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Newsletter Issue #3 29th August, 2024



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Happy UAE Womens' Day, 28/8/24

WSS celebrated UAE Women's Day on 28/8/24 with our lovely Emirati Assistants. We celebrate the contribu-

tion & achievements of all our WSS women!

Safeguarding:

Access to the school carpark will be given to cars displaying a WSS carpark sticker. If you do not have one & want to use the carpark, please take a form from Reception & submit it.

Everyone must <u>show their school ID card</u> each time they enter the WSS gate. Please upload both parents' photos. Meanwhile, parents & students may continue to use their old ID. Please visit the BBT (Bus) office in WSS if you or your child requires a new ID card. Thank you.

Avoiding Trip Hazards—Please send a Backp[ack-Style Bag only

Our school bag policy since last year is the same as in many schools, that we request parents to provide a Backpack-style bag, & to avoid trolley bags for the following reasons:

- Trolley bags are a serious trip hazard, especially on stairs & in crowded corridors. School is too busy & crowded for bigger trolley bags.
- Trolley bags are especially unsafe during busy times, such as morning entry into school & at the end of the day, when 3,000 students are moving in & out of school at the same time
- There is limited storage space in classes & on corridor hooks for small bags only there is no safe place to store larger trolley bags

Returning Locker Keys from 2023-2024

If you have not returned last year's key, please do so to avoid a charge of AED10/- . Thank you.

WSS 'Friends of WSS' (FOW)

We sincerely thank our 'Positive Parent Partners' team for their contribution to WSS over the years, through volunteering to support classes, events & activities. We are relaunching this important team as 'Friends of WSS' (FOW), & will be inviting parents to join. Further details will be shared shortly.

Dates for Your Diary				
Date	Details			
Saturday 31/8/24 8am-1pm	 We recommend online fee payment to avoid queues. However, the WSS Cashier is also open in school for convenient fee payment on specific Saturdays Please bring in your physical GEMS FAB co-brand card if you wish to avail co-brand discount to avoid Apple Wallet technical issues. Thanks. 			

Class Transfers

Please note that the new SPEA Daleel Registration system caps class sizes. If a class is full, then we are not allowed to transfer any student into that class. Parents may submit a Class Transfer Form to the PRE which would be reviewed by school from 9/9/24, but a transfer would only be done subject to an available seat.



Appreciating the smart, professional uniform of new students on 26/8/24. Welcome!!



Our Vision; 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All'

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أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة الأعزاء،	سيل	التقاه	التاريخ
يوم المرأة الإماراتية السع <u>د</u> <u>28/8/24</u>	رنت لتجنب طوابير الانتظار. ومع [مفتوح أيضًا في المدرسة لتسهيل حددة	 نوصى بدفع الرسوم عبر الإنت ذلك، فإن أمين صندوق دفع الرسوم في أيام السبت اله 	سبت 31/8/24) صباحًا - 1 لهزًا

يرجى إحضار بطاقة GEMS FABذات العلامة التجارية المشتركة إذا كنت ترغب في الاستفادة من خصم العلامة التجارية

المشتركة لتجنب المشكلات الفنية في Apple Wallet. شكرًا

احتفلت WSS بيوم المرأة الإماراتية في 28/8/24 مع مساعداتها الامار اتيات الجميلات. نحن نحتفل بمساهمات



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ظهرا

يضع حدًا أقصى لعدد SPEA Daleel يرجى ملاحظة أن نظام التسجيل الجديد في الطلاب في الفصول الدر اسية. إذا كان الفصل ممتلنًا، فلن يُسمح لنا بنقل أي طالب إلى ذلك الفصل

والذي سيتم مراجعته من قبل PREيمكن للوالدين تقديم نموذج نقل الفصل إلى المدرسة اعتبارًا من 9/9/24، ولكن لن يتم إجراء النقل إلا في حالة توفر مقعد.





تقديرًا للزي الرسمي الأنيق والمهني للطلاب الجدد في 26/8/24. أهلاً بكم!!



وإنجازات جميع نساء !WSS

سيتم منح حق الوصول إلى موقف سيارات المدرسة للسيارات التي تحمل ملصق موقف سيارات (WSS إذا لم يكن لديك واحدة وترغب في استخدام موقف السيارات، فيرجى أخذ تموذج من الاستقبال وإرساله.

