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This Week at TBS!

Dear TBS Family,

A Year of Growth and Gratitude

As we approach the final stretch of this academic year, it is a moment to pause and reflect on just how far our students have come. Whether it was a child learning to read their first full book, a young person stepping confidently onto the stage, speaking at MUN or WSC, wearing the school colours, or another mastering a new skill in maths or science—every milestone matters.
We are so proud of the resilience, kindness, and effort shown across our school community. Behind each child's success is a web of support: parents, carers, teachers, and friends. Thank you for being such an integral part of this journey.
In the final days of term, we will be celebrating achievements both big and small—and creating joyful memories to end the year on a high.

SPARE Band

In Term 2 we launched the use of SPARE for purchasing food items from La Cantina. This is a much easier way for students to buy food without cash. It also allows you to monitor what you child is eating and limit the purchase of any specific items through their app.
Please note that for the next academic year, purchase of food items for Y3-12 will be through SPARE only. Make sure you subscribe early to ensure your child has the band ready for the start of the year.

You Don't Want to Miss Out on...

17th June : Leavers assembly
19th June : FS2 End of Year assembly
19th June : TBS Graduation
22nd June : Y5 Show
23rd June : Y6 Show
24th June : Y 1 End of Year assembly
24th June : Y 2 End of Year assembly
25th June : Y 3 End of Year assembly
25th June : Y 4 End of Year assembly

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Examination Updates

Exam season is coming to an end with three more key dates for our students:

- 15th June – Y12 Religion and Political Science Ministry Exams
- 16th June – IGCSE Physics
- 22nd June – Y12 Arabic Language Ministry Exam

This Week's Big Question

Thank you for all your feedback with the topics I have been sharing this past week. I would now like to share with your the Big Question from our Fascinating Facts ASA.
This week's Big Question: What is freedom?
I would love to hear your family's thoughts on this question and the discussion it generated.

TBSMUN – Ignite the Light!

The very first TBSMUN Conference will open on Friday– Ignite the Light, we are thrilled to share our excitement and pride as we prepare to witness this landmark event in our school's MUN journey.

This conference marks a significant moment for our TBS community, as our senior students gracefully pass the gavel to our future leaders.
We have been truly inspired by the enthusiasm shown by our Junior Council representatives, and we are especially proud of the dedication and commitment they have demonstrated throughout the preparation process.

Our delegates have engaged in thoughtful and open-minded discussions during their ASA sessions, exploring pressing global issues and voicing their perspectives. Their passion for learning and eagerness to contribute meaningfully reflect the values of responsible and informed global citizenship that we strive to instill at TBS.

If you would like to read more about TBSMUN click here. **MUN**

BYOD at GEMS TBS: What Parents Need to Know

A huge thank you to our Y9-11 parents who attended our Webinar last week outlining our plans for Bring Your Own Device at TBS. The presentation is now on the VLE for you to view. In addition we will be holding another webinar before the start of the term as a reminder.

Thank you for everything you do to help your child grow, learn, and succeed.

MS Jane Knight
School Principal

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A message from MS Rachel Harwick, Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

Although it has been a short week, it has been wonderful to welcome the children back refreshed and re-energised after the break. There is a real sense of excitement in the air as we begin the final stretch of this academic year.

Over the coming weeks, we will be concluding our current units while also revisiting key learning from throughout the year—consolidating understanding and celebrating progress. It's a time for reflection, growth, and a continued love of learning.

Across the school, children are also enthusiastically preparing for their end-of-year shows and class assemblies. These performances are a joyful way to celebrate the achievements, creativity, and personal development of each and every child. We can't wait to share these special moments with you.

Next week, we will proudly witness the Walk of Honour for our graduating Secondary students. Watching them take this important step reminds us how quickly the years fly by. Before we know it, our own Primary children will be taking that very same walk. It is a powerful reminder to treasure each moment and make the most of every opportunity school life offers.

Warm regards,

MS Rachel Hardwick

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Important reminders

Trust in School Decisions re classes: We would like to emphasise the importance of trust in the decisions made by our experienced and dedicated teaching staff. Classes are carefully crafted to provide balance by our qualified and experienced teachers and Heads of School, and any decisions they make to shuffle classes and allocate teachers are done with the best interests of our students in mind. It is essential to note that we will not accept requests from parents regarding their son/daughter's assigned class. Our primary goal is to create an optimal learning environment for every student, and we appreciate your support and trust in this matter.

A gentle reminder about GEMS TBS expectations which are part of the School-Parent Agreement:

Appearance:

We believe that a neat and well-groomed appearance is not only a reflection of personal pride but also essential for fostering a readiness to learn. Please note that all girls and boys with longer hair are required to have their hair tied back at all times. No extreme or fashion hairstyles are permitted. This includes hair shaving for boys and braids and coloured hair for both girls and boys.

