

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Secondary Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Community,

Thank you for your ongoing support, patience and understanding as we started the new year with distance learning. The students have really impressed us; both with their resilience and willingness to engage online. Having been back to face-to-face learning for the past three days, we are hoping to continue with this method of learning. We will continue to monitor the situation carefully, and ensure students and staff follow the health and safety guidelines when they are in the school.

### Excellent Parent Feedback!

Despite the pandemic, our school improvement journey has continued in earnest as we continue to aim to provide a fantastic education for all learners. Last term, we sent out our parent survey, and the overall feedback we received is that parents are *very happy* with our school. We scored a Net Promoter Score of 37; this figure is favourable not only compared to last year's Net Promoter Score of 15, but statistically across GEMS. This score means that parents are seeing our hard work and the impact it is having on our learners. I am so proud of our entire school community as we have worked together to continue to improve the school for our most important asset - our students. What makes me even more proud is that our school improvement is based on high-quality research, which leads to improved outcomes for all our learners! I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our parents and carers for completing the survey and who have supported their children to be in school or online every day despite the fact we are working through a pandemic.

Although we are celebrating many of the positive improvements that have been put in place, please be assured that your feedback has been analysed and we are actioning ways to further improve based on your responses. We have personally called parents who scored us below 6 and will continue to look for ways to work with you to ensure that Metropole School provides the best education and community upbringing for your children.

### Preparing Students

We are continuing to ensure our students are well prepared for their next steps in education and for their future. Year 9 and Year 11 students are on their very important journey towards their GCSEs or A-Level/BTEC studies, with the next phase of the process involving an options evening. More information will be shared with parents soon, but essentially these evenings will give parents and students an opportunity to speak to our option subject teachers to find out more about what we have on offer. We are also in the process of finalising our option blocks, meaning very soon students will be able to think about and select which subjects they would like to take.

### Scholarships

I am excited to announce the increased range of scholarships available to our Prep and Senior School students! Please head over to our school website to take a look at the scholarships available and the application process: <https://www.gemsmetropoleschool-dubai.com/Admissions/Scholarships> We have these scholarships in place to celebrate student achievement and success – they are awarded for the following categories in the Prep School: Quran Recitation, Sports, Student voice, and Student leadership. For the Senior School, they are awarded for: Academics, Quran Recitation, and Student leadership. Good luck to all students applying for a scholarship this year!



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## Student access to distance learning

A reminder that students will only be able to access virtual learning if they fall into one of the categories listed below. The form sent out on Tuesday this week requesting distance learning for your child must be completed if your child is distance learning:

- Your child's bus is not operating and they cannot get into school any other way
- Your child has Covid
- Your child is a close-contact to a covid case
- Your child already has an exemption
- Please e-mail our clinic if your child is stuck abroad: [Clinic\\_mts@Gemsedu.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:Clinic_mts@Gemsedu.onmicrosoft.com)

If your child is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school. They will require a PCR test to confirm they are safe to be in the school. Please inform your child's LEAD teacher if this applies to you.

## Important notice – health & safety of students

Please note that any students failing to comply with the Covid-19 health and safety protocols will be sent home. Students have been reminded this week to ensure they wear their mask and socially distance. Students who do not follow instructions from staff will be isolated and parents will be contacted to collect them.

## January Key Dates

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Sustainability Week
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 Parent-Teacher Evening
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Care and Support Coffee Morning
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Happy Meet Year 9 and year 11 Options Evening (more information to follow)

As always, I welcome your feedback - about this letter, or any aspect of your child's experience with us: [d.aschettino\\_mts@gemsedu.com](mailto:d.aschettino_mts@gemsedu.com)

I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

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