

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Secondary Week Ending 30th September 2022

Thank you to the parents/guardians who attended our first Secondary parent coffee morning on Friday last week. It was really nice to hear that so many of you attended. A special thank you to our Parent Ambassadors for organising the event! We are committed to ensuring that you feel involved in our school community and that you have the opportunity to share your ideas and feedback. You will see in our calendar that we have many engagement events for parents, and as ever, your attendance to these is valued and appreciated.

Preparing Students for the Future

It is always important to celebrate student success, and we are very lucky that we have so much of it! We are also committed to preparing our students for their future, even before they reach our 6th Form. Our Year 10 Food and Nutrition GCSE students and Prep School competition winners had the opportunity to take part in a pizza workshop with world renowned pizza extraordinaire Carmine de Michele at Larte restaurant. The pizza world champion met the students on Thursday 15th September to assist them in pizza-making within the industry. We are excited to have established this partnership, and will look to give our students further opportunities going forward.



On Saturday 17th September, our Business and Media Studies students visited Roasters coffee shop in Jumeriah to register their interest in signing up for work experience with stand up company: VIP Sneakers. The company was started by a fourteen year old boy who was there to answer questions the students had. Thank you to those parents and students for attending, and well done to Trinity in Year 12 who won a pair of sneakers in the raffle. Students have applied to work in key areas such as 'social media' or 'sales' at VIP Sneakers. We are thrilled to have had this opportunity and I know the students got a great deal out of the experience.

Student Voice

We are very excited to share that our student meetings with the Secondary Leaders have started again for this academic year. A selection of students each week from all year groups will meet with school leaders to share ideas to further improve our school. We value their opinion and trust them to give us useful feedback. I look forward to sharing their thoughts with you in future newsletters.

School Uniform

I would like to say a big thank you for being supportive and co-operative regarding school uniform since the start of this year. As you will be aware, we have raised our expectations and are working hard to make sure our students are smart and ready to learn. We have listened to parental and student feedback and have already actioned the following:

- Regular meetings between the uniform provider (Threads) and the school's leadership team to discuss the parental and student feedback
- Lowered price for the Senior school blazer
- Review conducted concerning materials used for the school uniform

Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesday 5 th October	World Teachers Day
Monday 10 th October	Staff INSET (students leave school at 12:30pm)
Monday 10 th – Wednesday 12 th October	Year 7 Eco-Venture school trip
Thursday 13 th October	Pink Day for breast cancer awareness
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st October	Half-term break
Monday 24 th October	Year 10 parent-teacher consultation evening
Monday 31 st October	6 th Form parent webinar – invite to follow
Mon 31 st October – Wed 2 nd November	Year 8 Eco-Venture school trip
Tuesday 1 st November	UAE Flag Day
Tuesday 1 st November	Assessment parent workshop – invite to follow
Thursday 3 rd November	Year 7 parent-teacher consultation evening

As always, I welcome your feedback - about this letter, or any aspect of your child's experience with us: d.aschettino_mts@gemsedu.com. I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,



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