

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #21
6th February, 2025



**Message from the Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson**

Dear WSS Parents,

Term 2 School Fees

As you are aware, school fees are our only source of income. Thanks & appreciation to those parents who have cleared their fees on time to support smooth school operations. However, shockingly, **470 students have not cleared their T2 school fees**, which is unsustainable. Parents, if your fees are pending, please clear at the earliest. Thank you.

Safeguarding & E-Safety; Signing the BYOD Policy

An email was sent home to all our parents in December regarding signing the important BYOD Policy to support the online safety of our students. Thank you to the 720 parents who have already signed. As this is a really important document, a reminder email will be sent (please ignore if you have already signed it this academic year). If you have not yet signed it, please would you do so. Much appreciated.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 6/1/25	• Enrollment assessment started & given according to the date of Registration. Seats are very limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment
Mon. 20/1/25	• GEMS Parent Satisfaction Survey opens. Parents, please complete it to support us, thank you.
From Mon. 17/2/25	• Reenrollment for next academic year 2025-2026 open, subject to T2 fee payment (regardless of Payment Plan) & a clean discipline record.
Fri. 28/2/25	• Deadline to order your child's Lensman photos (online)
Thurs. 26th June	• Last day of compulsory T3 Promotional Exams
Thurs. 3rd July, 2025	• The last official day for students for this academic year.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 21
6 فبراير 2025



رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

رسوم المدرسة للفصل الدراسي التالي

كما تعلمون، الرسوم المدرسية هي
مصدر الدخل الوحيد لدينا الشكر
والتقدير لأولياء الأمور الذين قاموا
بسداد رسومهم الدراسية في الموعد

المحدد لدعم سير العمل في المدرسة. ولكن من المثير للصدمة أن
470 طالبًا لم يتمكنوا من تسديد رسومهم المدرسية في الصف
الثاني، وهو أمر غير قابل للاستمرار. أولياء الأمور، إذا كانت
هناك رسوم معلقة، يرجى تسديدها في أقرب وقت ممكن. شكرًا
لكم.

الحماية والسلامة الإلكترونية؛ التوقيع على سياسة إحصار أجهزتك الخاصة

تم إرسال بريد إلكتروني إلى جميع أولياء الأمور في شهر ديسمبر
بخصوص التوقيع على سياسة BYOD المهمة لدعم السلامة
عبر الإنترنت لطلابنا. شكرًا لك 720 من الآباء والأمهات الذين
وقعوا حتى الآن. نظرًا لأن هذه وثيقة مهمة حقًا، فسيتم إرسال
بريد إلكتروني تذكيري (يرجى تجاهلها إذا كنت قد وقعت عليها
بالفعل في هذا العام الدراسي). إذا لم تكن قد وقعت عليه بعد،
فيرجى القيام بذلك. وسأكون ممتنًا للغاية.

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الاثنين 6/1/25	تم البدء في تقييم التسجيل وإجراؤه حسب تاريخ التسجيل. المقاعد محدودة جدًا، لذا يرجى التسجيل مبكرًا لتجنب خيبة الأمل.
الاثنين 20/1/25	تم افتتاح استبيان رضا أولياء الأمور في مدرسة جيمس. يرجى من أولياء الأمور إكمالها لدعمنا، شكرًا لكم.
من يوم الاثنين 17/2/25	فتح باب التسجيل للعام الدراسي القادم 2025-2026. مع مراعاة دفع رسوم T2 (بعض النظر عن خطة الدفع) وسجل الانضباط النظيف.
الجمعة 28/2/25	الموعد النهائي لطلب صور Lensman لطفلك (عبر الإنترنت)
الخميس 26 يونيو	اليوم الأخير من امتحانات الترقية الإلزامية للصف الثالث الثانوي
الخميس 3 يوليو 2025	آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.



رويتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع"

The most important gifts 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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WSS Superstar TIMSS Champions!



هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص
SHARJAH PRIVATE EDUCATION AUTHORITY

شهادة شكر وتقدير

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Sharjah Private Education Authority
extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to

Gems Westminster School Sharjah LLC

for excelling in the results of the
**Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
(TIMSS 2023)**,
affiliated with the International Association for the
Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA)

The school has distinguished itself by achieving scores
surpassing or equivalent to the global average in
four key domains of the TIMSS 2023 assessment

Wishing you continued excellence

تتقدّم هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص
بخالص الشكر والتقدير إلى

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة ذ.م.م

وذلك لتفوقها في نتائج اختبار
**دراسة الاتجاهات الدولية في الرياضيات والعلوم
(TIMSS 2023)**
التّابع للجمعية الدولية لتقييم التحصيل التربوي (IEA)

وحصول المدرسة على أعلى من المعدل العالمي أو ما يساويه
في **أربعة محاور** في اختبار TIMSS 2023

متمنين دوام التّميز والعطاء



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Ali Alhosani
Director General of the Sharjah Private Education Authority



هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص
SHARJAH PRIVATE EDUCATION AUTHORITY

30/01/2025

Dear Ms.Rema,

Congratulations to you and the WSS team on achieving the International Optimus Wellbeing Award.
This well-deserved recognition reflects your dedication to students' holistic development.

As parents, we truly appreciate WSS's commitment to our children's academic and emotional well-being. This achievement reinforces our confidence in the school's nurturing environment.

Wishing you and your team continued success.

Regards,
Hira Raheel
Parent Syed Taha Ahmed and
Syed Talha Ahmed

*Whole School News; Mental Health Awareness Day, 6/2/25;
‘Dress in a Colour That Makes you Feel Happy!’*



Mental health awareness

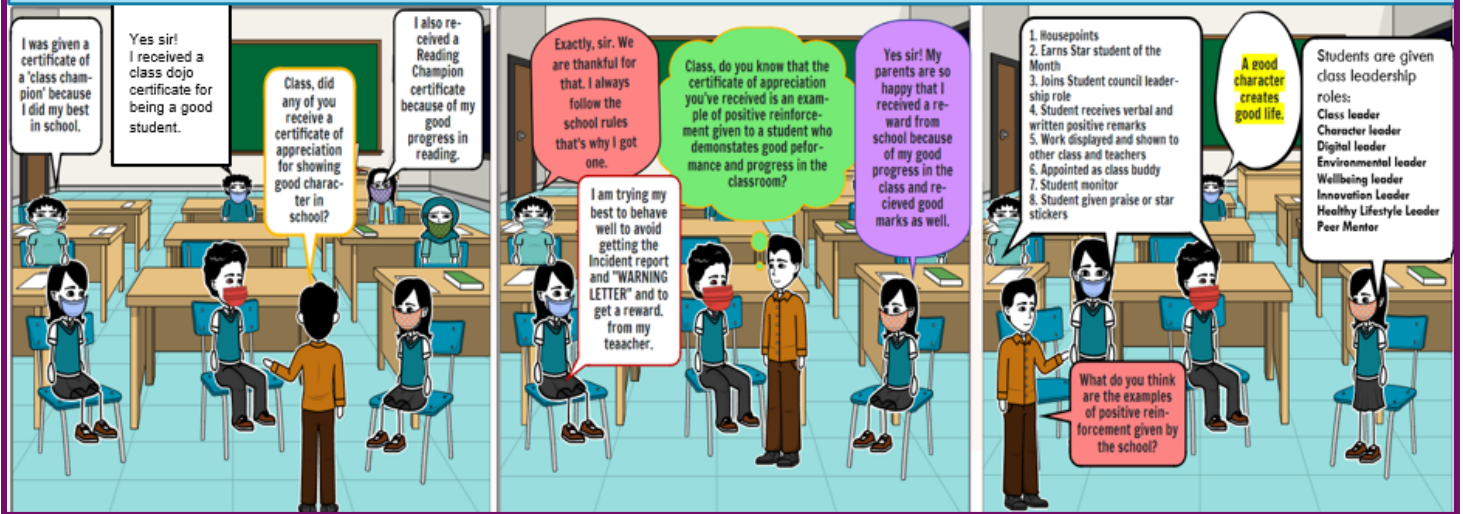


Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Positive reinforcement of WSS to students



A Journey to a Happy Mind



Happy Birthdays!



