

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #9
17th October, 2024



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Term/Holiday dates for the Academic Year 2024-2025

Please note that our approved Term/Holiday dates for the year are published on p26 of your Parent Handbook (see access QR code on p3 of the NL, & as published on the website). The calendar is also pasted in this NL p4 FYI.

Parents Registering Your Child on SPEA's Daleel 2 System—Compulsory by SPEA

We still have 156 new students & 438 old re-link students still not registered on Daleel 2. The SPEA system may soon close, which would leave these students unregistered with school or SPEA & potentially unable to receive Report cards or be promoted to the next year group at the end of the academic year. This is a **critical issue**. Any Authority fines will be passed to the concerned parents. If this applies to you, do feel free to reach out to the GRE Ms. Abir for support.

For registration, please follow the attached guidance

- 1- Open Daleel link <https://daleel.spea.shj.ae/auth/login>
- 2- Click on sign in with UAE PASS
- 3- Check UAE PASS from your mobile and click on confirm
- 4- Click on ADD NEW CHILD
- 5- Complete all the required details and upload documents as PDF then Click on SAVE (ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE PROPERLY SCANNED BY A SCANNER)
- 6- Submit the registration request to the school
- 7- Choose the school's name, GEMS Westminister School Sharjah, then click on "SUBMIT A REGISTRATION REQUEST"

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The online registration system for new seats for the next Academic Year 2025-2026 has opened.
January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment assessment will start from January 2025, on a 'first come, first served' basis. Since seats are very limited, please register early if
Mon. 2/12/24 & Tues. 3/12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible school closure for UAE National Day holiday (TBC by the Authorities)
Friday 13/12/24 to Sunday 5/1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Break (3-weeks) T1 Exams will be held during the 2 weeks before Winter Break (exact dates TBC)



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 9
17 أكتوبر 2024



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الاعزاء،

مواعيد الفصل الدراسي/العطلة للعام الدراسي 2024-2025

يرجى ملاحظه ان تواريخ الفصل
الدراسي/العطلات المعتمدة لدينا لهذا العام
منشورة على الصفحة 26 من دليل
الوالدين الخاص بك (انظر رمز الوصول
السريع على الصفحة 3 من NL، وكما
هو منشور على الموقع الإلكتروني). تم
لمق التقييم أيضا في هذا، FYI، p4 NL

أولياء الأمور الذين يقومون بتسجيل أطفالهم على نظام دليل 2 التابع لهيئة التعليم في الشارقة – إلزامي من قبل هيئة التعليم في الشارقة

لا يزال لدينا 156 طالبًا جديدًا و 438 طالبًا قديمًا لم يتم تسجيلهم بعد في
دليل 2. قد يتم إغلاق نظام SPEA قريبًا، مما قد يترك هؤلاء الطلاب
غير مسجلين في المدرسة أو SPEA وربما غير قادرين على تلقي
بطاقات التقرير أو الترقية إلى المجموعة العمرية التالية في نهاية العام
الدراسي. هذه قضية بالغة الأهمية. سيتم تحويل أي غرامات تفرضها
الهيئة إلى أولياء الأمور المعنيين. إذا كان هذا ينطبق عليك، فلا تردد في
التواصل مع السيدة عبير، مسؤولة اختبار GRE، للحصول على الدعم.

For registration, please follow the attached guidance

- 1- Open Dabeel link <https://dabeel.spsa.sbi.edu.ae/ibn/gn>
- 2- Click on sign in with UAE PASS
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المواعيد

