

GLS / C / 858-24

CIRCULAR
Welcome Back

21st August 2024

Dear Parents,

With great enthusiasm, we extend our warmest greetings as we step into the new academic term, brimming with excitement and exploration for our students, staff, and parents. We are delighted to welcome all the highly qualified and trained teachers who have joined us this term, enriching our educational fraternity and further nurturing the potential of our students.

The GLS Summer Camp, held during the break, was a vibrant and enriching experience for our participating students. It was filled with a variety of engaging activities that fostered creativity, teamwork, and personal growth. The camp concluded with joyous and memorable moments.

Campus Improvements: We have made several enhancements to our campuses to better serve our students and parents:

- **New Administrative Block and Improved Access in Secondary Campus:** We are pleased to announce the addition of a new administrative block and improved access for parents and students through Gate 1 in the secondary campus, ensuring smoother and more efficient entry and exit.
- **Digital Wall in the Primary Campus:** We are pleased to inform you that a new digital wall has been installed in the auditorium of our primary campus. This dynamic feature will enhance our events by displaying student achievements, announcements, and interactive content. We look forward to utilizing it to enrich your experience at our school events.
- **School PA System in the Primary Campus:** We have installed a PA system in the primary campus corridors, enabling clear and effective communication during assemblies and announcements.

Extended KG Hours: In recognition of the diverse schedules of families and the developmental benefits of structured early childhood programs, GEMS Legacy School, Dubai will be introducing the extended instructional time for kindergarten from 2nd September 2024. The proposed optional program aims to provide reinforcement and additional support to enhance students' cognitive, social, and physical development. The extended hours will be from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. and will include a range of activities designed to support the well-being and learning of the students who opt for this.

Activities planned for the extended time include:

- Free Play & Exploration
- Reading & Literacy Activities
- Drama & Role Play
- Power Naps
- Healthy Snack Time

This programme is completely optional, with no additional cost to the parents.

Duke of Edinburgh: We are thrilled to announce that our school has recently applied for the Duke of Edinburgh Programme(DofE) for students aged 14 and above (mostly Grade 9). This celebrated programme offers a fantastic opportunity for our young learners to develop essential life skills, enhance their personal growth, and engage in meaningful community service. Through this initiative, participants will embark on adventurous journeys, undertake skill-building projects, and contribute to their communities, all while earning a prestigious award that is recognized globally. We believe this programme will not only enrich their educational experience but also bolster their resilience, endurance and leadership and give them a sense of accomplishment. We are excited about the positive impact it will have on our learners and look forward to their enthusiastic participation.

Sydney: We are proud to share that, two coaches and six students from GEMS Legacy School represented the UAE at the FLL Internationals in Sydney, Australia, from 29th June to 7th August. Competing with teams from 45 countries, our students gained invaluable experience, exchanged cultures, and learned from their global peers.

GSA Awards: We are thrilled to announce that GEMS Legacy School has cleared the first round of the Global Sustainability Awards 2024! Eight student projects, three educator projects, and two teachers have been selected for innovation. This recognition highlights our commitment to sustainability and innovation in education. Stay tuned for further updates!

UAE's Heritage and Culture Month: During the UAE's Heritage and Culture Month in September 2024, we will be conducting several activities across the school to celebrate and honor the rich traditions and heritage of the UAE.

As we eagerly await to welcome our students on the **26th of August**, we assure you, we are poised to embark on a journey of learning and growth that holds immense promise.

Looking forward to your whole-hearted support and unparalleled partnership, as always!

Warm regards,



Asha Alexander

Principal

Executive Leader - Climate Change

آشا ألكسندر

مديرة المدرسة

الرئيس التنفيذي - تغير المناخ