Happy Birthday! Thank you so much for bringing healthy fruit treats to share with classmates, which supports our 'Healthy Lifestyle' Policy.

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



FS1 & FS2 Class Champions of the Week!

Junior Section News; Learning Projects!



Thank you Sila for sharing your meaningful, super interesting videos & projects. We love to see your growing confidence & positivity! Thank you dear parents for you ongoing support & engagement with hyour child's learning.



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with FS2S2, 6/2/25!



FS2S2 presented a wonderfully cute Assembly on the theme 'Superheroes in our daily Life'. We learnt that we can all be someone's superhero, if we are kind & helpful. We appreciated our dear parents & Teachers for being everyday heroes!



The assembly was so fantastic 🍷!!!
Thank you for your continuous and unlimited support.
I loved it so much, you really made our day so wonderful !!!



Junior Section News; UAE Y1 Forward Diplomacy Projects, 3/2/25!



Students presented wonderful projects of 'Friendship Bridges' & 'Peace Towers' representing the UAE's commitment to peace, tolerance & teamwork. The students spoke very confidently & shared their interesting ideas. Well done!



*Junior Section News;
UAE Y1 Forward Diplomacy Projects, 3/2/25!*



*Junior Section News;
UAE Y1 Forward Diplomacy Projects, 3/2/25!*



Junior Section News; FS1H1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; FS2S2 Learning Activities!



**FS2 S2 with
Ms.Sarah and
Ms.Maria.**



Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



Y1D2 WITH MS. SADIQA AND MS ASMA



OUR LITTLE STARS PIC-COLLAGES

Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F1 WITH MS. AYSHA AND MS. JAMILA



Y1F2 WITH MS. ANEEZA AND MS. GURPREET



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1H1 WITH MS. AAFREIN AND MS. NOORA



Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANT



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadia



Y1S1 proudly presented their projects to Ms Val and other SLT members.

Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Foumy



Project presentation

Learning about height

Stream lesson

ICT lesson

Project presentation

PIC-COLLAGE

Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



FUN PLAY TIME.



SCIENCE STEAM ACTIVITY



UAE HERITAGE EXHIBITION.



Congratulations little champs!