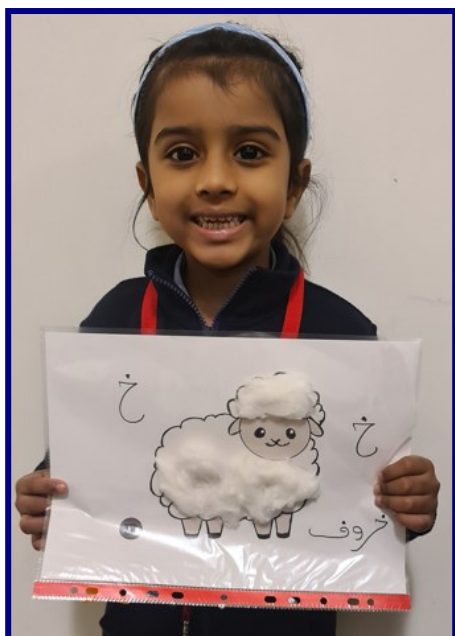
التفاصيل	التاريخ
تم فتح نظام التسجيل الإلكتروني للمقاعد الجديدة للعام الدراسي المقبل 2025-2026. سيبدأ تقييم التسجيل اعتبارًا من يناير 2025، على أساس "أولوية الحضور". ونظرًا لأن المقاعد محدودة للغاية، يرجى التسجيل مبكرًا إذا كنت تريد مقاعد جديدة. شكرًا لك.	يفتح يناير 2025
احتمال إغلاق المدارس خلال عطلة اليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة (سيتم الإعلان عن ذلك من قبل السلطات)	الاثنين والتثلاثاء 2/12/24 3/12/24
العطلة الشتوية (3 أسابيع) سيتم عقد امتحانات T1 خلال الأسبوعين قبل العطلة الشتوية (سيتم تحديد التواريخ الدقيقة لاحقًا)	الجمعة 13/12/24 إلى الأحد 5/1/25



رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح 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



Ayza Nasir's Photo FS2S2 learning Arabic sounds in class

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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Whole School News; Approved Term/Holiday Dates!



See p 26 of your Parent Handbook. All Term dates & holidays are subject to SPEA change & approval

التقويم المدرسي للمنهج الأجنبي الخاص لإمارة الشارقة للعام الدراسي 2024/2025 Academic Calendar for AY 2024 – 2025

School name: GEMS Westminister School اسم المدرسة: جيمس ويستمينستر الخاصة
Curricula: British المنهاج المطبق: البريطاني
School code (Daleel system): 120 رمز المدرسة (نظام دليل):

Duration of / مدة الإجازة / vacation	To / إلى	From / من	Statement / البيان
Term 1 - الفصل الدراسي الأول			
-		26/8/2024	First Day of School / بدء دوام الطلبة
4 days / اربع ايام	19/12/2024	16/12/2024	اجازة
2 Weeks / أسبوعين	2/1/2025	23/12/2024	Winter Break / إجازة الشتاء
Term 2 - الفصل الدراسي الثاني			
-		6/1/2025	School Return / استئناف دوام الطلبة
2 Weeks / أسبوعين	3/4/2025	24/3/2025	Spring Break / إجازة الربيع
Term 3 - الفصل الدراسي الثالث			
-		7/4/2025	School Return / استئناف دوام الطلبة
End of the Academic Year 2024/2025		3/7/2025	نهاية العام الدراسي 2025/2024