يجب على الجميع إظهار بطاقة هويتهم المدرسية في كل مرة يدخلون فيها بوابة .WSS

يرجى تحميل صور كلا الوالدين. وفي هذه الأشاء، يمكن لأولياء الأمور والطلاب الاستمرار في استخدام بطاقة الهوية القديمة الخاصة بهم. يرجى زيارة مكتب BBT(الصافلات) في WSS!(ا كنت أنت أو طفلك بحاجة إلى بطاقة هوية جديدة. شكرًا لك.

تجنب مخاطر التعثر - يرجى إرسال حقيبة على شكل حقيبة ظهر فقط

سيلسة الحقيبة المدرسية لدينا منذ العام الماضي هي نفسها المتبعة في العديد من المدارس، حيث نطلب من الآياء توفير حقيبة على شكل حقيبة ظهر، وتجنب حقائب العريات للأسباب التالية:

- تشكل حقائب العربات خطرًا كبيرًا على الأطفال، خاصة على السلالم والممرات المزيحمة. المدرسة مزيحمة للغاية ولا يمكن استخدام حقائب عربات أكبر حجمًا.
- تعتبر حقائب العربات غير آمنة بشكل خاص خلال الأوقات المزدحمة، مثل الدخول إلى المدرسة في الصباح وفي نهاية اليوم، عندما ينتقل 3000 طالب إلى المدرسة ويخرجون منها في نفس الوقت
- توجد مساحة تخزين محدودة في الفصول الدراسية وعلى خطافات الممرات للحقائب الصغيرة فقط ـ ولا يوجد مكان آمن لتخزين حقائب العريات الأكبر حجفا

إعادة مقاتيح الخزائن من 2023 إلى 2024 إذا لم تقم بإعادة مفتاح العام الماضي، يرجى القيام بذلك لتجنب دفع رسوم قدرها 10 درهم إماراتي. شكرًا لك.

أصدقاء (FOW) WSS

نتقدم بخالص الشكر لفريق "شركاء الوالدين الإيجابيين" على مساهمتهم في WSS على مر السنين، من خلال التطوع لدعم الفصول والأحداث والأتشطة. تحن تعد إطلاق هذا الفريق المهم.

رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعى؛ نجاح للجميع"

You can give your child are a quality education and the values that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey



Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



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Parent Handbook Access QR Code

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Huge appreciation to our dedicated Emiri Guard Traffic Support team. Let's all work closely with them by driving & parking responsibly to ensure the road safety of our WSS community.

Whole School News; Message from HH The UAE President!

Start of the New Academic Year Message from HH the President:	رسالة صاحب السمو رئيس الدولة ب(حفظه الله) بمناسبة بدء العام الدراسي الجديد:		
To all students, educators, teachers, and workers in the education sector in the UAE, I congratulate you on the start of the new academic year.	أبنائي وبناتي الطلبة وجميع المعلمين والعاملين في قطاع التعليم في الدولة أهنئكم بمناسبة بدء العام الدراسي الجديد.		
First, I want you all as students to be good role models in your schools and homes by respecting and appreciating your teachers and parents.	عيالي بدايةً أريد من كل واحد منكم أن يكون قدوة طيبة في مدرسته وبيته قدوة في احترام وتقدير معلميكم ووالديكم.		
You are the future of our nation, and education is an essential element of the UAE's developmental journey in the present and future.	أبنائي وبناتي أنتم مستقبل هذا الوطن والتعليم عنصر أساسي في مسيرة تنمية بلادنا حاضرها ومستقبلها		
Technology and AI have become powerful tools that can significantly enhance the educational experience, but it is crucial to use these tools responsibly and make the most of the opportunities they provide.	واليوم أصبحت التكنولوجيا والذكاء الاصطناعي أدوات مهمة في تطوير العملية التعليمية لكن الأهم أنكم تستخدمونها بمسؤولية ووعي لتحقيق الفائدة المرجوة منها.		
In this regard, I would like to underscore the importance of cooperation between families and schools. Coordination between parents and teachers helps to provide a supportive environment for the success of our children.	ومن المهم أن نركز على التعاون بين الأسر والمدارس فتكامل الأدوار بين أولياء الأمور والمعلمين يسهم في توفير بيئة مناسبة لنجاح أبنائنا.		
We must also prioritise upbringing in preserving our values rooted in Emirati heritage. These values should always guide our actions, both online and offline.	وأريد أؤكد على التربية والحفاظ على قيمنا المستمدة من موروثنا الإماراتي الأصيل وأن تكون هذه القيم هي البوصلة التي توجه سلوكنا سواء عبر الإنترنت أو في حياتنا اليومية.		
I wish you a successful academic year ahead. May God bless you all.	بارك الله فيكم أبنائي وبناتي وأتمنى لكم عاماً دراسياً موفقاً وناجحاً للجميع.		

