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Jumeirah College expansion

I am very pleased to share details of GEMS Education's exciting growth and expansion plans for Jumeirah College that promise to greatly enhance our school in the months ahead. These plans will focus on the following four areas:

1. Investment in the JC site
2. Investment in specialist facilities
3. Reduction in class sizes
4. Improvements to teacher packages

Over the past five months we have been in consultation with GEMS Properties relating to the leasing and redesign of the site adjacent to JC, on which a palace and a compound of four villas currently reside. The lease has now been acquired with approvals secured to use this site for educational purposes. Our plans for redevelopment of the site are still with the Municipality for final approval, but I can already share with you the concept for the project.

Development of the site will be managed in phases to avoid any impact on learning, and ensure there is no ongoing building work while students are on campus. Phase 1 involves a refurbishment of the adjacent palace and the addition of two new blocks: one in front and one behind. These new spaces will be primarily dedicated to our Sixth Form and are expected to be ready in time for the start of next academic year in September. The build will include a new café and common room for our sixth form students, a research library, upgraded admin spaces and facilities, as well as bespoke teaching spaces for the smaller sixth form groups.

JC AstroTurf



Street 19

Diagram 1: Proposed development site, adjacent to JC site

Phase 2 will commence this academic year and will see specialist sports facilities added to the site where the current compound of four villas exists.

These first phases will free up capacity within the current college site, which in turn will allow for a redesign of the existing JC space by September 2024. The main focus will be on enhancing existing facilities; creating an auditorium with retractable seating and black box drama classrooms; new music suites; a larger, redesigned canteen space; a food technology lab; a new multi-purpose sports hall; enhancement of the current pool and surrounds; an upgraded administration and reception area and additional classrooms; to aid the reduction of class sizes.



Diagram 2 & 3: Architect's renders of the palace with additional builds in front and behind

The expectation is that these increased facilities will combine with teacher recruitment to allow us to reduce class sizes , and in turn enable us to improve on our already world-leading results and outcomes for students, all the while enhancing their day to day experience.

By September 2024, we will be a in a position to add Robotics/AI/VR and Food Technology to the Key Stage 3 curriculum, with a view to adding qualifications in these subjects in the future. We are looking to recruit additional teaching and administrative staff to augment curriculum provision, including specialist sports coaches, a full-time US admissions counsellor, and a research librarian for the new sixth form library. These are just a taste of the appointments that will be possible thanks to the committed investment.



Diagram 4: Renders of the new Sixth Form Research Library



Diagram 5: One of the options for the new Sixth Form Cafe

We hope that you are as excited about these developments as we are. At Jumeirah College, we have achieved amazing things already centred on delivering the highest quality education and opportunities for our students. These additional and upgraded facilities and staffing will allow us to take our outstanding provision to the next level as Jumeirah College and Jumeirah Primary School together begin an exciting new chapter as the combined Jumeirah Schools.

Student of the Month



Hayley Schmidt 7G1

Hayley is a role model student who has inspired not only her peers but also her teachers. Hayley was asked to give a presentation to the entire year 7 cohort on her experience in the Philippines over the Winter break where she worked in a school with children who are a lot less fortunate than us. She also helped to install a new playground and took them on an exciting day out to a theme park. Well done Hayley you are incredible!



Seher Srivastav 8M1

The Year 8 Student of the Month is Seher Srivastav. Seher is an outstanding member of the Year group. She embodies the JC Core values of kindness, positivity, respect and integrity. She is a great role for her peers and should be commended for her maturity, empathy, and compassion that she displays each and everyday in Jumeirah College. Well done Seher we are so proud of you.



Raaghav Chugh 9F2

Raaghav has continued to work very hard in lessons and will go above and beyond to further his progress. He is a kind student who will support his peers in both his teaching group and form group. Raaghav is also a good role model to other students and is currently preparing to organize his own ECA in Term 3. Well done, Raaghav!



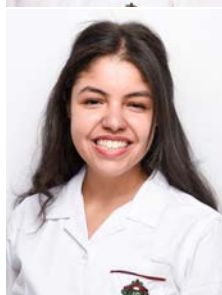
Emily Yu 10S2

Year 10's student of the month for January, is Emily Yu. Emily is someone who has excellent attendance and punctuality, with not a single late mark to any lesson. Her behaviour and dedication are outstanding and she has received lots of achievement points and no behaviour points this academic year. Emily is a kind and empathetic student, who is always there to support her friends. She has also given up so much of her spare time to get involved in college life, including currently being in charge of designing and making the set for Aladdin. Emily is an inspiration to other students and is a very well deserving student of the month.



Mia Wells 11M2

Mia has come on heaps and bounds this term despite the challenges she has faced. It's been wonderful to see her confidence grow and I look forward to seeing Mia continue to display high levels of effort and resilience. Well done Mia!



