



محرسـة حـيمـس مـتـروبـول GEMS Metropole School MOTOR CITY

30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **Principal's Monthly Letter**

Dear Community,

Welcome back to another great year of learning! The start of the school year is always a moment of great anticipation and excitement. For everyone, students, parents, and teachers alike, there is that wonderful sense of a new beginning and a fresh start. It is natural for students to have a bit of anxiety and maybe even a few questions – what will my teacher(s) be like, who will be in my class, etc. But the focus should always be on the new upcoming adventure of learning and growing.

To make it all go smoothly, there are a number of things that parents and educators can do to make this educational experience be as positive, productive, and worthwhile as possible. To be honest, there is an element of energy and momentum that is present in Metropole like never before. A key responsibility for parents is to encourage the sense of going to "their" school and we all want them to feel a pride and passion in being there. Share the joy of seeing them be there and all that they are learning. Our teachers today are committed to making a difference. They want to have an impact and have probably spent much of their summer doing professional development and thinking of ways to make this a great school year.

From the school side, we created themed mornings; Storytelling Sundays, Musical Mondays, Techy Tuesdays, Wacky Wednesdays and Topical Radio Thursdays; these give a glimpse of the curriculum delivered through school and our community is able to witness some of these exciting activities.

I am really proud of our growing school community, it is lovely to see all students back and all full time in school from the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Those students who have a medical reason to remain at home, must ensure that they provide the DHA attested certificate which will also need to be approved by KHDA. Please contact your school leaders to ensure that this is in place, as failure to comply will be logged as unauthorized absence and the online services cannot be arranged.



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GCSE Student Results that are worth a mention



7 grade 9s 1 Grade 8



1 Grade 9s

Metropole is offering strong curriculum opportunities across its four schools. Focusing on one of our schools in this communication, our senior students are offered a wide range of academic and vocational pathways, such as the iBTEC which is now taken up by 25% of our Year 10 students. There is also a wider iGCSE and A level offering across the school which rivals any premium school, which we know has been highly competitive now as most of our your groups are full for the year. There are new opportunities to complete professional Highlfield qualifications, participate in the Duke of Edinburgh to make the student stand out from other university applicants, as well as career and university guidance services.

To stay updated with the school's new initiatives, achievements, accreditations...... etc., please visit our <u>website</u>. At the moment, we are looking forward for the next BSO inspection (British Schools Overseas) in November 2021 where we will secure at least a good judgement or better.

Home and school together make a tremendous partnership and the beneficiary of all of that love and care, challenge and support, nurturing and mentoring, is ultimately your child. Please keep up the open communications and do let us know about your suggestions (wishes) or even your concerns but do share what we are doing well (stars).

Kind regards,

Nav Iqbal Principal | CEO



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