



NEWSLETTER

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GWA ART PROJECT

Every student in Early Childhood and PYP will have an artwork permanently displayed in the Academy as part of the new refurbishment project. Our talented KG1 students, Maria and Mia, have been busy creating these wonderful ice cream paintings.



Some wonderful pieces from our Secondary students have been submitted and will soon be displayed on our walls. Stay tuned for more incredible art coming soon.

GWA UNIFORM SURVEY

Thank you for those who completed the GWA uniform survey. In a view of being transparent, please find the [GWA Uniform survey Feb 2021](#) results. We are now in talks to move forward with some of our community suggestions.

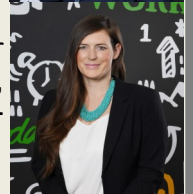


ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS MESSAGE:

“Each aspect of our curriculum provision is designed to promote rigour, progression and personalisation throughout a child's journey at the Academy.”



To read the full message from our Assistant Principals for Curriculum, Progress and Assessment from Primary and Secondary, [click here](#).



KHDA SURVEY : DEADLINE EXTENDED

The KHDA Parents Survey #BecauseYouSaidso closes Saturday, 20 February. All Parents and Carers are encouraged to complete the survey via [this link](#). Survey results will be shared with the community by the KHDA over the coming weeks.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO/PRINCIPAL, DR RANA

Dear Parents, Carers and GEMS World Academy Community

It has been simply wonderful to have all our lovely students back on site after a very exciting WWW. Students continue to enjoy their learning and socialising whilst adhering to the KHDA regulations for safe schools under Covid. I understand this continues to be a challenging time but we must support each other as this is what will get us through this Global Pandemic. KHDA has recently permitted tours of the school building and I would really like to meet you all and therefore invite you to visit the school and meet with me in small groups.

I am so pleased that Szofia Magyari, Rayan Ghassemi, Rhea-Grace Mehra, Petra Nash led by Isaac Yap in Grade 7 gifted a collection of beautiful artwork for displaying in the atrium. This is our very first collection of student work to be displayed in this space and I am very proud of our students. The pieces demonstrate the IB learner profile and the Jewels of Kindness as the pieces are dedicated to social impact where the focus is 'Save the Ocean'. Our Primary students continue working on their art and I very much look forward to receiving 800 pieces which will be displayed throughout our school building.

We are collecting student and parent voice through surveys to

improve current teaching and learning practice and community life at the Academy. Please do contribute your thoughts and ideas for the school. We are listening to the voice and opinion of our students and as a result making changes. The student community have asked that from 01 March 2021 they need not wear ties and scarves as the hot weather makes this part of our uniform uncomfortable so this has been actioned today. The uniform review for September 2021 is underway and we have had a really positive response. An update will follow shortly.

Senior Leadership and Middle Leadership have continued to work on recruitment for September 2021. We are being incredibly selective on the talent we recruit and carefully analysing training needs so that we are fully prepared for the next academic year. I am very pleased to announce that our Primary staffing is now complete and our Secondary Staffing is expected to be complete by the end of February.

My very best wishes to you all.



MESSAGE FROM GWAPA

Please join us for a **Porcelain Painting & Coffee Morning** on Monday, February 22, from 9-11 am. See [link](#) or more info on how to participate.



GWA Parent Association

In celebration of **International Week** (March 21-25), we are currently collecting items and artifacts from different countries to be displayed in the Academy atrium. Click [here](#) for more information.

Please submit your traditional recipe for the first **GWA Parent Association Cook Book**. See [link](#) for more details.

If you would like to visit us at the Academy for coffee and a tour of the Academy, please contact us at Gwapa_gwa@gemsedu.com to make a booking.

DR PATIL'S TIP OF THE WEEK

According to the new DHA guidelines, COVID-19 positive cases can return to school after completing ten days of isolation by providing either one of the following:

1. **De-isolation/ Clearance Certificate** from the treating health facility or DHA.
2. **One negative PCR test** after completing 10 days period of isolation.

RE-ENROLLMENT REMINDER

Re-enrollment is open for the 2021/22 Academic Year. We would like to encourage our community to complete the process for re-enrollment via the GEMS [Parent Portal](#). Discover the [benefits](#) of paying your fees using the FAB and GEMS co-branded card. Contact Admissions for further information: m.malik1_gwa@gemsedu.com

COUNSELLING CORNER

[Click here](#) for this week's message from the GWA counsellor's regarding resilience and its importance in our children's development.



UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

Please join us in congratulating our senior students on this week's offers of admissions:

McMaster University (2 students)

University of Manchester (12 students!)

University of Central Lancashire

Pratt Institute

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Heriot-Watt University Dubai (2 students)

GLOBAL SOCIAL LEADERS PROGRAMME

Congratulations to Moervica Prashant, G9, who has been selected to participate in the Global Social Leaders Catalyst Program. This is a very exciting and prestigious opportunity for Moervica. During the course of the competition, Moervica will be participating in various activities such as intense leadership workshops and an independent social challenge, where she will be supported to take positive action in our local community.



ENRICHMENT UPDATE

We are delighted to confirm that our school has officially registered to be a part of the first ever Dubai Schools Games. This is an exciting new initiative under the patronage of the Dubai Sports Council. For further information and registration details, [click here](#).

VOICE OF THE FUTURE GENERATION WRITING COMPETITION

The Voice of the Future Generation Competition is a writing project that aims to empower aspiring writers between the ages of 8 and 12, by highlighting the sustainable development goals in accordance with the UAE Vision 2021.



The project gives students the opportunity to creatively express their hopes, dreams and aspirations for a sustainable future.

Please contact r.akerkedou_gwa@gemsedu.com to enter. Entries close on 21 March 2021.

WORLD BOOK DAY- PRIMARY

Thursday 04 March marks World Book Day. Therefore we are inviting Primary School Students to dress as their favourite book character.

Click [World Book Day](#) to find out more.

