



مدرسة الوحدة العربية Arab Unity School

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Combined Senior School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

High School presents its 22nd weekly newsletter. We hope this newsletter finds you all safe and happy!

Additional Assessment for Year 11

Additional assessments for year 11 ends today, 6th May. We believe that all students must have exhibited their true potential without relying on any unfair means. The declaration letter submitted with each question paper is an evidence of the same. Teachers, now, have one more substantial piece of work to be used for the School Assessed Grades procedure.

Year 11 students complete their learning phase in the Secondary School. There will be no more regular lessons for them.

We wish them all a huge success and the most gratifying IGCSE result as per the truest of their potential!

We have plans to bid a ceremonial farewell to our IGCSE graduates. This year (somewhat similar to the last year) due to strict COVID 19 protocol adherence and KHDA regulations we would not be able to have the ceremony the way we would prefer it to be. However, we will try our best to make this event a

memorable experience for our students. Detailed plans will be shared once they are approved. We hope to have the ceremony somewhere in the month of June. Hence the graduation fee payment date is extended to end of this month. Please contact the accounts for the fee details, online payment mode or any other financial query on the same.

Curricular Tests for Year 7 to 10

Curricular Tests for Year 7 to 10 have been conducted with almost all projects submitted by all students. Teachers have started assessing and awarding marks for these. Students who failed to submit their projects after several reminders and without any acceptable reasons would not be able to submit these any more as the deadlines are already over.

GL Progress Tests

GL Progress Tests are beginning from Sunday, 9th May. The detailed schedule is already published on Edunation. Year 8 North students will write all three (PTE, PTM and PTS) tests on 9th. These are very significant KHDA mandated tests which give us, educators and parents, quite accurate indication of our students' performance at their learning level.

Please refer to the following for any further details which were posted with the 22nd May Newsletter

- GL Progress Test Important details
- GL Progress Test Q&A document

Registration for the GL tests were closed yesterday. No more registration requests could be entertained due to the required logistics.

Students of year 7 & 8 boys are to report to Conference Room No.2 whereas girls are to go to their form classrooms before and after the test. Students using own transport must be picked up soon after the test.

Year 9 & 10 own transport students are to directly report to the Taher Hall. Students using bus transport may report to their form classroom from where they will also be taken to the exam hall.

Students of year 9 & 10 are to compulsorily bring their own compatible devices with headsets. If they have any issues bringing their devices, they are to contact

Mr Raji in boys and Ms Namrata in girls school. We would not be able to provide devices to many students as all labs will be occupied by the Primary School writing their GL tests.

Note: Students coming to school for the first time in this term must bring a copy of the Travel Declaration Form. It would be asked at the school entrance or in the bus if school transportation is arranged for the tests.

All students from Year 7 to 10 must bring their own headsets. Year 7 & 8 will be using the computers in the school labs but due to the strict COVID 19 safety measures the headsets must be their own.

Final Examination for Year 7 to 10

The Final Year End Examination for year 7 to 10 begins from 30th May. These exams will be conducted online with all BL and DI students taking these from home. Curriculum coverage for the exam will be shared by the subject leaders and teachers.

Important Note: Since these exams are conducted online, it is a shared responsibility of the students, parents and teachers to ensure that students are genuinely reflecting on their learning and taking the exams with utmost sincerity with absolutely no use of any unethical means. Though we have the plagiarism check, strict invigilation system and exam malpractice policies to deal with such cases BUT we are to understand that this malpractice may lead to some very severe consequences not only in terms of disqualification of the internal exam but also the long run impact on the educational, professional and most importantly moral aspects on one's personality.

Students and parents are to sign and return the Declaration Form which will be sent with each exam paper.

Here is the examination Schedule:

Secondary School Year 7 to 10 Final Examination Schedule (May-June 2020-21)				
Year →	YEAR 7	YEAR8	YEAR9	YEAR10
Day & Date↓				
Sunday 30 th May	Urdu/ENT/French	English	UAE SST	Option 1 (D&T/ Art & Design/ Business studies/Chemistry)
Monday 31 st May	English	Computing	Study Leave	Study Leave
Tuesday 1 st June	Study Leave	Study Leave	Mathematics	Biology/CS
Wednesday 2 nd June	Mathematics	Mathematics	Islamic	Urdu/EM
Thursday 3 rd June	Arabic	Urdu/ENT	Option 3 (T&T/Accounting/Geography)	Option 2 (Enterprise/Economics/Physics)
Sunday 6 th June	UAE SST & Humanities	Science	Arabic	English
Monday 7 th June	Computing	Islamic	Computing	Option 3 (T&T/Accounting/Geography/GP)
Tuesday 8 th June	Study Leave	Study Leave	English	Study Leave
Wednesday 9 th June	Science	UAE SST & Humanities	Study Leave	ICT
Thursday 10 th June	Islamic	Arabic	Bio/CS	Arabic
Sunday 13 th June	Art	Art	Option 2 (Enterprise/Economics/Physics)	Mathematics
Monday 14 th June			Option 1 (D&T and Art & Design/Business Studies/Chemistry)	Islamic
Tuesday 15 th June			Urdu/EM	UAE SST

All exams will be conducted in the morning hours. Students are to login to their form rooms as usual where they will be given all important instructions and the exam meeting links. There may be some cover/booster lessons in some subjects for some year groups if there is a need. The subject leaders or teachers will inform students in advance about these extra lessons.

Teaching & Learning

Online class visits have been conducted by the Heads of School and the Heads of Department. The following concerns have been noted:

- Students are attending lessons with their cameras turned off. Teachers are constantly reminding them of the same. Students with their cameras off will be removed from the meetings hereafter.
- Students are disrupted by siblings, crying babies and even parents sitting behind the computers interrupting classes. This is very disruptive to the other students in the class, and the teachers trying to manage a class of 25 students.
- If students are late for a class, the new system is notifying us and that and it is recorded that way.

- We are in the process of enforcing disciplinary action to some students who have transgressed the e-safety policies in the school. Parents please speak to your children about the dangers of making racial remarks or using abusive language.

Please refer to the Cyber Bullying policies, and updated School Policies, that have been placed on the website and on Edunation. It is also clearly highlighted in the behaviour management policy.

Message from the School Child Protection Committee

The reviewed Child Protection Policy has been uploaded on the school website. Following are the new members of the Child Protection Committee:

Mr Leonard Murphy (Principal)

Ms Dhanya Augustus (Child Protection Officer / Head of Inclusion)

Dr Dimple Gupta (Medical Officer)

Ms Aadhya Keshav (Counsellor)

All students and parents are expected to read and understand the policy. If you have any concerns pertaining to safeguarding of your child, you may contact the Child Protection Officer or any other member of the committee.

Join Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Students attendance and punctuality to the morning form meetings is still a concern. All students are not joining the meeting or some are joining it for the last few minutes.

Important Note: Attendance is marked during the Form meeting in the morning and in every lesson. Students will be marked absent for the day if they are absent for any of these.

If a student is absent due to some medical reasons or other emergency commitments, we would appreciate to receive notice sent to the form tutor and the year leader.

Updating Contact Details

If there is any change in your registered contact number or email ID with school kindly update the same by sending us email on these IDs:

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Year group specific communication

Kindly use the following email addresses for any year group specific communication so that the communication is easy, direct and more effective.

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Wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend!

Regards

Heads of High School

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