Whole School News; SPEA Survey!

Sharjah Private Education Authority is pleased to extend its warmest greetings to you... we kindly request your cooperation in inviting parents of students to participate in the "Registration Survey for the Academic Year 2024-2025" which is being conducted by Sharjah Private Education Authority in collaboration with the Sharjah Education Academy. This survey is part of a comprehensive study on the future of Nurseries graduates in the Emirate of Sharjah. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and ongoing support, and we thank you sincerely for your valuable contribution to this important project. Note: Please complete the survey before September 4, 2024. Below is the survey link: https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/k6CIMH Thank you for your cooperation. **Best Regards**

يطيب لهيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص أن تهديكم أطيب التحيات وصادق الأمنيات...

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، نود طلب تعاونكم الكريم في دعوة أولياء أمور الطلبة والطالبات للمشاركة في "استبانة تسجيل العام الأكاديمي الجديد 2024-2025"، والتي تُقدّمها هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص بالتعاون مع أكاديمية الشارقة للتعليم. تأتي هذه الاستبانة في إطار إعداد دراسة شاملة حول مستقبل خريجي الحضانات في إمارة الشارقة. نثمن تعاونكم ودعمكم المستمر، ونشكركم جزيل الشكر على المساهمة الفعالة في هذا المشروع الهام. ملاحظة: يرجى اكمال الاستبانة قبل تاريخ 4 سبتمبر 2024. تجدون أدناه رابط الاستبانة. ملاحزات المترابية الاستبانة.

Whole School News; Friends of WSS (FOW)!



WHY JOIN FRIENDS OF WSS (FOW)?

-- Improving communication between parents and WSS.

Improving educational outcomes for students.

- Promoting parental engagement in their children's learning.



If interested in joining our FOW, please email WSS PRE for the application form -

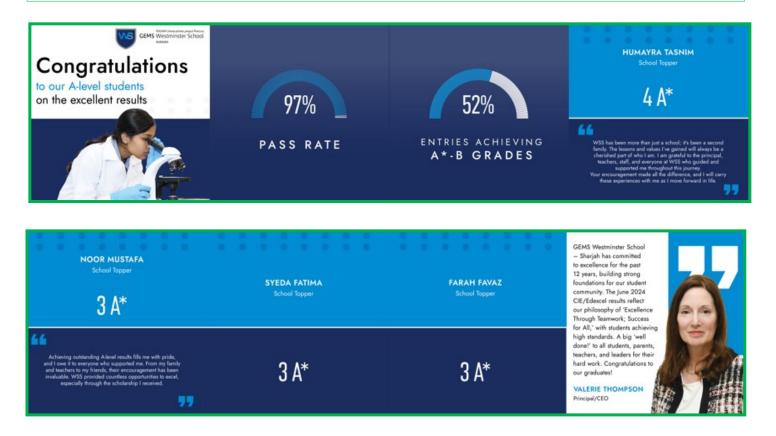
aiysha.k_wss@gemsdu.com

WSS 'Sustainability & Environmental Superstar Champions!

WSS is continuing this year on our sustainability quest to achieve the prestigious international Green Flag Awad for Sustainability. We will be sending home a quick survey link that we have to complete as part of the award process. May we ask that you kindly complete this survey—it should only take a few minutes of your time. Many thanks for your support.

WSS 'A' Level Board Examination Superstar Champions!

Huge congratulations to our students, parents & teachers for the following outstanding board examination results for the May-June 2024 series!





invaluable. WSS provided countless opportunities to excel, especially through the scholarship I received.