Star Students of the week.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



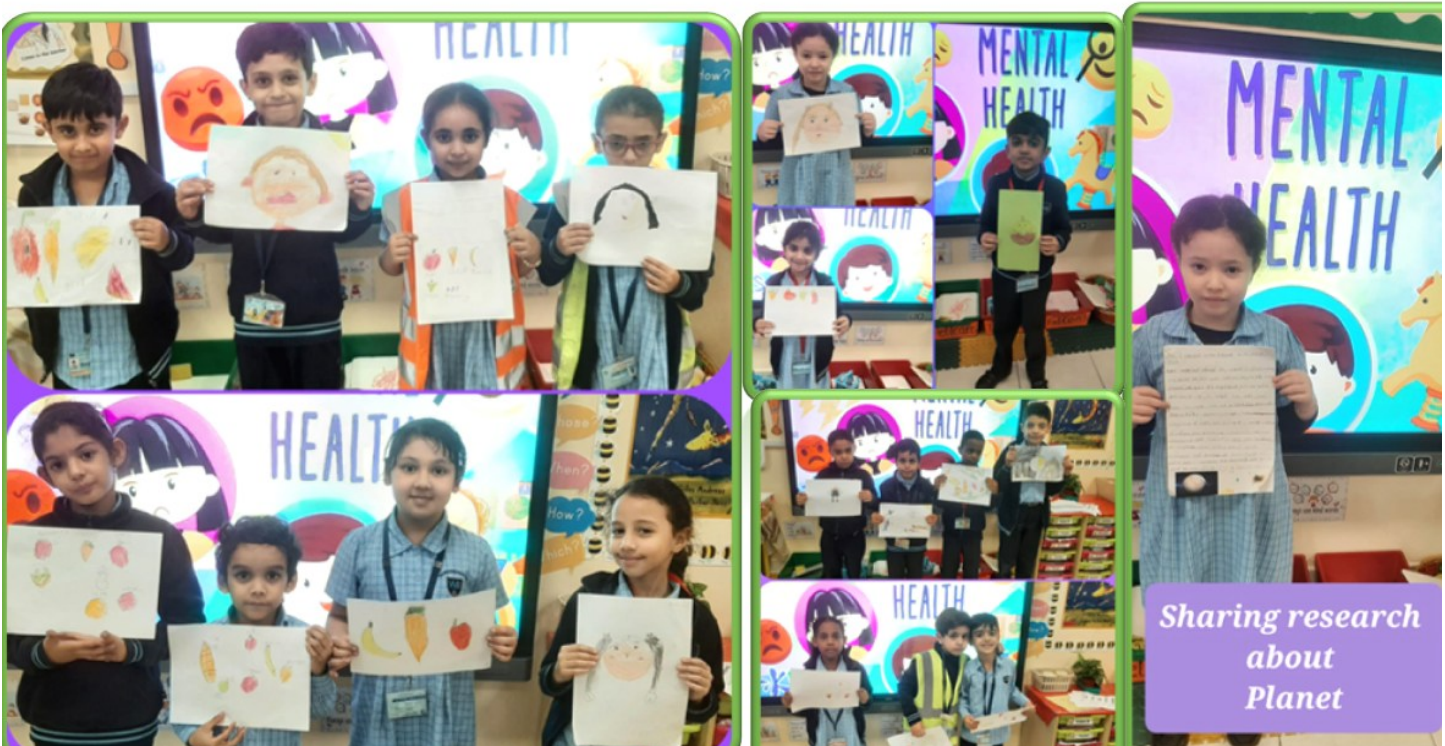
Y2F1 WITH MS SABIHA & MS ASHIKA

Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!

Junior Section: Y2 H1 Learning Activities!

Miss Jinitra and Miss Maryam



Reading the stories



Writing wellbeing letter to themselves



Writing wellbeing letter to themselves



Art

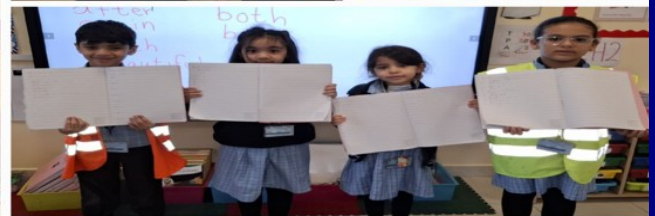
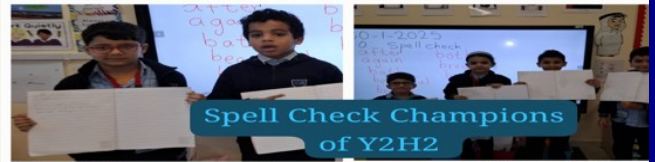


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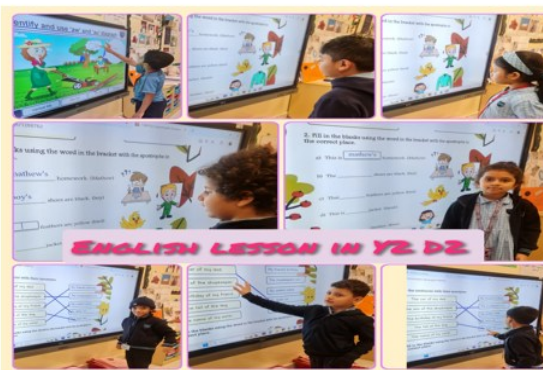


Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!

