

18th March 2022

Secondary Week Ending 18th March 2022

Dear Community,

Recent Highlights

This week and last week have been thoroughly enjoyable! Last Friday we held our annual Great British Street Party, which saw us celebrate all things British. It was fabulous to see our students arriving to school dressed up. We were very impressed with the cake competition in particular, with some excellent (and very yummy) homemade cakes brought into school. Well done and thank you to everyone who got involved.



This week we ran our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths) Week. In the Secondary School students were given the opportunity to work on an exciting project that encompasses these subjects, with the focus on the theme: 'Mission to Venus'. Students were challenged with considering what the possibilities of conquering this planet could be! Our students really impressed us with their innovative thinking and creativity.

Our next big event is Metropole's Spring Fest, which takes place tomorrow (Saturday 19th March) 4pm to 7pm at the school. It will be great to see you there to enjoy the live music, arts, crafts, and a selection of food.

Metropole Success

World School Games: Well done to our students who competed in the World School Games. The students took part in swimming, athletics and football, and all students involved gave 110% - they should be immensely proud of themselves. Metropole Mustangs achieved 3rd over all in swimming and 2nd overall in the girls' football, narrowly missing out to JESS on penalties. We are very proud of these achievements!

British Schools Middle East Language Championships: Our students have also been busy competing in the Language Championships. We did tremendously well - not only did we have a student in the top three across the whole of the Middle East (Gio Chader in Year 9 who came 3rd overall), but we finished 6th place globally! We also performed 4th overall in the UAE (out of 12 schools).

Mariam Koltikelta (Year 13) has won the British Sociology Association *Young Sociologist of the Year* Competition 2021-22. The competition question was "How can sociology help us understand the causes and/or consequences of the global pandemic?" The judges (Dr Sarah Cant and Dr Richard Waller) reviewed the entries and commented that Mariam's essay was impressive and that it "weaved theory and empirical data to produce an informed and careful discussion of the ways that inequality was reinforced during the pandemic". As the winner, Mariam, won an Apple iPad mini for herself and £500 for the school. Congratulations to Mariam!



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Re-enrolment: Academic Year 2022/2023

A gentle reminder that re-enrolment for academic year 2022-2023 is now open. You should have received an e-mail from GEMS Education - please select yes to secure a place for next academic year. This should be completed along with the payment of 5% by 11th April 2022. After this time, we will be opening spaces to new students. Last year there were a considerable number of families disappointed to not receive a place at the school. You are encouraged to check the website for the school fees, discounts, and other important information for the next academic year: <https://www.gemsmetropoleschool-dubai.com/en/Admissions/Fees-and-Payments>

Ramadan School-Day Timings

As you will be aware, during the Spring break we will begin to celebrate the holy month of Ramadan and will be moving to Ramadan hours from Monday 11th April as per the below. The school gates will open at 7:45am in the morning, and will open for pick-up at 1pm Monday to Thursday, and at 12pm on Fridays.

Monday - Thursday	
LEAD	8.00 - 8.15
Lesson 1	8.15 - 9.00
Lesson 2	9.00 - 9.45
Break	9.45 - 9.55
Lesson 3	9.55 - 10.40
Lesson 4	10.40 - 11.20
Lunch	11.20 - 11.40
Lesson 5	11.40 - 12.20
Lesson 6	12.20 - 1.00

Friday	
LEAD	8.00 - 8.05
Lesson 1	8.05 - 9.05
Lesson 2	9.05 - 10:00
Break	10.00 - 10:15
Lesson 3	10:15 - 11.05
Lesson 4	11:05 - 12.00

Upcoming Key Dates

Saturday 19 th March	Farmers Market (Metropole's Spring Fest) 4pm to 7pm
Wednesday 23 rd and Thursday 24 th March	School performances – 5pm-7:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd March	Parent's Happy Meet with Mr. Nav
Wednesday 23 rd – Thursday 24 th March	Year 12 and 13 Duke of Edinburgh Trip
Wednesday 23 rd – Friday 25 th March	Year 13 Enrichment Days
Monday 28 th March	Spring Break
Monday 11 th April	Students return to school for Term 3 (Ramadan timings apply)

Ramadan Kareem; I wish those of you celebrating the upcoming holy month a special and joyful time with your family and friends.

Kind regards,



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