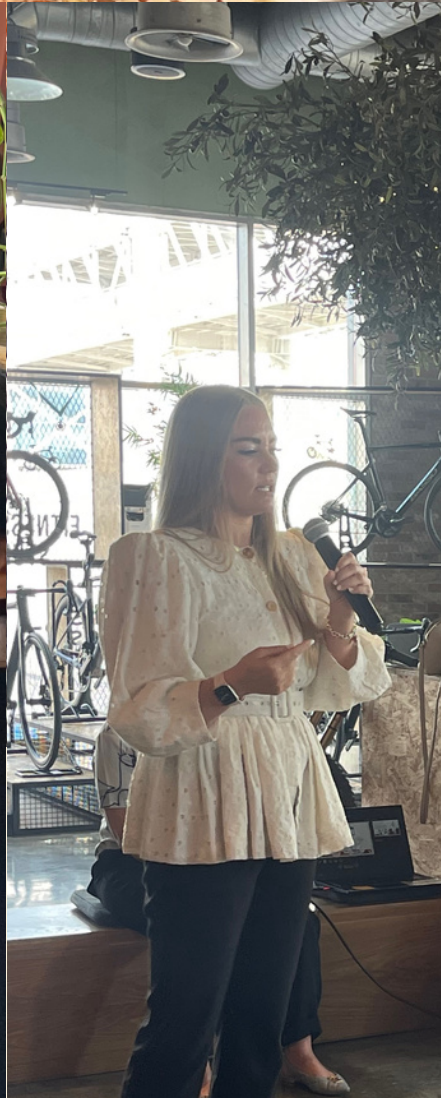
Salma Reda 12G2

Salma has had an exceptional start to Year 12. She is one of the most hard-working students and can always be found in the corridors with a smile on her face. Salma's mock examination results were fantastic, a true testament to the dedication she has demonstrated to her studies. Well done Salma and keep up the phenomenal work.



Ananya Gulati 13S1

Student of the month for January in Year 13 is Ananya Gulati in S1. Ananya has worked extremely hard all year and is very generous with her time helping other students. Well done.





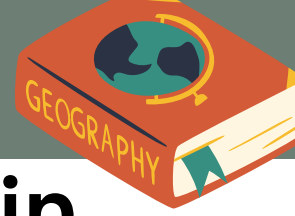


Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip

As part of our IGCSE geography course, students are required to complete a fieldwork element, which forms part of their external examinations. We were delighted to be able to take 65 of year 11 geographers to Umm Al Quwain on a residential trip. Students undertook a range of both coastal and urban investigations, using a range of data collection techniques; providing them with lots of skills and knowledge they can apply to their written responses in the summer examinations.

All students had a fantastic time and very much enjoyed the opportunity to not only learn outside of the classroom, but spend time with friends; making memories that will last a lifetime. In addition to all the hard work, we found the time to go on a boat tour of the mangroves and of course use the slide from the top deck of the boat despite the cold water! We also enjoyed an evening BBQ with the obligatory marshmallow roasting. We can't wait to take our current cohort of Year 10 students next academic year!





Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip



Support for Learning



ASDAN in Action

We were proud to present our first ASDAN in Action event. We invited students taking ASDAN and their parents from GEMS Metropole and GEMS Wellington International School, to Jumeriah College. Students attended PE, science and DT lessons. They also forged friendships and had a great day.

Parents' Event for Children's Mental Health Week

- Supporting the Wellbeing of Students with Special Education Needs
- We are pleased to invite parents with children supported by the SfL department to attend our next coffee morning.
- Co-hosted by F. Nic Conmara (Head of Inclusion) and N. de Mascarel (Student Counsellor)
- 8am till 9am 7th February Jumeirah College



SfL Updates



- Teacher training on dysgraphia: 9th Feb
- JPS PE teacher training on dyspraxia: 10th Feb
- 25 New licenses for Lexia Power Up received
- Neurodiversity Week Events planned 13th-17th March

If you require any further information or support please reach out to the
Head of Inclusion
f.nicconmara_jcd@gemsedu.com

Supporting the Wellbeing of Children and Adolescents with Special Education Needs

Jumeirah College: Support for Learning

Presented by:

Fionnuala Nic Conmara (Head of Inclusion)

Nadine de Mascarel (Student Counsellor)



**Meet in reception
Jumeirah College**

**Tuesday 7th February
8:00am-9:00am**



2023



Thank you to the incredible parents who decorated and gave gifts to the students.

Happy Year of the Rabbit.



**Vihaan, Vanya & Wiktoria
from Year 11 came second
in the gulf debates
tournament.**







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JUMEIRAH COLLEGE



DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE,
DON'T HESITATE TO
CONTACT THE WELL-BEING
COMITTEE, MS. DE
MASCAREL, MS. GODINHO,
MR. PEDDER, OR ANY
MEMBER OF STAFF :)

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2023

6TH OF FEB - 10TH OF FEB

ACTIVITIES:

GRATITUDE

- GRATITUDE EMAILS
- MEDITATION
- Pictionary
- GARLAND-MAKING
- COLOURING

KINDNESS

- BLOOMER
- MESSAGE TO SUPPORT STAFF
- SPLAT!



GET INVOLVED

SPORTS DAY 2023!!!



JPS & JC SPRING FAIR TOMBOLA NEEDS YOU!

Earn 5 house point
for every toy donated



Prizes are being
collected at
reception

**DONATE
UNUSED/
UNOPENED
TOYS OR
GAMES WORTH
AED 50/- TO
HELP RAISE
MONEY FOR
DUBAI CARES &
PROJECT MAJI**

UNTIL 12TH FEBRUARY 2023