



# NEWSLETTER

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## DP ART EXHIBITION

Art is one of the universal languages that all human beings understand and use to communicate. We use art to appreciate who we are, our places in the world, and the meaning of our lives. It allows us to express ourselves and to speak to others across time.

The DP art exhibition, which took place from 11-15 April has been a huge success. Grade 12 students have been working extremely hard over the past two years on their collections. With 16 students exhibiting across the exam hall and the atrium, various unique themes were explored, from Phobias to Comparisons, and Magic. Congratulations to all our Grade 12 students on their exquisite pieces. We wish all our artists the best of luck in the future.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO/PRINCIPAL, DR RANA

Dear Parents, Carers and GEMS World Academy Community,

Our vision is to educate all aspects for our students so that they are able to go out into the world suffused with the values and character of well-rounded, independent, caring and powerful Global citizens. Consequently at GEMS World Academy, we are not content to just focus on the minds of our young people, even though of course we offer a world class academic curriculum. We also educate the heart, the spirit and the bodies of our students, which is why sports, drama, the arts, extracurricular activities, hobbies, the cultivation of friendship, self-reliance and an ethos of care are also very important. Our concern is to help all our students know how to live a good life, to be concerned for their own being and the welfare of others. Respecting the earth is part of this and is why we celebrate Earth Day, remembering as we do so how we all have a part to play to ensure we and the planet thrive.

Education is therefore a process of enlightenment and art is a key element, enabling our great students to educate not just their minds but their hearts and spirits too. There are emotional and spiritual depths art educates and illuminates and I am so very impressed by the beauty of the art shown through the DP art exhibition currently on display in the school. It's a wonderful testament to the talent and artistic sensibilities of our students. Amazing.

I am also impressed by the work taking place at the moment in

the Entrepreneurship Hub of GEMS World Academy. I can't think of a time when the entrepreneurial spirit of imagination, diligence and sheer nerve has been needed more as Covid 19 has disrupted our normalcy. Our wonderfully resilient students have shown so many of these qualities during this year.

Assemblies this week have been focused on values of character and I particularly like Thomas B Macaulay's insight: *'The measure of a woman's/man's real character is what he/she would do if he knew he/she would never be found out'*. We have revisited the importance of character building and continue to understand the importance of our own characters and how this is underlined by our values and our principles. This month is also the holy month of Ramadan and the beauty of this month emphasises the spirituality whereby we connect ourselves with values and principles that help each one of us flourish.

The Principals and myself have met with each Grade Leader to complete the monitoring and tracking of each students' progress so that personalised interventions can be executed. As you know, we are wanting to ensure that every student is given the very best educational experience, and creating a bespoke and immersive educational experience for our students will enable us to educate the whole person and prepare them for a fulfilled and courageous life.



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS MESSAGE: TEACHING AND LEARNING

At GEMS World Academy, we believe that all students, regardless of their level of entry, have the right and ability to develop and progress toward an achievable target or goal. Our learning is personalised to meet the needs of individual students and this is done through classroom differentiation and targeted interventions. [Continue reading](#).



## COUNSELLING CORNER

[Click here](#) for this week's message from our Counsellors and the latest University offers.

## TEACHING STAFF 2021/22

We are pleased to share with you our teaching staff for the Academic Year 2021/22. Staff biographies and details can be accessed [here](#).

## RAMADAN MESSAGE

Find out more about the [Health Benefits of Fasting](#). During the first week of the Holy Month, our Islamic Department has encouraged students to participate in the following activities.

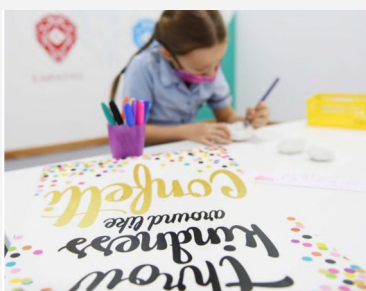
- GEMS Education Quran-athon. Muslim Students from all GEMS schools will be completing the entire recitation of the holy Quran to celebrate this special month and nurture their recitation skills.
- Salat Althohr Prayers on site
- Contribution to Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashids offering of 100 million meals campaign whereby donations as little as 1AED can be made to secure meals for families in need.



## GWA FEATURE IN MOTHER BABY AND CHILD MAGAZINE

"The World Health Organisation estimates that one in 160 children have Autistic Spectrum Disorder. With education continually evolving, more and more teachers are welcoming into their classrooms students on the autistic spectrum".

[Read more](#) from our Director of Learning Support, Ms Natasha Winstone on 9 Ways to support children with Autism from her article featured in the Mother Baby and Child Magazine.



## DR PATIL'S TIP OF THE WEEK

The WHO has declared April 24th to 30th as World Immunization Week. We would like to stress on the importance of vaccines. The GWA School Clinic is planning the Annual School Immunization Program in the coming months. Parents of students who are due for any vaccine and have given consent for immunization at school, have been sent an email from the GWA Clinic. Please reply to the email to confirm your interest in the same and ensure that our students are fully vaccinated in order to keep them and the community safe and healthy.

## SPANISH WORLD BOOK DAY

On the occasion of World Book Day, the Grade 6 and 7 Spanish Mother Tongue students made a presentation which they presented to the Grade 9 Spanish language acquisition students. They explained what World Book Day is, why UNESCO chose to celebrate it on April 23rd and why it is a very important day in Spain.



## MESSAGE FROM GWAPA



Book Club Zoom Meeting – Join us on Monday, April 26 at 8:45 am for a discussion of the book *Educated* by Tara Westover. Join us via this [link](#).



## Entrepreneurship Workshop

Last Thursday, students involved in the inaugural GWA Entrepreneurship Workshop were given the opportunity to present their business ideas to a panel of judges, including Dr Rana, Mr. Meakin, and Ms. Al Uzaizi. Over the past seven months, the participating students have been provided an insight into a variety of different areas within entrepreneurship. These workshop sessions have allowed participants to gain crucial entrepreneurial skills that they have then applied to their business ideas. Participants were peer mentored by older students in the Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Social Impact committee, under the leadership of Arnav Kedia. After all of the presentations, the judges announced that the winner of the workshop was Grade 9 student Cullan Buchan, for his innovative idea MonsterBox.

