to host the record attempt and support Giacomo in this fantastic achievement.



UNIVERSITY OFFERS

Please join us in congratulating this week's offers of admission. [Click here](#) for the latest update.

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY AWARENESS

To raise awareness for Environmental Day (5th June) four students from 5C have submitted an entry for 'Build the Planet' - A International Inter-School Competition designed to empower students with high levels of environmental awareness to work collaboratively towards achieving the sustainable development goals. Aimed at stimulating creative thinking skills the students were able to upcycle components to design and build a solar powered water pump.



COUNSELLING CORNER

We are rapidly approaching that important juncture in the context of international schools, where families are preparing to face changes and transitions. It can be an emotional time for children who are moving away and for those staying behind. Counsellors will be helping students to process their emotions by taking them through the RAFT process in the days and weeks to come. Please do not hesitate to contact your grade-level counsellor if you require individualized support for your child. For those who were unable to attend the Meaningful Transitions Coffee Morning last week, you can access the presentation [here](#).

MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: CURRICULUM PROGRESS AND ASSESMENT

"The quality of an education system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers."

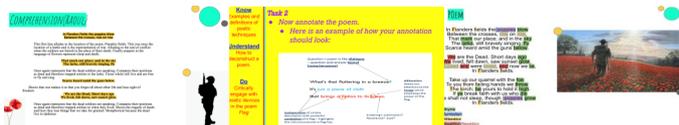
Good teachers are the heartbeat of an effective school. They model, they explain, they drive standards. They ensure that students are safe, secure and successful at all times, every single day. At GEMS World Academy, the situation is no different. We hire some of the most highly skilled, vastly experienced, and expertly trained staff to oversee the care, supervision, and instructional leadership of your children.

You may have read about the 900 collective years of IB experience amongst our teaching staff, but did you know that each and every Thursday, all teachers at GEMS World Academy engage in two hours of professional development in order to keep up to date with current trends in education? Did you know that every teacher in the school is offered the opportunity to further hone their craft through numerous official IB trainings, both in school and around the world? [Read more](#).



PRESENTATION WEEK IN ENGLISH

This week, students in Grade 10 MYP English worked in groups to critically deconstruct and analyze their choice of "War Poetry" in preparation for their upcoming IO exam. They dissected their selected poems based on form, structure, language choices and global issue. Throughout this process, the students were exposed to a diversity of poets in and out of the classroom, to workshop their poems in small groups with peers, and to finally team teach to the class, followed by a series of higher order questioning processes.



F1 IN SCHOOLS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

On behalf of us all at GEMS World Academy, we would like to wish our Delta X-15 team all the best as they compete in the World Championships this weekend. We are extremely proud of all your hard work and success thus far.