2024/2025 العام الدراسي



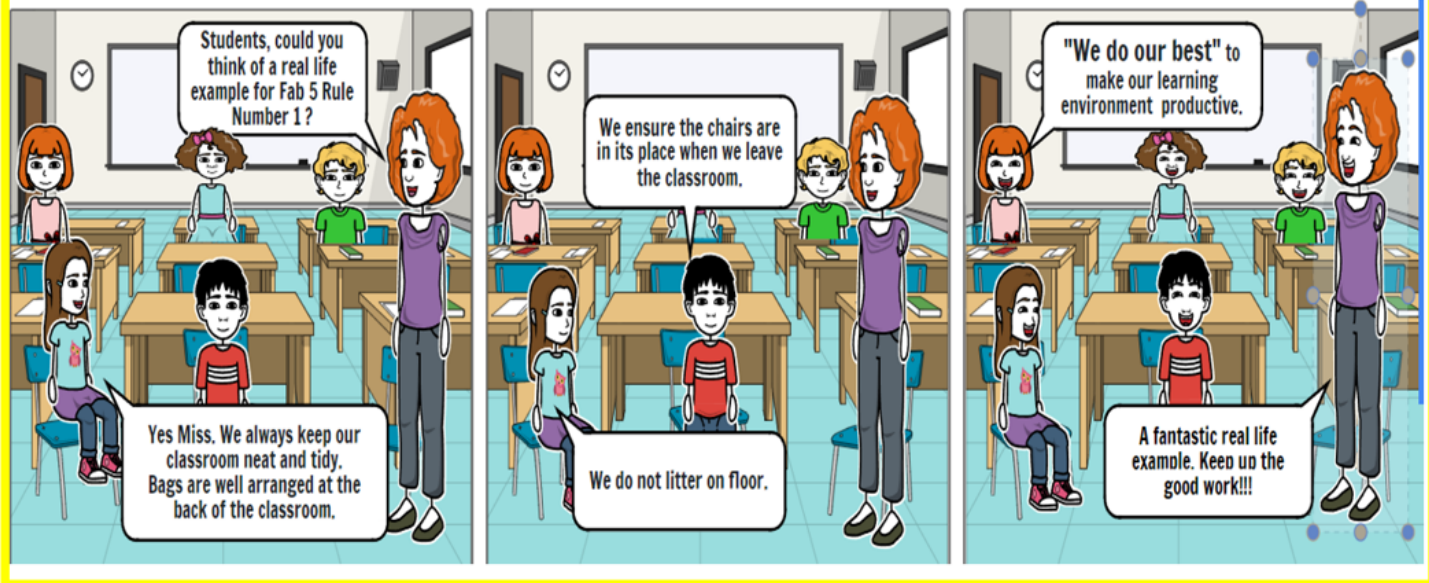
معتمد
Approved 3/9/2024

Whole School News; October is Dyslexia Awareness Month!



Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

The Fab 5 – “We do our best”



RESPECT
IS NOT A GIFT.
YOU
HAVE TO
EARN IT.

BE RESPECTFUL

IT'S ALL ABOUT RESPECT

RESPECT YOURSELF
RESPECT OTHERS
RESPECT YOUR SPACE

OUR SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS



*Whole School News; Participation in Mindscapes Arts Festival,
Hosted by the Millennium School!*



**Mindscope Interschool
Art Festival at The
Millennium School,
Dubai**

• Our visit to the Mindscope Interschool Art Festival at The Millennium School, Dubai, was an inspiring journey into creativity. The festival offered our students a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in a world of artistic expression, showcasing innovative artworks from schools across the region. The exhibition provided a platform to explore a wide range of art ideas and techniques, sparking inspiration among the students. They also actively participated in workshops where they experimented with decoupage, watercolor, and more, enhancing their skills and discovering new artistic possibilities. This experience was invaluable in broadening their creative horizons and enriching their passion for art.



*Whole School News; Participation in Mindscapes Arts Festival,
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Happy Birthdays!

Happy birthday to Abdul Aaiz Y 13 BS and Mohib Rasool Y 12 BD



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Mrs Shamail

Dear Mrs pooja

I am Asma's Hany mother fs2 f1

Thank you very much for your efforts and appreciation for our children and us as parents, and thank you for my daughter's joy and happiness that you shared with her on a wonderful day like today. This is how Gems and the management are always and I wish you more success and excellence

Thanks again and Regards 🤗📄🌹

To Mis Kishwar and Mis Mani,

Thankyou for your dedication and passion for teaching. Your classes have been incredibly impactful and Faliha has learned so much from you both.

I really admire how you make the material engaging and accessible. You have established a positive classroom atmosphere.

Your lessons are well-structured.

I've noticed that Faliha enjoy your class alot.

Thankyou For Faliha's class teacher 🤗



Junior Section News: FS2S2 Learning Activities!

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FS2S2 with Ms.Sarah and Ms.Maria

Junior Section News: Y1H2 Learning Activities!

