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Dear Parents,

We hope all is well with you! The key information in this week's circular includes:

1. Ramadan School Timings Survey
2. External Benchmark Assessments
3. Payment of Pending School Fees
4. Activities Next Week

RAMADAN SCHOOL TIMINGS SURVEY

Based on the survey result, the Ramadan school timings will be shared shortly. Kindly submit your preference using the link below no later than Saturday, 11th March 2023.

Survey link:

<https://forms.gle/6AYbGgdFimrCus6P9>

EXTERNAL BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

Please be informed that the following external benchmark and National Agenda assessments for our students will have been conducted on the respective schedules referenced below:

1. COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST (CAT4)

In this academic year, CAT4 was conducted in Term 1 for Years 3-4, 6, 8, and 10.

2. NEW GROUP READING TEST (NGRT)

NGRT was conducted during Term 1 this academic year for Year 2- Year 10.

3. PT SERIES

Progress Test Series (PT Series) measure students' knowledge, understanding and application of the core subjects:

- English: focuses on grammar, punctuation, spelling, and reading comprehension, using age-appropriate fiction and information texts.
- Math: assesses key aspects of math appropriate to the age of the student including mental math for those aged 8 and over.



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- Science: measures two dimensions of science learning; understanding of science content in biology, chemistry, physics and working scientifically (application of skills).

It delivers a detailed, accurate, and clear picture of each pupil's attainment against national averages and enables tracking their progress. *PT Series test will take place in the months of May-June 2023 for Year 1 – Year 3, exact dates will be shared by the respective Head of Section.*

4. TIMSS 2023

Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) is administered every 4 years measuring student performance in math and science for students in Year 5 and Year 9. *TIMSS 2023 will take place on Monday, 17th April 2023 for Year 5 and Year 9 during school hours.*

5. ABT & Is. BT

Arabic Benchmark Tests (ABT) are standardized assessments based on the international standards for Arabic as a native and additional language and test the four skills for Arabic (Reading, Listening, Writing, and Speaking). Islamic Benchmark Tests (Is. BT) assess the six elements of Islam (The Holy Qur'an and Hadeeths; Islamic values and Principles; Islamic law and Etiquettes; Seerah and Islamic figures; Faith, Identity and Belonging). *The next round of these assessments will be conducted in Term 3 for Year 4 – Year 10 students; the dates will be shared by the respective Heads of Section in the near future.*

6. SSES

The Study on Social and Emotional Skills (SSES) aims to assess the social and emotional skills of students and considers factors in students' homes, schools and community environments that promote or hinder the development of these skills. *SSES will take place on Monday, 24th April 2023 for 15-year-old students. The SSES authorities will randomly select 30 students from our school to participate in the assessment.*

PAYMENT OF PENDING SCHOOL FEES

We want to take a moment to thank those of you who have already paid the outstanding fees for your child's education. However, we would like to remind those parents who have not yet paid the fees to do so as soon as possible. It is important to settle the outstanding fees to avoid any interruption in your child's learning and the issuance of the report card. We want your child to receive the best education possible and timely payments from all parents is vital to achieving this goal.



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ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Primary: Math Week Secondary: -IGCSE Mock Sixth Form: -Mock Exam	FS2: -International Math Day Primary: -Math Dress Competition Secondary: -IGCSE Mock -Puberty: an Online Session for Y7-8 Girls Sixth Form: -Mock Exam	FS2: -Emirati Children's Day Secondary: -IGCSE Mock Sixth Form: -Mock Exam	Secondary: -IGCSE Mock Exam Sixth Form: -Mock Exam	Secondary: -IGCSE Mock Exam Sixth Form: -Mock Exam

Sincerely,

Susan Varghese
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