



ISSUE FOURTEEN - 2ND MAY 2019

JC Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS DINNER: 2ND
MAY, FROM 6.30PM

RAMADAN DUE TO START (COLLEGE
TIMINIGS CHANGE): 6TH MAY - **TO BE
CONFIRMED**

PARENTS AS PARTNERS DISCUSSION: 8TH
MAY, 9.30AM-11.00AM

Y11 & Y12 STUDY LEAVE: FROM 9TH MAY

Y13 STUDY LEAVE: FROM 16TH MAY

STAFF PD DAY - COLLEGE CLOSED: 9TH
JUNE

HIGHER EDUCATION DAYS: 10 & 11TH
JUNE

Y8 PTC: 10TH JUNE, 3.30PM - 7.00PM

An Invitation from The Principal



**The Principal
Invites You To**



Parents As Partners Interactive Discussion

- *Do you want to hear about our **latest successes?***
- *We would love you to **share your thoughts** and
be involved in our future plans.*

**Join The Principal and members of the Senior
Leadership Team for an interactive session**

Items to be discussed include:

College Updates: DSIB Inspection Results, Accreditations, Awards,
Student Successes, High Performance Learning.
Previous Survey Results: What we have learnt & actions implemented.
Future Plans: Voice your opinion, your ideas.

Wednesday 8th May, 9.30am - 11.00am

Please RSVP to jcd_reception@gemsedu.com



Message from The Principal

Over the last two years Jumeirah College has worked to extend our relationships with a number of external bodies across the world. There are a number of reasons for this. The first is that many of these institutions provide opportunities for both students and staff, whether that is in the form of students' competitions, sporting opportunities, professional development courses or simply opportunities to network with colleagues in similar circumstances. A second reason is that this helps to raise the profile of Jumeirah College on the international education scene. I strongly believe that a school operating at the level we do has a lot to contribute to the global education debate. Moreover, this also helps everyone in our community with the recognition that the school acquires.

Over the last six months this work has been completed and I am delighted to outline the partnerships that will help to frame our work over the coming terms and years.



ArtsEd, the UK's leading performing arts school, is celebrating 100 years of world-class training in the performing arts by launching in Dubai and across the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

ArtsEd will work with Jumeirah College by helping us to establish more opportunities for creativity across the curriculum, helping to build self-esteem and confidence in our students, and developing further vital skills such as public speaking and supporting our careers programme. ArtsEd will also be providing programmes for students to attend during the holidays.



HMC (The Headmasters' & Headmistresses' Conference) is a professional association of heads of the world's leading independent schools. The HMC has 289 members in the UK, a further 54 international members and 12 associates.

HMC today is a thriving, proactive association of leading figures in school education and the members of the HMC lead schools that are 'distinguished by their excellence in pastoral care, co-curricular provision and classroom teaching'. In January the HMC inspected the school in order to confirm our application for membership.



High Performance Learning (HPL) is a research-based teaching framework which aims to ensure all students are able to achieve at the very highest levels. This approach recognises that the behaviours and understandings required to perform can be taught – and students can essentially learn how to be clever. HPL provides a common language for teaching and learning that is being embedded throughout the school.

HPL is an international movement that works in a number of top schools. Jumeirah College is in the final stages of accreditation which, if successful, will lead to being awarded the title 'World Class School' later this term.



British Schools in the Middle East (BSME) is the largest dedicated network of British International Schools in the Middle East with a membership of over 125 Member Schools. The BSME runs an inter-school student events programme across the Middle East, as well as a comprehensive Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes for staff. As well as this they offer an Annual Conference for senior leaders and work to ensure wider representation with educational and governmental organisations.



Message from The Principal



The Council of British International Schools (COBIS) is an association of British International Schools around the world, representing over 500 member organisations. The main aim of COBIS is to support its members and represent their interests in Britain and overseas, particularly with Government, education authorities and educational associations. This serves to advance the interests of British schools overseas.

