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**CIRCULAR**  
**Welcome Back**

**24<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Dear Parents,

With great enthusiasm, we extend our warmest greetings as we step into the new academic term brimming with excitement and exploration for our students, staff, and parents.

The GLS summer camp during the break, concluded with joyous and memorable moments for our participating students. Even as the summer unfolded, we diligently undertook enhancements to our premises, gearing up to welcome our young learners. We replaced 45 air conditioning units across both campuses, guaranteeing consistent and top-tier air quality throughout the academic year. A comprehensive transformation swept through both campuses, with every corner receiving a fresh coat of paint, breathing renewed life into classrooms and the entire school landscape. The provision of an additional playpen with creative and attractive outdoor play equipment is an added learning space that our Kindergarteners will enjoy throughout the academic year.

### **Immersive Room**

In line with our dedication to progressive education, we are excited to announce the newest addition to our educational offerings at GEMS Legacy School - the Immersive Room. This cutting-edge technology is set to revolutionize the way our students learn and engage with their studies.

The Immersive Room provides an interactive and multisensory environment where students can explore virtual landscapes, historical settings, scientific phenomena, and much more. Through this technology, subjects come to life, enabling students to delve into their lessons with an unprecedented level of depth and realism. As students step into the Immersive Room, they transcend beyond the walls of the traditional classroom, enhancing their understanding and sparking their curiosity in ways we could only dream of before. This innovative resource reflects our commitment to providing our students with the best tools for holistic and immersive education. We are excited about the limitless possibilities the Immersive Room brings to our classrooms and the enriched experiences it will offer to our students.

### **School Radio Station**

We are thrilled to unveil the GEMS Legacy School Radio, a dynamic platform aimed at nurturing students' communication skills, creativity, and critical thinking through captivating broadcasts, including news, interviews, music, and student-led content. Exclusively airing within the school, this initiative will be powered by a collaborative team of students, teachers, and staff members, dedicated to planning, producing, and delivering engaging content that may include live broadcasts. Your invaluable support is instrumental as we explore this exciting educational initiative together.

## CENTA Teaching Professionals' Olympiad 2022

More than 200 teachers and leaders from GLS participated in the CENTA Teaching Professionals' Olympiad 2022, competing with 10,000 teachers from 8000 schools worldwide. 32 of these teachers secured top ranks as high-performing teacher practitioners. Our heartfelt congratulations to this distinguished team's exceptional contributions which have elevated GLS to the esteemed position of second runner-up among the global cohort of 8000 schools. Undoubtedly, this remarkable accomplishment serves as an external validation of the high levels of dedication and competence of our teachers. We take immense pride in their well-deserved achievements.

Please join me in welcoming **Mr. Abhinav Mishra, Dean of English**, who joined our Senior Leadership team in June 2023. Abhinav Mishra is a young, dynamic, young educator of English language and literature who has completed his Masters from the University of Calcutta and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. He is known for enthusing love for literature and the Arts in his students and has also worked as a freelance writer, reviewer, and critic. He is a published poet, a passionate musician and has been the vocalist of a Rock and Roll band. His teaching experience at renowned institutions like 'The Doon School', encompassing IBDP and Cambridge Language and Literature, and IBDP Theory of Knowledge, reflects his multifaceted expertise, making him an invaluable asset to our educational community.

I extend a warm welcome to all the highly qualified and trained teachers, who have joined us this term, enriching our educational fraternity and further nurturing the potential of our students.

As we eagerly await to welcome our students on the **28th of August**, we assure you, we are poised to embark on a journey of learning and growth that holds immense promise.

We invite you to join us in celebrating the UAE's Heritage and the Innovation Festival – 'Avishkar' this September.

Looking forward to your whole-hearted support and unparalleled partnership, as always!

Warm regards,



**Asha Alexander**

**Principal**

**Executive Leader - Climate Change**

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