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Whole School News; Bus Fees!

Sr.	Area / Route	Annual Bus Fee (AED)	Bus Fee Per Term (AED)		
No			Term 2 (Sept - Dec)	Term 3 (Jan - Mar)	Term 3 (Mar - Apr)
1	Sharjah – Muweilah	4,730	1,892	1,419	1,419
2	Other areas in Sharjah	5,200	2,080	1,560	1,560
3	Ajman – Al Bustan, Emirates City, Hamidiya, Jurf, Karama Main Street, New Industrial Area, Nuyamia, Rashidiya, Rumailah Dubai – Al Qusais, Muhaisnah, Oud Al Muteena	5,720	2,288	1,716	1,716
4	Al Warqa'a 1, Al Warqa'a 2, Mirdif	6,290	2,516	1,887	1,887



Whole School News; Donating Good Condition Old Books!

If you have old school text books (in very good condition) at home that your children no longer need, you may wish to donate/recycle them. If so, please <u>drop them at school on your PTM day</u>. <u>Please drop them at the appropriate Year Group Table</u>.</u>

We will display donated books in the Forecourts/Lobby on <u>year group tables during the appropriate</u> <u>PTM times</u>, where other parents may take them if they wish.

Books left over after PTM would be recycled.

Many thanks in advance.

Whole School News; Uniform!

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SHARJAH

"Time for the new academic year! We're thrilled to celebrate your child's journey"

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Whole School News; Uniform!



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Whole School News; FAB Fee Discounts!!



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Advance payment of school fees also offers:

- · 0% interest and 0% processing fee for up to 12 months
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- · Earn FAB Rewards per transaction, which can be used towards future tuition fee payments
- Stand a chance to become one of 18 lucky winners who will receive either AED 20,000 in GEMS Points or 1 year free GEMS Rewards Plus lifestyle membership when you pay your annual fees in advance using your GEMS Titanium Credit Card
- Parents will need to pay the full year's school fees by 31 August 2024 to participate in the campaign
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*Offer provided through Mastercard

For further details on all of these offers, visit gemsrewards.com/how-to-save webpage or contact your school for more information.

parents@gemseducation.com @gemseducation.com/talk-to-us





Whole School News; Family First!



Spending quality time with our families is one of the greatest privileges that we have. We hope that you shared wonderful adventures & quality time with your family over the summer, just like our teacher Ms. Kishwar. Feel free to share family activity pictures with us to share in the Newsletters to help promote valuable family values avross our community.

Junior Section News; Induction Week 1!











Junior Section News; FS2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; FS2D2 Learning Activities!



Fs2 D2 Engaging in classroom activities



Junior Section News; Y1H2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!



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Primary Section News; Induction Week!

























Primary Section News; Induction Week!























Primary Section News; Y3F2 Learning Activities!







Primary Section News; Y5F1 Learning Activities!



New students and parents met Mr. Arvie, the Y5F1 class teacher for the orientation.



During the first day of school, our school principal, Ms. Valerie Thompson visited every class to meet the new students and wished them an enjoyable stay with lots of learning at WSS.

