

UPDATES ON GRADE 10 EXAMINATIONS

Dear Parents,

As we begin this term, we would like to share a few important updates regarding the upcoming examinations for Grade 10 students.

1. Centre for the Advancement of Standards in Examination (CASE)

Since 2001, GEMS has conducted common standardized rehearsal examinations under the **Centre for the Advancement of Standards in Examination (CASE)** across all GEMS Asian schools in the UAE for Grades 10 and 12 every January.

- These assessments are designed to familiarize students with the **pattern, rigor, and expectations** of the CBSE Board Examinations.
- Question papers are set centrally by GEMS, strictly following CBSE guidelines, and administered under standardized protocols.
- The CASE examinations ensure **uniformity of evaluation** and provide authentic rehearsal for board expectations. They also serve as a **diagnostic tool** to identify learning gaps and enable teachers to plan targeted remediation before the final board exams.
- Students benefit by improving **time management, adapting to exam conditions, boosting confidence, and enhancing overall readiness**. Teachers, in turn, receive reliable data to guide remediation and personalized support for each student.
- **The tentative date for the commencement of CASE is 5th January 2026. More details will be shared shortly.**

2. Two Board Examinations for Grade 10 (from 2026 onwards)

In a significant policy development, the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** has announced that, beginning with the **Academic Year 2025–26**, students of Grade 10 will have the option to appear for their board examinations **twice**.

- This change is intended to **reduce exam-related stress** and give students the opportunity to improve their performance.
- All students must appear in the first (main) examination.
- Students will be allowed to reappear in **up to three academic subjects** to enhance their scores, provided they have passed the first examination.
- **The first board examination will commence from mid-February. The second examination will be held in the month of May. Results for the first examination will be released in April.**
- The policy will apply to all students who begin Grade 10 in 2025–26 and will take effect with the **2026 CBSE Board Examinations**.
- The announcement was confirmed by Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj, Controller of Examinations, CBSE, on **June 25, 2025**.
- Link to the notification: [Two Board Examinations in Class 10](#)

We trust that these initiatives will provide our students with the **necessary preparation, confidence, and opportunities** to excel in their academic journey. As always, we remain committed to supporting your child's success and well-being.

Warm regards,



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