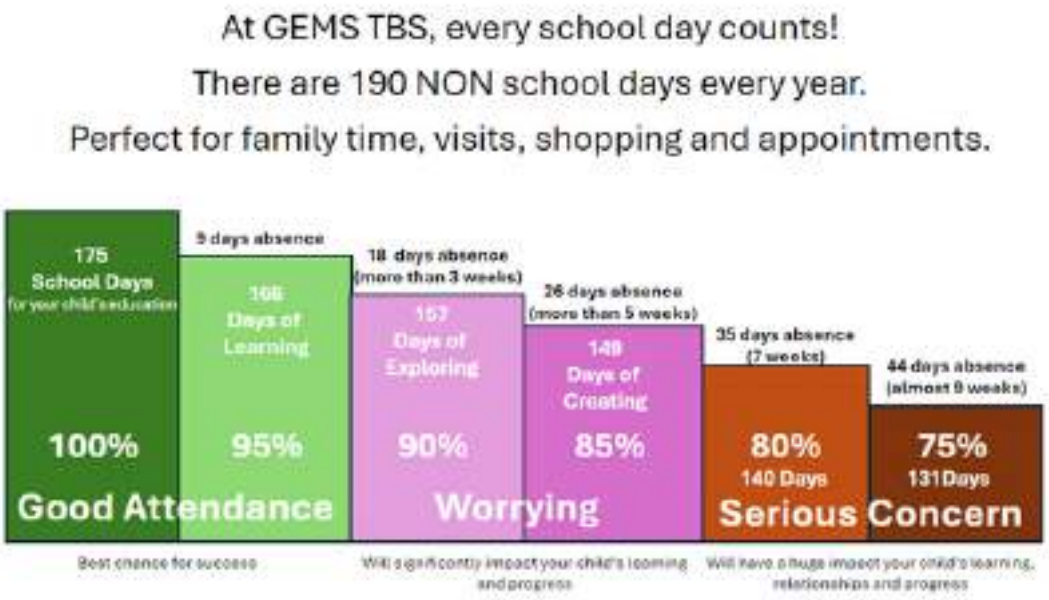
No jewelry or accessories are permitted, including piercings other than studs in ears, and will be ask to be removed if worn. Neither make-up nor nail polish is allowed and students with either will be asked to remove it. Smart watches are not permitted in school.

School Uniform Policy:

Our uniform not only promotes a sense of unity but also minimises distraction, allowing students to focus on their studies. Please, ensure that your child adheres to our school's uniform policy. Only items that are part of our school uniform are allowed within the school campus except on specified dress up days. Children will be asked to remove non-uniform items of clothing before entering school and if this is not possible, you will receive a call asking for you to bring the correct uniform. Please note that this includes shoes – trainers are to be worn only on allocated PE days.

Attendance

At GEMS TBS we emphasize the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We believe that through good attendance at school children will achieve higher attainment, have better opportunities and establish good habits that will support them throughout their lives. This is supported by the Ministry of Education guidelines and sanctions for lateness and absences.
This infographic clearly shows the impact absences will have on your child: academically and emotionally.



Useful websites to help keep your child safe online

- **NSPCC: The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children offers a range of resources and guidance for parents on online safety, including tips on setting parental controls and talking to children about online risks.**
- **Internet Matters: Internet Matters provides advice and support to help parents keep their children safe online. Their website offers guides on various topics, from social media safety to gaming and streaming.**
- **Childnet International: Childnet International works to make the internet a safer place for children. Their website features educational resources, interactive games, and advice for parents, educators, and young people.**
- **UK Safer Internet Centre: The UK Safer Internet Centre provides resources, helplines, and advice for parents, schools, and young people to promote the safe and responsible use of technology.**
- **Thinkuknow: Thinkuknow is an education program from the National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command. Their website offers resources for parents, including age-specific advice on online safety and how to report concerns.**

- **ParentsGuideToABetterInternet.pdf (npc.ie) very useful PDF guide to all aspects of internet safety**
- **Guardian's Guide | TikTok everything you need to know about how to keep your child safe on this socal media app**
- **Parental Guide for Teens on Instagram | About Instagram specifically written to support parents with older children and how to support**
- **Whatsapp for kids. Parental control on the popular messenger | Kidslox guide on how to set up security measures**
- **Top 5 Must-Have Apps for Monitoring Kids' Social Media Activity (eyezy.com) Apps that could help keep your child safe online monitoring their usage**