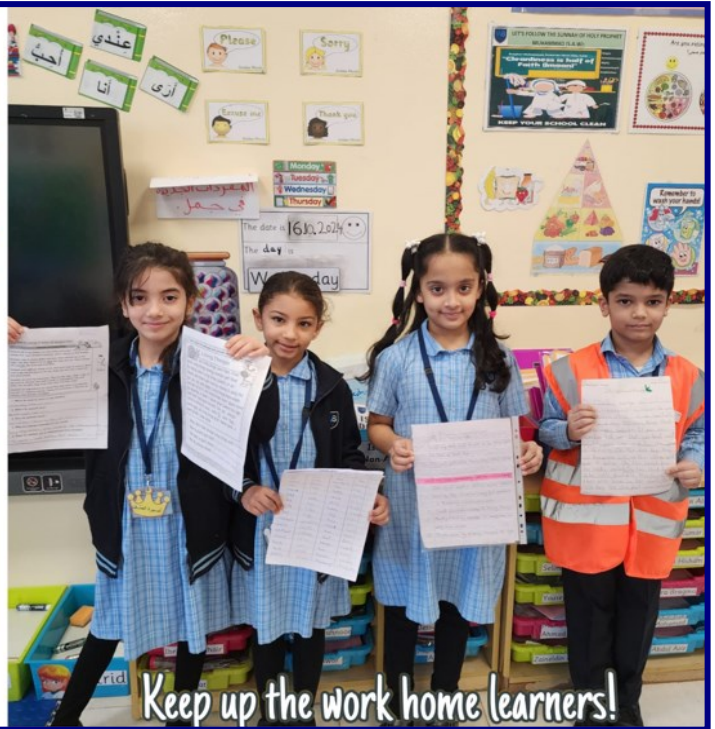


Y1 H2 Ms. Kishwar & Ms. Mani

Junior Section News: Y1S1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News: Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News: Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News: Y2F2 Learning Activities!

TR-Ms.Fauzia-Y2F2

TA-Ms.Benil-Y2F2



Parental Engagement Activity-Y2F2



Junior Section News: Y2H1 Learning Activities!

Newsletter for Y21H



Junior Section News: Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN



Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN



Junior Section News: Y2S1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News: Y2S2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News: Digital Literacy!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Primary Student Council members ready to take over their duties for the academic year 2024 - 2025. We wish them all every success on their leadership journey.



Congratulations to the winners of our Times Table Competition! Your hard work, quick thinking, and mastery of multiplication have truly shone through. You've demonstrated not only impressive math skills but also dedication and focus. Keep up the great work and continue to challenge yourselves to reach even greater heights.

Primary Section News; Parent Engagement Sustainability Activity, 16/10/24!



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Activity, 16/10/24!*

WSS Primary Parental
Engagement Activity



Primary Section News; Parent Engagement Sustainability Activity, 16/10/24!



Primary Section News; Times Tables Competition!

