

This Week at TBS!


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

**23rd September: Seniors
CAST workshops at BUE**

**19th September: Prophet
Mohamed Birthday**

**1st October: Unipal
University fair**

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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:

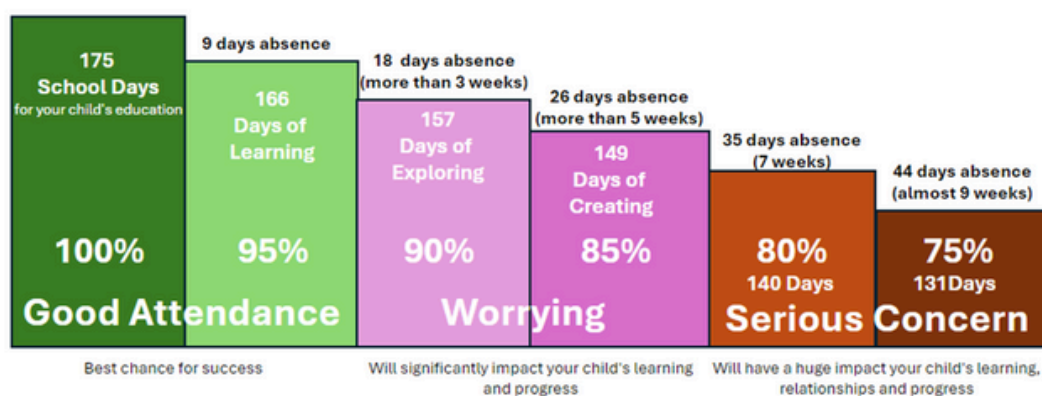
Our uniform not only promotes a sense of unity but also minimises distraction, allowing students to focus on their studies. Please, ensure that your child adheres to our school's uniform policy. Only items that are part of our school uniform are allowed within the school campus except on specified dress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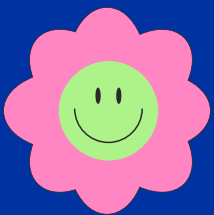
Useful websites to help keep your child safe online

- [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



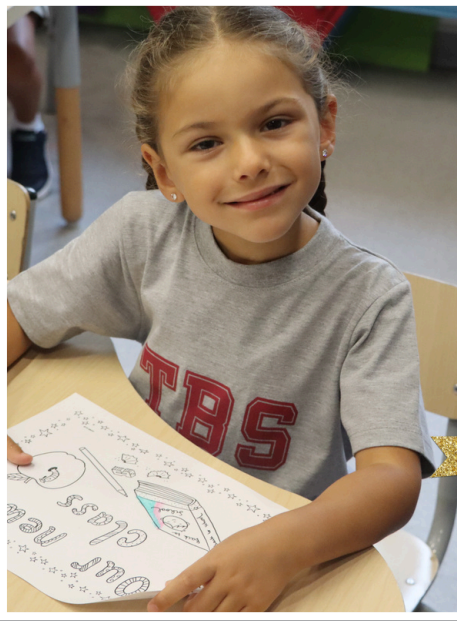
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Happy
first day
of school!



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TBS Houses

We are thrilled to refresh our new House System at TBS, inspired by the core values that define our community. Our Houses are named after the GEMS Jewels of Kindness, reflecting the qualities we strive to instill in our students every day.

Our Houses

- 1. Ruby House – Empathy**
- 2. Emerald House - Compassion**
- 3. Sapphire House - Respect**
- 4. Topaz House - Helpfulness**

House Competitions and Activities

Throughout the school year, students will participate in various house competitions and activities designed to promote teamwork, leadership, and school spirit. These events will include:

- Sports Competitions: Friendly matches in football, basketball, and other sports.
- Academic Challenges: Quizzes, debates, and science fairs.
- Creative Arts: Art competitions, music performances, and stage productions.
- Community Service Projects: Initiatives to support local charities and environmental causes.

Get Involved!

We encourage all students to actively participate in their house activities and contribute to the success of their house. Parents can also get involved by supporting house events and encouraging their children to embrace the values of their respective houses. We believe that our established House System will not only enhance the sense of community at TBS but also help our students develop important life skills and values. We look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our school.



Year 4

The first week of school in Year 4 was filled with fun and engaging activities that allowed students to get to know each other better. Everyone enjoyed participating in a variety of icebreakers and teamwork challenges, fostering a sense of community in our classroom. A standout moment was the exciting Mystery Box activity, which served as a captivating entry point to our upcoming unit on 'Chocolate and the Maya Civilisation.' Students eagerly explored clues and shared their discoveries, setting the stage for an adventurous learning journey ahead. We look forward to another fantastic week of learning and exploration!



لغتنا العربية

مع بداية العام الجديد أبعث لكم بأطيب التهاني وأتمنى لكم عاما موفقا لجميع طلابنا كما لا يفوتني أن أهنيكم بالمولد النبوي الشريف حيث نحتفل به هذا الأسبوع وأود أن أذكركم بأن يرتدي تلاميذنا في المرحلة الابتدائية فستان أبيض للبنات وبنطلون أسود وقميص أبيض للبنين ان وجد و ذلك يوم الخميس الموافق 19 سبتمبر . كما نعدكم بالعديد من الاحتفالات والأنشطة الصفية واللاصفية .

