

This Week at TBS!

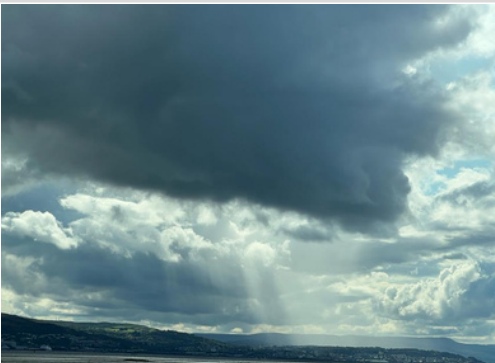
Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this message finds you refreshed and rejuvenated after a well-deserved summer break. As we embark on a new academic year, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome back to each and every one of you.

I trust that your summer holidays were filled with moments of joy, relaxation, and quality time spent with family and friends. Whether you traveled to new destinations, explored new hobbies, or simply enjoyed the pleasures of a slower pace, I hope the break has left you recharged and ready to embrace the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. I spent the summer with my family near Glasgow in Scotland. Despite there being very few days when it did not rain, it was lovely to visit favourite places and catch up with friends.



A clear day at the top of the rest and Be Thankful



Here comes the rain on the River Clyde



Loch Lomond

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

Parent Workshop-19th September

Friends of TBS -19th September

Parent workshop (Primary) Importance of Reading - Tuesday 26th September

Prophet Mohamed birthday celebration-27th September

6th of October Victory celebration-4th of October

The start of a new school year is always a time of anticipation and enthusiasm. It's a time when we set new goals, forge new friendships, and continue our journey of learning and growth. It's a time when TBS comes alive with the energy and potential of our students and staff.

As we navigate the year ahead, I encourage each of you to approach it with an open heart and a curious mind. Be open to new experiences, embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and remember that your GEMS TBS family is here to support you every step of the way.

When you enter reception from Gate 1, take some time to remind yourself of the GEMS TBS Vision and our Commitments on display. These along with our Jewels of Kindness and our focus on High Quality Learning form our Guiding Statements which are the drivers in everything we do – remember your feedback on what we are doing well and what we can do to improve is much valued.

In our weekly newsletters, you will find important updates from year groups and departments from all around the school, key dates, and links to helpful documents and information. I encourage you to stay engaged with our school community, attend workshops, parent-teacher meetings, coffee mornings and participate in school activities to make the most of your GEMS TBS experience.

I am truly excited about the possibilities that this school year holds for all of us. Together, we will create an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Once again, welcome back to GEMS TBS Let's make this school year a memorable one filled with learning, growth, and meaningful connections...and Smile, Strive and Shine.

OUR COMMITMENT

Provide the highest standard of education in the English language to students from culturally rich and diverse backgrounds.

Challenge and enable pupils to develop into well-educated, confident people who are ready to lead fulfilled lives in whatever sphere they choose.

TBS

Value all pupils as individuals and provide a safe and exciting environment in which they can develop.

Inspire in pupils a love for learning that will sustain them throughout their lives.

OUR VISION

To deliver highly dynamic, progressive and personalised learning that enables students to be leaders, designers, creators and contributors in our worlds.

Meet the GEMS TBS Education Teams for 2023-24

The Primary Leadership Team led by Ms Rachel Hardwick (Head of Primary), Ms Hoda Said (Assistant Head of Primary Y4-6), new in post Ms May Kafour (Assistant Head of Primary Y1-3) and we welcome Ms Nadine Barouma (Assistant Head of Primary EYFS)



Our EYFS Team led by Ms Jasmine (Head of FS1&PS) and Ms Maggie (Head of FS2)



Our Year 1 Team led by Ms Laura



Our Year 2 Team led by Ms Sarah



Our Year 3 Team led by Mr Meds



Our Year 4 Team led by Ms Nihal



Our Year 5 Team led by Ms Nadia



Our Year 6 Team led by Ms Nada



Meet the GEMS TBS Education Teams for 2023-24

The Secondary Leadership Team led by Mr Daniel Centeno (Head of Secondary), Mr Chris Stock (Assistant Head of Secondary Curriculum), new in post Mr Syed Ahmed (Assistant Head of Secondary -Data and assessment) and MS Jo Riddler(Assistant Head of Secondary Pastoral)



Our Commercial Studies Team led by Mr Chris



Our Science Team led by Mr Syed



Our Maths Team led by Mr Sean



Our Team led by Ms Hanan



Our PE Team led by Mr Mohamed



Our French Team led Ms Haidy



Our Music Team



Our ICT Team



Our Arabic Teams led by Ms Aliaa



Secondary Heads of Years

Meet Head of Year 7 Mr Fady



Meet Head of Year 8 Ms Roya



Meet Head of Year 9 , Head of Enrichment & Art Teacher Ms Karmen



Meet Head of Upper School



A Message From Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I use this opportunity to welcome you to the new academic year at TBS. As the Head of Primary, I want to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all our students and families, both new and returning.

The beginning of each school year is a time filled with anticipation and enthusiasm, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to see the children's smiling faces once again. It's a time when our school community comes alive with the promise of new friendships, exciting challenges, and boundless learning possibilities.