★ ★ Primary Section Times Table Competition 2024 - 2025 ★ ★



★ ★ Y6 Times Table Competition 2024-2025 ★ ★



WSS PRIMARY Y4 RADIO STATION

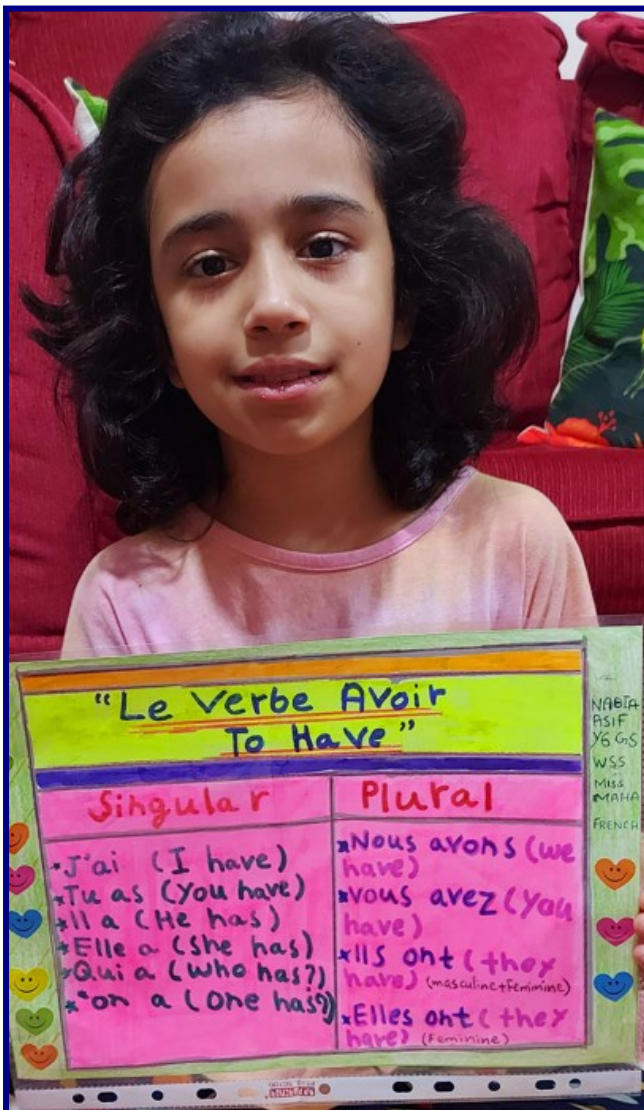


RJ Talha

RJ Zahra

RJ Eyad

Topic; Mental Health Awareness



Primary Section News; Y3F2 Learning Activities!



Primary Section News; Y6GF Learning Activities!



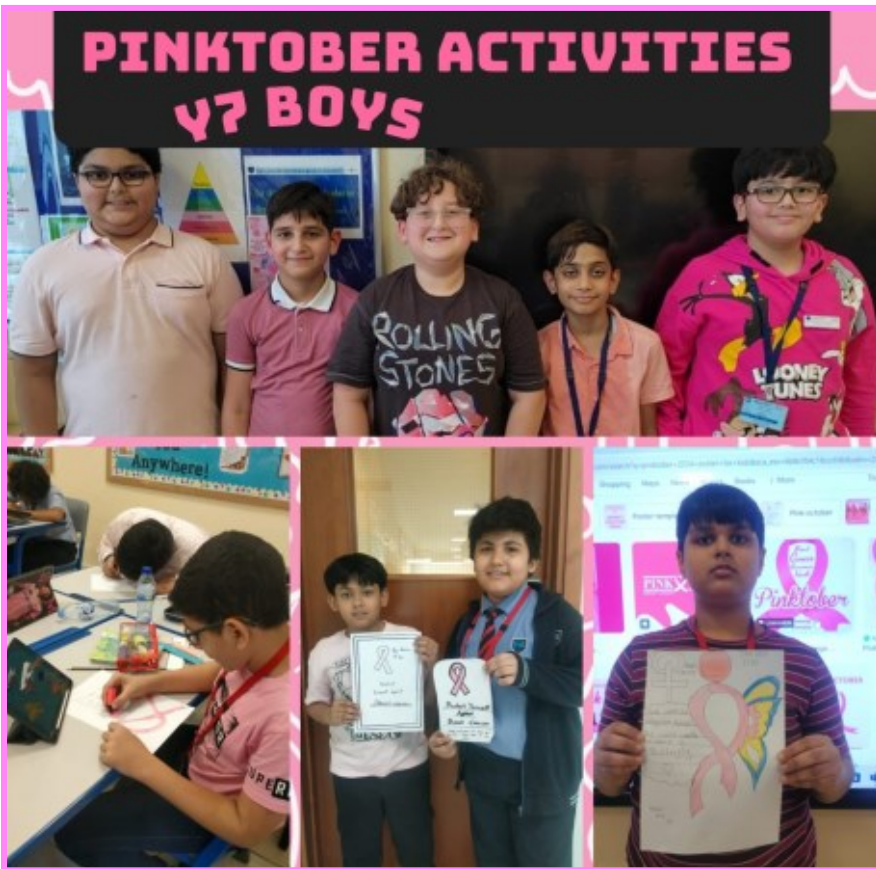
WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



Wise Shield Savior Award



Secondary Section News; *Pinktober* Breast Cancer Awareness!



*Secondary Section News; **Pinctober** Breast Cancer Awareness!*



Secondary Section News; Y7G Fun Trip!



Y7 Girls Trip

Secondary Section News; Y7G Fun Trip!



Y7 Boys Trip

TECH NEBULA HACKATHON COMPETITION



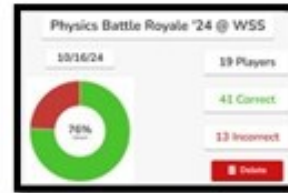
Students demonstrated their creativity and problem-solving abilities at the KS4 Hackathon Competition, an initiative organized by the TechNebula team.



Secondary Section News; KS4 Blooket Competition!