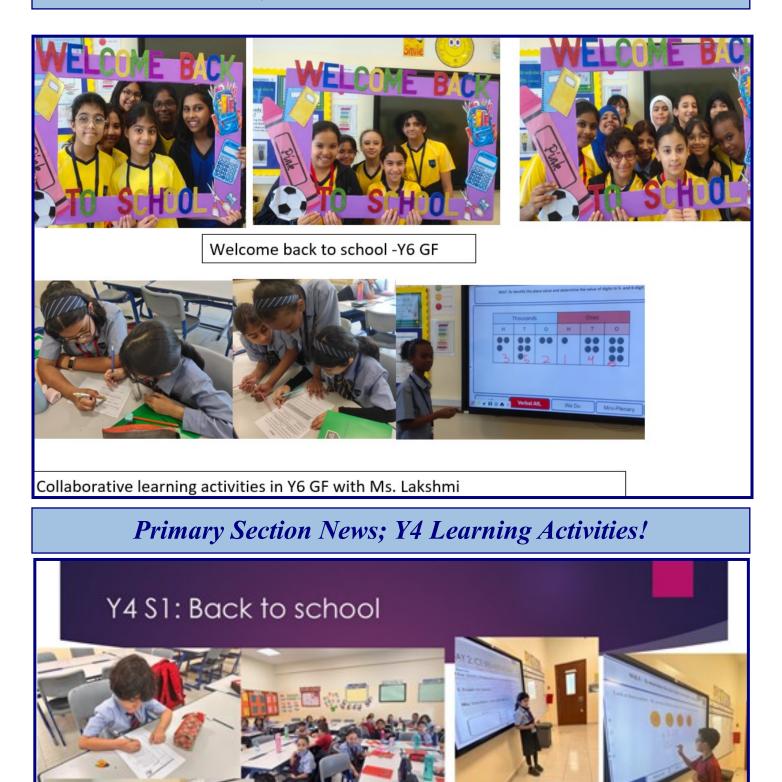


An amazing first day high experience of the Y5F1 class.



__Y5F1 Library Orientation with Ms. Rapunzel

Primary Section News; Y6 Induction!



Ms Susweta

Primary Section News; Y6GH Learning Activities!



TEAM TEACHING

Ms. Anju Kumar and Mr. Dhayan conducted a team teaching session during the science lesson in Y6BF. <u>LFQ</u>: How do I plan and carry out investigations like a scientist?

Primary Section News; Y6 Induction!



The new students and their parents were enthusiastic and eager to join the WSS family. The Year 6 team effectively communicated the school's rules, academic assessment procedures, and student well-being to the new WSS members. Mr. Shujahat, the Vice Principal; Ms. Sonia, the Assistant Principal of Primary; and Ms. Emelia, the Deputy Head of Primary, also attended to warmly welcome the parents and students to WSS.

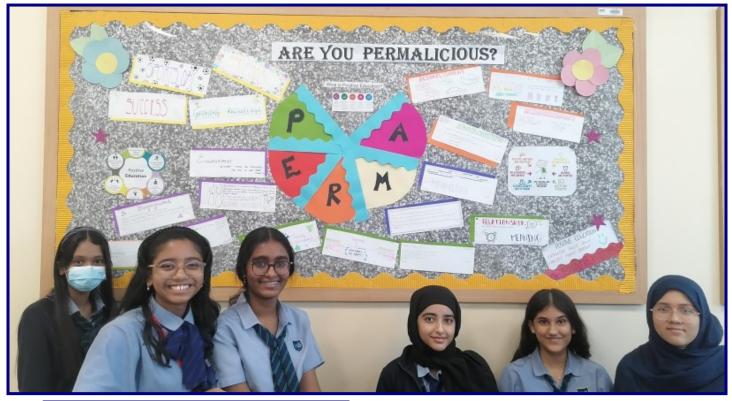






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Secondary Section News; Wellbeing at WSS!