One of the key pillars of a successful academic journey is student attendance and punctuality. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of regular school attendance and being on time. When students are present and punctual, they maximise their opportunities to engage with the curriculum, interact with their peers, and benefit from the guidance of our dedicated teachers. It sets the stage for a productive and enriching learning experience. Children should enter the allocated gates at 7:30am each morning.

It has been a fantastic first week and I am looking forward to our Primary students engaging with the well-rounded and comprehensive educational program that is designed to foster intellectual, social, and emotional growth. It is my firm belief that each child has unique talents and potential waiting to be unlocked, and we are here to support and guide them on their educational journey.

We firmly believe that the partnership between parents and the school is vital for the holistic development of our students. Your involvement and support in your child's education play an integral role in their success. Please know that our doors are always open, and we encourage you to communicate with us regularly. We value your feedback and insights, and together, we can create an environment where every child can thrive.

I look forward to working closely with all of you in the coming year. Let us embrace the challenges and triumphs of the academic year ahead as we strive to provide the best possible education for your children. With your unwavering support, I am confident that we will make this year a memorable and enriching experience for our students.

In efforts to ensure parents are well informed of what we have been covering in school and what we will be working on in the future, teachers will be sending the weekly round-ups via the 'Chatter' feature of Phoenix Classroom. Please ensure to check this regularly. Homework will be posted as assignments.

Wishing you and your families a fantastic school year ahead!

MS Rachel Hardwick
Head of primary

Focus on Primary

Y2

Year Two had a wonderful start to the new academic year at TBS. They've started off the year with enjoying a tour around our beautiful Quad and had a wonderful time learning through play at our garden. Students settled well in their classrooms and have enjoyed completing their classroom agreements together. They were fully engaged in various phonics activities to consolidate their reading and writing skills



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Y6-New Year, New Adventures!

In their first week of school, Year 6 students have shown remarkable enthusiasm and adaptability as they settle into their new classes. The energy in the classrooms is palpable as they embark on an exciting journey of learning and growth. This year, students will be able to show case their skills in different ways and we will guide them to be independent learners. This term, their studies will delve into the fascinating realm of Early Islamic Civilization. The curriculum aims to explore the rich history, achievements, and cultural aspects of this influential era. To make the learning experience engaging, a series of exciting activities have been planned. From interactive discussions to creative projects, students will have the opportunity to dive deep into the world of Early Islamic Civilization, fostering curiosity and a love for history.

لغتنا العربية

سرعان ما دارت الأيام وبدأ عام جديد ويتزامن مع هذه البداية الاحتفال بمناسبتين غاليتين على قلوبنا جميعا وهما الاحتفال بالمولد النبوي الشريف ونصر أكتوبر العظيم وقد تقرر الاحتفال بهما الأربعاء 27 من سبتمبر للمولد النبوي الشريف والأربعاء 4 من أكتوبر لاحتفال نصر أكتوبر المجيد وهذه بعض اللقطات لتدريب التلاميذ على فقرات الحفل وكل عام وحضراتكم بخير .



A Message From Mr Daniel Centeno, Head of Secondary

Dear parents and students,

I hope this message finds you well and refreshed after a restful summer break. It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I welcome you all to the start of the new academic year at GEMS British School Al Rehab (TBS), your home away from home.

As we embark on this new journey together, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and families and a heartfelt welcome to those who are joining us for the first time. Our international school community in Cairo is a place where diversity, culture, and global perspectives converge to create a unique and enriching educational experience. I would like to welcome some new members of staff to the TBS community Ms.Hannan Mahmoud(Head of English), Ms Maryam Elgeneidy (English Teacher), Ms. Aya Eid (ICT teacher), Ms. Christina Aziz (English Teacher), Ms. Hania El Azzawy (Economics Teacher), Ms.Angie Botros (Science teacher) and Ms. Noha Fathy (Science Teacher).

We understand the importance of technology in today's world. As such, we are continuing our efforts to integrate technology seamlessly into the learning process, ensuring our students are well-prepared for the digital age. During the Summer break our ICT team have been working hard to improve the infrastructure of the school in preparation for greater use of the digital devices now and in the future.

However, as we are all aware the use of mobile phones around the world for children is a cause for concern. In response to the concerns and for greater safeguarding of students within our campus we have banned the use of mobile phones within the school for Years 7 to 10. Unless your child requires a mobile phone for travelling to school or for security reasons can parents, please ensure your child does not bring their device to school. If your child brings a mobile phone to the school, they will be collected in the morning and kept in a safe at reception. They will be released either at the end of the school day or at reception if the child needs to leave early.

Kind regards

Daniel Centeno
Head of Secondary

Focus on Secondary

Science Department-Lab Safety & the Scientific Method

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We also learned about the scientific method in preparation for the science fair. This systematic approach helps scientists conduct experiments and analyze results. By following the scientific method, we ensure reliable and accurate experiments. The steps include making observations, forming hypotheses, conducting experiments, analyzing data, and drawing conclusions.

Our TBS science teachers are ready to nurture the students' scientific skills and prepare them for future endeavors in the scientific community. Let's start the year by showing their great work and prioritize safety and scientific excellence.

Our Week in Photos