KS4 BLOOKET COMPETITION – SECOND ROUND

A SCIENCE CLUB EVENT



Zarin Y12 GS
Tako Y11 G
Maymoona Y12 GS
Menaal Y12 GS
Science club coordinators



“Score board after second round in Boys section”- One more round to go for final result!



Adeena Y11GF- first place in Physics Quiz in Girls section



Secondary Section News; Y11-13 Participation in the NMS Invictus Leadership Symposium, 15/10/24!

WSS student leaders (Y11, 12 and 13) participated in the NMS Invictus – student leadership symposium on Tuesday, 15th October 2024. The event brought together student leaders to reflect on many facets of leadership, enabling them to be visionary, charismatic and sagacious.



Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning Activities!

KS5 CLUB LEADERS : EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP

Proactive role of our Club leaders: English, Science and Sociology Clubs



KS5 PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

"Parent Teaching Accounting: Empowering Students with Real-World Skills"



KS3 BOYS AND GIRLS

PARTICIPANTS SOLVED UNSEEN SCENARIOS BY DEVELOPING PYTHON CODE SOLUTIONS BASED ON THEIR CLASS-LEARNED SYNTAX AND CONCEPTS.

VENUE: ICT LAB EVENT

DATE: 2ND-3RD OCTOBER 2024

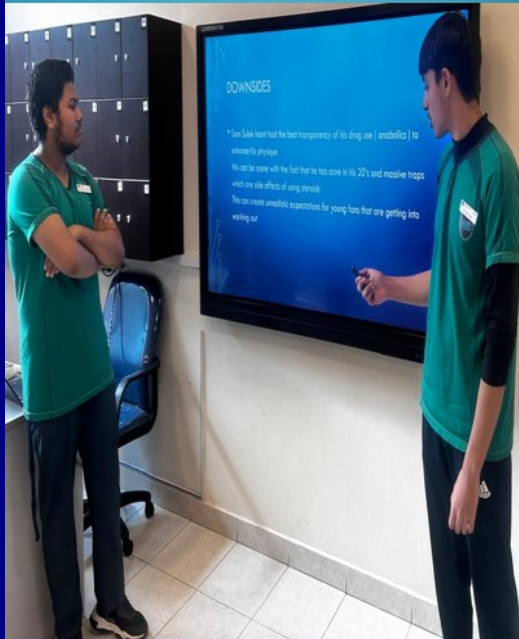


Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning Activities!

WSS E- SAFETY WEEK

THE ONLINE WORLD IS A FAÇADE... REMEMBER TO STAY SAFE ON THE INTERNET

- ✓ Digital Safety is knowing how to stay safe in the virtual world.
- ✓ How we can keep our information secure through cybersecurity, how we can store our data in cyber encryption



Haider and Moiz of year 12 explaining the impact of social media influencers.



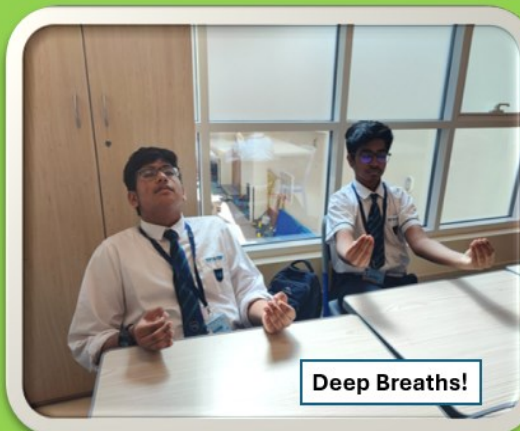
KS 5 BOYS

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATION

It is a break meant to manage stress, anxiety, or emotional fatigue. The students were given an opportunity to share their views about the importance of Mental Health Day celebration. Power point presentation in all KS5 boys' section to create awareness about the causes, consequences, and preventive measures for managing stress. Meditation session to train the students to manage academic stress. Students also showcased their skills with poster making competition.



The KS 5 Boys spreading awareness about mental health



Deep Breaths!



Secondary Section News; KS5 Sociology Club Activities!



For Teachers' Day, the Sociology Club students distributed over 80 packets of well-deserved biscuits to teachers and staff members across the school as a gesture of appreciation for their hard work and dedication in supporting students. This small token brought a lovely smile to their faces.