COBIS also hosts a range of conferences and professional development events, both 'face to face' and online, for teachers, middle leaders, and support staff as well as an Annual Conference in London for Headteachers and members of school Leadership

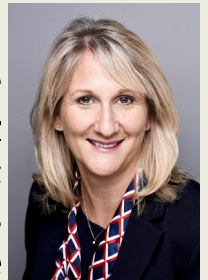
Jumeirah College now has an established international reputation not simply for academic results, but for the holistic education that we provide for our students and the wonderful young people that graduate from the school. This portfolio of connections will further enhance the opportunities for all at the school. I am very excited to see how these relationships develop, the possibilities that arise as a consequence, as well as the contributions that we will be all able to make to the wider education community.

Mr Simon O'Connor

Message from The Registrar

Re-Enrolment Notice from The Registration Team

Re-enrolment is **NOW OPEN** at Jumeirah College. Thank you to those that have already completed the process. **Action is required in order to secure your child's place** at Jumeirah College for **September 2019**, both an online process and a re-enrolment fee payment of 10% of your child's tuition fee for the next academic year will be required. This deposit is fully adjustable against the first term fees; however, it is non-refundable in the event of your child not taking up the confirmed place in September 2019. In the case of re-enrolment for the Sixth Form, should a student not attain the required entry grades, the fee will of course be refunded.



To re-enrol simply visit the www.gemsjc.com website, select the 'tuition fees' tab, 'online payment'. Log in with your parent username and password. Select 're-enrolment' and complete the steps.

By re-enrolling your child, you will agree that the terms and conditions communicated by the school in writing at the time of your child's offer of admission and noted in the Parent School Contract, shall continue to apply. Thank you so much for continuing to support the College through the re-enrolment process.

Mrs Julia Hubbard, Registrar. j.hubbard_jcd@gemsedu.com

Would you like discount on school fees?....

For further information about whole school fee discount, please contact Jumeirah College's representative, **Sajida on 0503535523**

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Ramadan

College Routines during the Holy Month of Ramadan

As I am sure you are aware, soon we will see the start of the Holy Month of Ramadan. As a result there will be some alterations to the daily College routine and I thought it best to inform you of these changes in advance.

The timings of the College during Ramadan will be as follows:

College hours: 8:00 – 14:00

Student / Lesson Timings:

Ramadan 2018 is due to begin on **6th May**.

Please wait for confirmation of this to be announced by the College on the D6 Communicator.

Lateness

Please allow for additional travelling time in the morning in order to arrive on time for the beginning of the school day. Traffic does tend to be busier in the morning at this time of year, it would therefore be appreciated if this could be accounted for in your daily plans.

Students should have entered the school gates **prior to 8.27am**, anything after this time will be considered as **late**.

Sunday to Wednesday

Thursday

8:30-8:35	Registration	8:30-8:35	Registration
8:35-9:15	Period 1	8:35-9:20	Period 1
9:15-9:55	Period 2	9:20-10:05	Period 2
9:55-10:10 Break		10:05-10:50	Period 3
10:10-10:50	Period 3	10:50-11:15 Break	
10:50-11:30	Period 4	11:15-12:00	Period 4
11:30-11:55 Break 2		12:00-12:45	Period 5
11:55-12:10	Study Period	12:45-13:00	Study Period
12:10-12:50	Period 5		
12:50-13:30	Period 6		

Muslim students who are fasting will have access to the prayer room, the quiet reading area of the library and the Sixth Form corridor during break times. All students will need to be mindful that eating and drinking in public is discouraged and this will be confined to the canteen and form room areas so as to avoid offence. The canteen will be open during Ramadan but will only be serving cold snacks which will need to be eaten in the canteen itself.

It is important that all members of the College community are aware of the significance of this special time and to be appreciative and respectful of the culture in which we live. Form tutors will go through this information with students during form. Please do contact us if you have any questions.

An Introduction to Ramadan

What is Ramadan?

- Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and it follows Sha'ban.
- Ramadan moves forward by about 10 days each year as the Muslim calendar is a lunar one.
- The sighting of a new moon starts each new month.