Y2H2 MS. ROOMANA AND MS. AQUEEN



MS. MILLICENT & MS. TAHIRA Y2D2



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 With Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza

Science Lesson

Our project presentation

Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Primary Section News; Primary ECA Report!

Mixed Sports



Badminton



Smart Art



Football



Theatre



AI & Robotics



WSS Talks



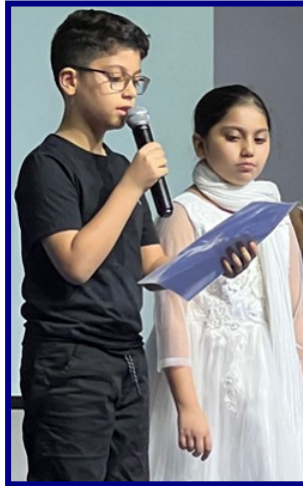
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SONG: ROSÉ &
Bruno Mars - APT
GR 5 Y:6 GS
Teacher: Mr.
Benjamin



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5F2, 5/2/25!



Thank you to Y5F2, who presented an Assembly on the theme 'Resilience'. Thanks to the parents who joined us to make the event extra special.



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5F2, 5/2/25!



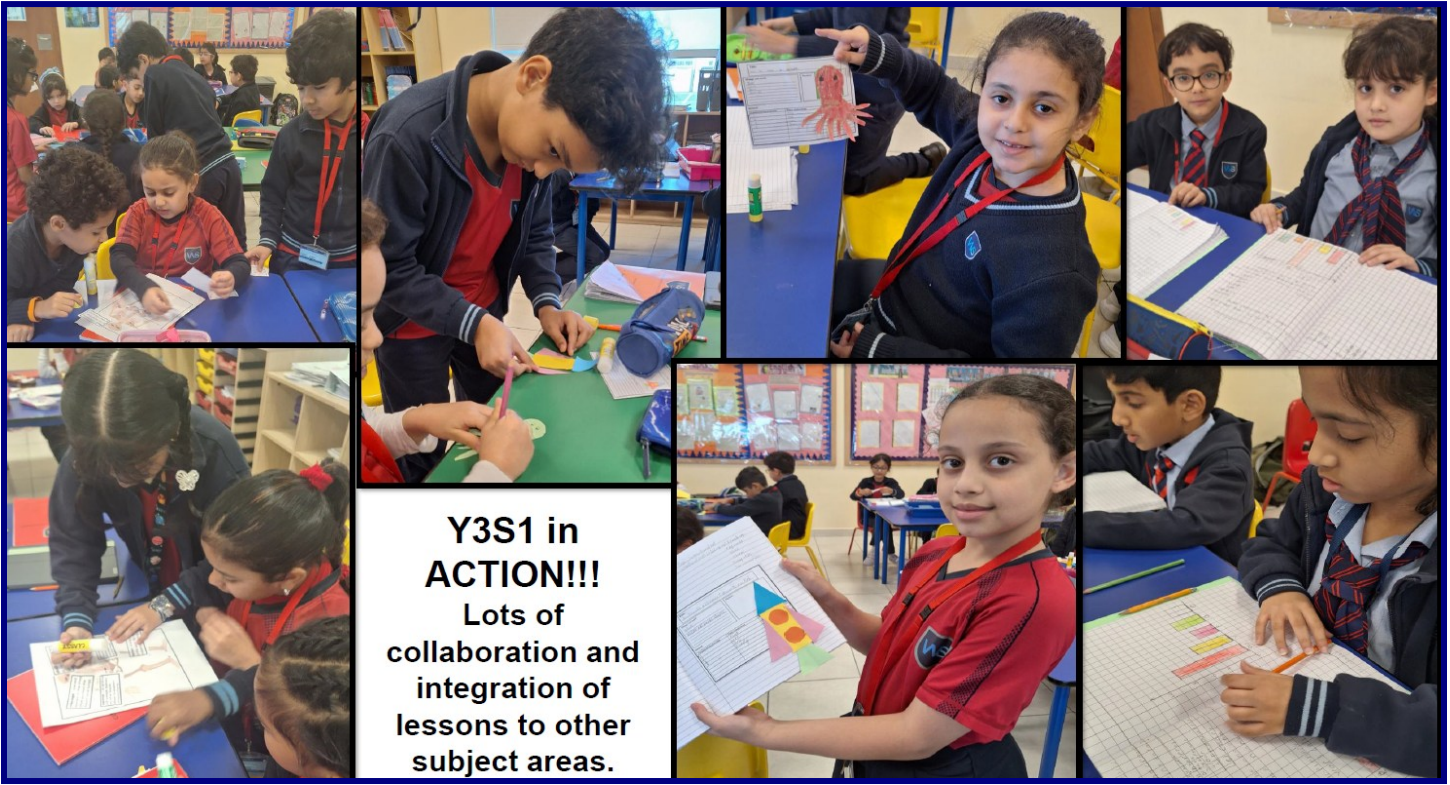
Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3H1, 5/2/25!