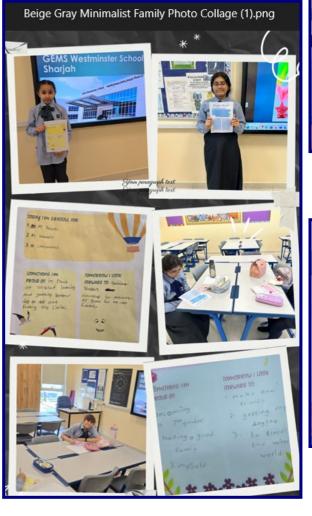
The WSS Wellbeing Framework is built on the pillars of PERMAH;	
P– Positive Emotions	
E—Engagement (Finding Flow)	
R—Relationships	
M—Meaning (purposeful existence)	
A—Achievement	
H—Healthy Lifestyle	
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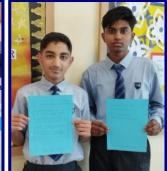
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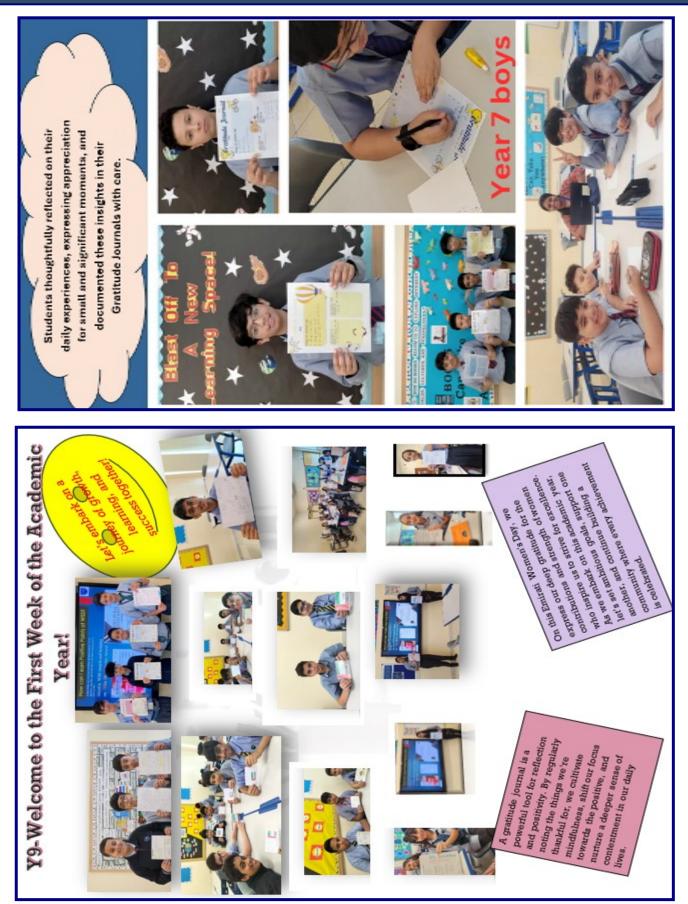
Getting back into our teaching & learning routines.















Secondary Section News; Alumni Update!

Hello Ms. Valerie

Good morning. Hope you are keeping well. If you remember your student Sheroy Sethna completed Grade 10 then we moved to Vancouver, Canada.

With great pride and pleasure wanted to let you know Sheroy has been accepted into one of the prestigious Film School - Vancouver Film School (VFS) to study Film Production along with VFX and design.

Along the way his films will be showcased at International Toronto Film Festival next year.

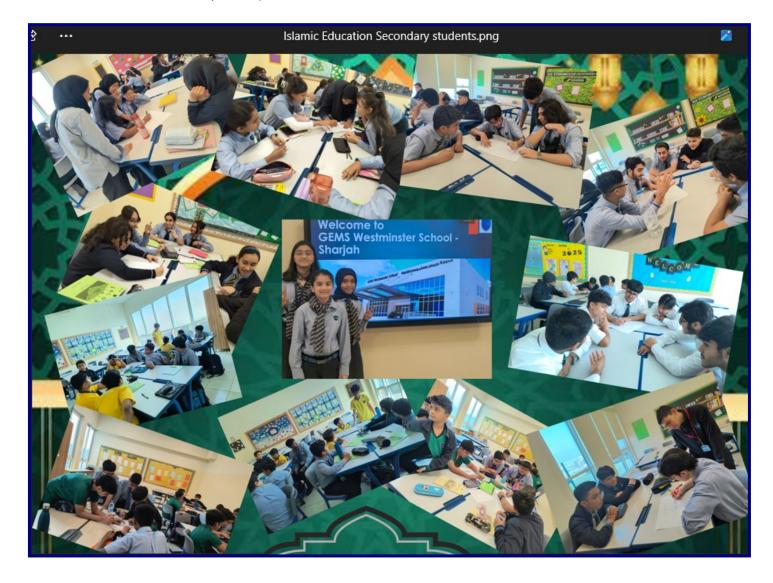
Sheroy wasn't too good with academics, but all his teachers knew he always wanted to get into the Film industry. A big thank you always to Mr. Pratik, Ms. Divya, Ms. Sonia and all the teachers who looked beyond academics in him and believing in him and encouraging him.

Thank you to everyone at WSS.

WARM REGARDS

SHIRAZ SETHNA.

Topic: Welcoming in a New Academic Year: Strengthening Faith and Knowledge in Our Islamic Journey. Teacher: Ms. Ashmabi Year Group: Secondary Islamic Education students.



KS5 Form Tutors Ms. Archana, Ms. Anju Rajesh, Ms. Sandra and Ms. Gayathry welcome year 12-13 girls to the new academic year.

Informational and fun activities on day1