Why is Ramadan Special?

- It was during Ramadan that the Holy Qur'an was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
- The month is a special time of worship. A time for paying particular attention to prayer, reading the Qur'an, performing charitable acts and individual reflection and purification.



- During Ramadan Muslims concentrate on their faith and spend less time on everyday concerns
- It is also a time of fasting (or abstinence).
- Eating, drinking and smoking are all forbidden during daylight hours.
- Non – Muslims should be aware of these restraints and always be respectful of them.

Why Fast?

- The word Ramadan is derived from the word 'ramd' meaning 'to burn'.
- Muslims believe that fasting helps to heighten spirituality and burn sins.
- All Muslims are required to fast, although the very young, the elderly, pregnant women and those who are too ill are exempt.

Eating and Drinking

- Eating and drinking is forbidden during daylight hours.
- According to the Holy Qur'an: One may eat at any time during the night 'until you can plainly distinguish a white thread from a black thread by the daylight', then keep the fast until night.
- The last meal before daybreak is known as Suhur.
- Each day's fast is broken at sunset with water and dates before prayers, followed by Iftar, the evening meal.
- Following Iftar it is traditional for Muslims to go out visiting family and friends.

Ramadan and Non – Muslims

- There are restrictions placed on everyone during Ramadan, but instead of focusing on what you are not allowed to do, it is a time to appreciate living here in Dubai and our part in living within the Muslim culture.
- If given the opportunity, do take up the offer of sharing an Iftar meal with Muslim friends.
- Dress more conservatively than usual.
- Do not eat, drink or chew gum in public places (including in the car) during the daytime.
- Pay more attention to others who may be fasting – as much as possible show them your support and understanding.

The Night of Power

- Laylat Al Qadr, or the Night of Power is celebrated on the 27th day of the month.
- It is believed that on this night the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) first received the revelation of the Holy Qur'an.

The End of Ramadan

- As with the start of the month, Ramadan ends with the sighting of the next new moon.
- This starts the next month (Shawwal) and is celebrated for three days in a festival called Eid al Fitr.
- Eid means 'to gather or celebrate', thus Eid celebrations involve people getting together for festivities.
- Gifts are exchanged and families gather together for prayers and meals.



Ramadan Sharing Fridge Initiative



During the holy month of Ramadan we are joining the **Ramadan Sharing Fridge Initiative** to help the community. Each Tutor Group will be **designated a day** to bring in donations to fill the fridge.



Keep an eye on the JC Daily to find out the day your tutor group can bring in donations to fill the fridge!



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Recommended Items for the Ramadan Sharing Fridge:

Water, juices, soft drinks, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, dates, biscuits, fresh yogurt.

Please DO NOT donate:

Nuts, hot food, pre-prepared meals.



Tutor Groups who are responsible for donations:

Day 1 of Ramadan: 12F1, 12F2, 12G1, 12G2

Day 2 of Ramadan: 12M1, 12M2, 12S1, 12S2



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GEMS Teacher Award



GEMS TEACHER AWARDS

CELEBRATING OUR INSPIRATIONAL TEACHERS



March's Winner:

Mr G Dela Cruz
Teacher of ICT



April's Winner:

Ms E Tossell
Teacher of English



The ***GEMS Teacher Award*** will identify one exceptional teacher every month to be awarded in every GEMS school and will give each school community the opportunity to celebrate its teachers. The teacher of the month is provided with a certificate and a monetary prize!



Should you wish to nominate a JC teacher a nomination form is available on the communicator, under the '***other***' section, or from reception & should be emailed to GTA_jcd@gemsedu.com





Notice from The College Counsellor

STRESS

Exams & revision stressing you out? Don't think that there are enough hours in the day? Feel like there's still a mountain of work you haven't even looked at yet? Don't panic, you're not the only one.

Everyone gets stressed. It's the body's natural way of keeping the mind alert. It's when you get too overwhelmed by things stress can be a hindrance and prevent you from reaching your full potential.