Y3 presented a wonderfully clear & relevant Assembly on the theme 'Perseverance'. We learnt never to give up.



Primary Section News; Y3S1 Learning Activities!



Y3S1 in ACTION!!!
Lots of collaboration and integration of lessons to other subject areas.

Primary Section News; Y6 Radio Station, 6/2/25!

PRIMARY RADIO STATION @ WSS



Muhammad Hassan
Y6 BS



Muhammad Zayed
Y6 BF



Muhammad Ahmed
Y6 BH



Primary Section News; STEAM in Y4F1!



Y4 F1 STEAM lesson with Ms. R. Oshin Gabriella

Children of Y4F1 created a treasure map and used addition and subtraction to navigate the treasure map and find the correct path to the treasure.

WSS Secondary Section 'Youth Talks' Superstar Champions!

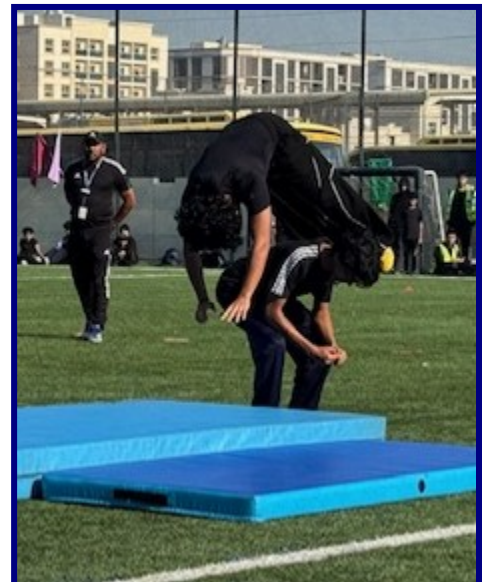


Winners of the 'Youth Talks' competition, 3/2/25 & 4/2/25. Congratulations for your hard work to prepare, interesting points & confident delivery! We enjoyed the real-life links through personal anecdotes, & teh real data shared to make your points valid.



Some of our many Sports Day prize winners

Secondary Section News; Boys' Sports Day, 5/2/25!



Secondary Section News; Boys' Sports Day, 5/2/25!



Secondary Section News; Boys' Sports Day, 5/2/25!



Secondary Section News; Boys' Sports Day, 5/2/25!



The entertaining gymnastics display was particularly impressive this year & enjoyed by all. Super well done to all the performers & organisers. Special thanks to Mr. Jishar & the hard-working, talented PE & Student Leadership Teams for organizing this spectacular event.



Secondary Section News; Girls' Sports Day, 6/2/25!



Secondary Section News; Girls' Sports Day, 6/2/25!



Secondary Section News; Girls' Sports Day, 6/2/25!



*Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Wellbeing Conference,
22/2/25!*

Wellbeing & Learning

Conference
Spring Session

2024-25

LEADERSHIP GEMSTONES

Leading with character, inspiring with purpose



EMERALD



DIAMOND



LABRADORITE



TRIDOT



RUBY



ONYX



SAPPHIRE



FLOURITE



CITRINE



GARNET



AMETHYST

GEMS
EDUCATION

ORGANISED AND HOSTED BY:



RANJU ANAND
SVP | Executive
Principal & CEO GCS



VALERIE THOMPSON
Principal & CEO
WSS



SHUJAHAT MUNIR
Vice Principal
WSS



ALFRED FRANKLIN
Assistant Principal
WSS Secondary



SEEMA NIKAM
Deputy Head
WSS Secondary

SATURDAY
22
FEBRUARY
2025



REFLECTION



COMPASSION



PURPOSE



ADAPTABILITY

Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Wellbeing Conference, 22/2/25!

Wellbeing
&
Learning

2024-25
Conference
Spring Session



Event: Wellbeing and Learning Conference 2024-25
(Spring Session)

Location: GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah

Date: 22nd February 2025

Workshops: LEADERSHIP GEMSTONES



Sixth Form Students will
be able to sign up with
their Phase Leader shortly

We are excited to welcome you to the **Spring Session** of our **Wellbeing and Learning Conference 2024-25**.

Year 12 and 13 students across our GEMS cluster will be given an opportunity to explore the **Leadership Gemstones** Framework. We want our students to be able to **reflect**, show **compassion**, **integrity** and be **adaptable** throughout their life. This conference will give them a chance to review the values associated with our **Leadership Gemstones** and support their journey into further education.

There will be entertainment, keynote speakers, a panel discussion on leadership and lifelong learning as well as our sixth form social event.

We would love to see you all attend. Please complete the registration form and return to shujahat.m_wss@gemsedu.com by 10th February 2025.

We see genius in every child



Secondary Section News; 'Youth Talks' Competition, 3/2/25!

Well done to our enthusiastic, courageous students who take part. Students confidently presented to peers about current topics, such as Balancing Technology with Real Life, and Sustainability.



Secondary Section News; 'Youth Talks' Competition, 4/2/25!

Well done to our enthusiastic, courageous students who take part. Students confidently presented to peers about current topics, such as Balancing Technology with Real Life, and Sustainability.



Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Careers Fair, 4/2/25!



GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah
KS4 (Y10) Maths Club Event
Mathematical Drama Competition



**"MATHS
MYSTERIES ON
NO STAGE"
FEB 2025**



- **Theme: Detective Drama on Geometry Concepts**
- **Teams: 3-5 students per group**
- **Script & Performance: Create a short script incorporating the concept into a real-life scenario or story**
- **Props & Visuals: Dress up as characters, use simple props, charts, or gestures to support the explanation**
- **Time Limit: 5 minutes per performance**
- **Clarity & Engagement: The skit should be understandable, engaging, and educational**

Scan the QR code for registration
Deadline to register 11th Feb 2025

*Secondary Section News; Let's Participate in the English Talent
Week 10th –13th February, 2025!*



The poster features a yellow background with a large orange circle in the center. At the top left is the GEMS Westminister School logo with the text 'مدرسة جيمس وستمنستر الشارقة' and 'SHARJAH'. At the top right is the 'DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH' logo. The main title 'ENGLISH LINGUISTIC TALENT WEEK 2025' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'YEAR 7-13' and '10th - 12th February 2025' are in blue. The event name 'SPAG ROYALE' is in blue and purple, with 'Spelling Punctuation And Grammar Year 7-10' in black below it. An illustration of books and pink characters is on the left. The text 'Participate in an online competition using your own device!' is in black, with 'PITCH PERFECT' in red and white at the bottom right.

GEMS Westminister School
SHARJAH

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

ENGLISH LINGUISTIC TALENT WEEK 2025

YEAR 7-13
10th - 12th February 2025

SPAG ROYALE
Spelling Punctuation And Grammar
Year 7-10

Participate in an online competition using
your own device!

PITCH PERFECT