

This Week at TBS!

Dear TBS Family,

I trust that you have all had a restful and fun-filled summer break. I spent my break in Scotland with my family and friends. With every day's weather being different (from clear blue skies and temperatures in the high 20s to rain with a drop in temperature all within 24 hours) we had to be very adaptable to where we were going and what we were wearing. Having said that, we did have a lot of great days out exploring new places and enjoying fantastic food.

Over the summer, our maintenance staff and operations teams have been busy with various projects. Our main project for this year was to provide our Year 11 and 12 students with a base in which they could study, collaborate and enjoy their time in school. One corridor on the top floor has been refurbished with rooms divided to create a variety of learning spaces with college style seating – chairs and desk combined, including ones for both left and right-handed students. After much deliberation we have named this new purpose designed section of the school The Red Wing, called this as our Year 11 and 12 students proudly wear signature red jumpers to demote their senior status in school. Please just ask if you would like to visit The Red Wing.

Our first GEMS TBS Parent Academy Webinar will be on Tuesday, 17th September TIME when my Senior Leaders and I will be introducing our new Partners in Learning initiative inspired by your requests.

Our first GEMS TBS Coffee Morning will be on Thursday, 12th September at 800am in the Quad, everyone welcome.

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

12th September: coffee morning @8:00am

16th September: Seniors first CAST workshops at BUE

19th September: Prophet Mohamed Birthday

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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 asked 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:

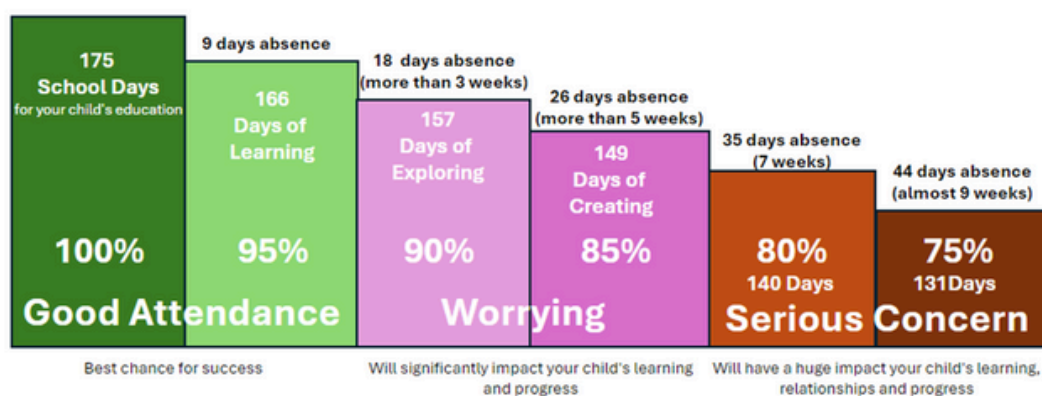
Our uniform not only promotes a sense of unity but also minimises distraction, allowing students to focus on their studies. Please, ensure that your child adheres to our school's uniform policy. Only items that are part of our school uniform are allowed within the school campus except on specified dress 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.

At GEMS TBS, every school day counts!
There are 190 NON school days every year.
Perfect for family time, visits, shopping and appointments.



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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 social 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

MEET OUR TEAMS



GMS TBS SLT



Primary SLT



Secondary SLT

Primary School



Pre-School & FS1 Class
Teachers



FS2 Class Teachers



EYFS LSAs

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Y1 Class Teachers



Y2 Class Teachers



KS1 LSAs

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Y3 Class Teachers



Y4 Class Teachers



Y5 Class Teachers



Y6 Class Teachers



KS2 LSAs

Secondary School



Maths Department



English Department



Science Department



Commercial Studies
Department



Heads of years

Whole School



Music Department



PE Department



Arabic Department



Arabic Department



French Department

Whole School



Safeguarding Team

Careers & University
guidance Counselor



Inclusion Team