If your stress is caused by the pressure of being too busy and trying to fit too much into the day, you will need to plan each day, with time for school, study, **AND** time for relaxation. Making time for leisure and exercise is just as essential as spending time on study.

Remember that a little stress is good for the body and alerts the mind. But it needs to be short-term and to be followed by a period of relaxation.

Manage your time

Identify your best time of day (are you a morning person or an evening person)? Do the important tasks that need the most energy and concentration at the time that suits YOU.

Make a list of things you have to do. Put the most important things first and then take great pleasure crossing them off when you've completed them.

Try to vary your revision. Vary the topics you find tough with interesting topics you enjoy. It helps break down the boredom.

Try not to do too many things at once. Focus on one subject at a time. Yes, vary the topics, but trying to study too many subjects at once is only going to cause confusion (and more stress).

Act positively

Once you've finished a task, take a few moments to **pause and relax**. Close your eyes & breathe. You've got one less thing to do.

Have a change of scene. A short walk can make a big difference to how you feel, even if it's a simple walk around the garden. Try to focus on what is happening around you, rather than thinking about your worries.

At the end of each day, sit back and **reflect on what you've achieved**, rather than spending time worrying about what still needs to be done.

Try to get away from the books every so often. *If you can.* A rest will do your brain the power of good.

Make time for your friends. Talking to them about your day and the things you find difficult can help you keep things in perspective – and you can do the same for them. Smiling and laughing with them will also produce hormones which help you to relax.

Try to accept things you can't change – exams!

Exams are tough. That's the nature of them. Unfortunately there is no way you can avoid them. Simple tips like those above can help out and WILL make a difference if you follow them. When we stress, we use a different part of our brain, the part that governs our emotions. It's a powerful area that has kept the human race evolving for thousands of years. By putting all our focus into the stress, we are blocking the paths to the area we need to recall the information needed to pass exams. *So don't stress. relax, plan, and plan to relax.*



Mrs E Gregory, College Counsellor



Jumeirah College Partnership

Do you have clutter you want to get rid of?

Would you like to sell your unwanted goods to the JC community?

Join us for our last Trash to Cash of the Year!

Don't worry, we will out of the heat, **in the Sports Hall.**



Jumeirah College Trash to Cash Sale

The best place to buy and sell used items!



- Turn your clutter into cash
- Find yourself a bargain
- AED75 to hire a table
- **Friday 21st June in the JC Sports Hall**
- Time is from 8 - 11am



For booking and enquiries contact
Reception 043955524.
jcd_reception@gemsedu.com



TRASH TO CASH
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE
8.00AM – 11.00AM
JC CAR PARK

DONATIONS NEEDED

(Used or Unwanted Household Goods/Toys/Clothes)
PLEASE BRING DONATIONS INTO
RECEPTION PRIOR TO THE EVENT



Family Values and Charity

This weekend, sit down and make a list of items that you can donate to the Ramadan Sharing Fridge during Ramadan together.

Jumeirah College



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We are still collecting!
Bring shoes to Reception

Do you know the power of a pair of shoes?

- Shoes can protect people from diseases keeping them happy, healthy and thriving
- Shoes can allow children to safely attend school
- Shoes can restore the dignity of thousands of children across Guatemala



For more info contact: emma.f_jcd@jumeirahcollege.com
mahina.s_jcd@jumeirahcollege.com

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HELP!

We need your shoes ! Please bring in any old shoes (any size or style) that you don't need anymore. Drop the shoes in the box by the charity board which is opposite SLT office as you exit the reception.





Notices






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أكاديمية التتويج في ألعاب المضمار



The Ultimate Track and Field Academy

Term 3

April 14th to June 29th

*Tots, Youth, Teens
& Adults Sessions*

Contact: info@ultimateathleticsuae.com

Venues

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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

If you haven't had a chance to order your school photos this year don't worry it's not too late.
You can still logon using your secure login code given to your child on the day they had their photo taken.
If you have lost this give us a call and we can help.
Tel: 04 388 3382 or email schools@stu.ae





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