

GLS/C/1293-26

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26 August 2026

WELCOME TO THE NEW TERM AND EXCITING START AHEAD

Dear Parent,

We are excited to welcome our students back after the summer break on Monday, 31 August 2026. We are looking forward to seeing them refreshed and ready for a new term. We trust that the children will return with wonderful experiences, having explored and developed new skills, hobbies, and creative interests over the holidays.

The GLS Summer camp was a huge success with the participating students engaged in multiple skill building activities coupled with fun-filled social interactions with the school community.

We are happy to share that GLS students were recognised as **UAE's Top Young Innovators**, and the school also received the **Innovation Excellence Award, Innovation Spirit Award, and Leading School for Girl Innovators Award**. Our students also represented the UAE at the **FIRST LEGO League Open International Championship, Korea**, achieving **2nd Place in the Robot Design Category** against competent teams from 33 countries.

We would like to announce that Ms. Winnieta Romell will support Ms. Neena Cherian in overseeing the kindergarten section in her new role as Assistant Head of Kindergarten.

In addition:

- Ms. Usha Kalantri has been appointed as Designate Supervisor, KG 1, taking charge of Ms. Winnieta Romell's sections - KG 1 A – KG 1 N.
- Ms. Sarah Pradeep has been appointed as Designate Supervisor, KG 2, in place of Ms. Pearl Gomes and she will take charge of sections KG 2 A – KG 2 O.

KG and PRIMARY

- To ensure a smooth and engaging start, the **first two days of school (31st August and 1st September)** will be observed as **'No-Book or Device Days.'** During these two days, students are not required to bring their books or devices. They can carry their snacks, sufficient water, and student reflection journals.
- Students will also engage in interactive sessions with peers and teachers, where they will:
 - a. Showcase the new skills they have learned during the break.
 - b. Engage in group discussions and collaborative activities.
 - c. Share insights and outcomes from their summer reading projects.

This will provide a meaningful opportunity for students to reconnect, build confidence, and ease back into the school routine. Apart from student discussions and interactions, students will be engaged in essential awareness sessions conducted by experts as outlined below:

- Be a GEM (Behaviour expectations, rewards and sanctions)
- Student well-being activities
- Mental Health awareness sessions - These awareness sessions are aimed at the overall well-being of all students before they embark on their new learning journey this term.

Primary Campus Enhancement:

- Old soft boards are replaced by new ones in Grade 2 and 3 classrooms to showcase and celebrate student work.
- All classrooms and corridors have been refreshed with a new coat of paint, creating bright, welcoming and conducive learning environments for students.

- **Accessibility Enhancements:** Accessibility improvements have been completed across the school, including the installation of new ramps and handrails to facilitate safe and equitable access for all.

MIDDLE and SECONDARY

- The reopening day on 31st August will be observed as Reconnect & Refresh Day (No Books or Devices) for all Middle School students (Grades 6–8), providing a positive and engaging start to the new term. Students are not required to bring books or devices; instead, they should carry their snacks, sufficient water, and student reflection journals.
- The day will begin with a BE A GEM refresher assembly, followed by interactive sessions where students will showcase skills learned over the summer, share their reading project reflections, and participate in collaborative activities.
- Well-being and mental health awareness sessions will also be conducted to help students reconnect, build confidence, and transition smoothly into the new school term.
- **Grade 9–11 Learning Requirements:** Students in Grades 9–11 are required to bring all prescribed textbooks, notebooks and learning devices to school each day. Regular portions of the curriculum will be covered as per the published school timetable, and students should therefore be prepared for their scheduled lessons each day.

Secondary Campus Enhancement:

- Additional CCTV cameras have been installed in the Grade 9 classrooms to further strengthen safety and security across the school.
- Classrooms have been refreshed with a new coat of paint, creating bright, welcoming and conducive learning environments for students.
- **Basketball Court Enhancement:** New flooring has been installed on the basketball court to further enhance students' sporting and physical education experiences.
- **New Physics Laboratory:** A state-of-the-art Physics laboratory has been established for students in higher grades, providing enhanced opportunities for practical learning and scientific investigation.
- **Accessibility Enhancements:** Accessibility improvements have been completed across the school, including the installation of new ramps and handrails to facilitate safe and equitable access for all.

The second term is a promising one packed with scholastic and co-scholastic activities both academic and cultural such as sports meets, concerts, field trips, music festival, carnivals ,fetes and much more. The school will also welcome internal and external Quality Assurance audits by GEMS, KHDA and other relevant authorities. We solicit your continued partnership and support as always in empowering our students to be the best versions of themselves.

We look forward to welcoming our children back after the summer break to new beginnings in the term ahead.

Warm regards,



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