



Principal's Newsletter

Welcome to the New Academic Year 2018-2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Academic Year 2018-2019. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and staff. I am confident that you will become active members of this wonderful community and participate in the many initiatives and programmes conducted during the year.

Board Examination Results: Dubai Gem continues to excel in academic achievements. The June 2018 examinations have seen our students achieve outstanding results.

The IGCSE results were commendable. 57% of all grades achieved were A*-A. 79% of all grades achieved were A*-B, with 62% of our IGCSE students achieving A*-B grades. Rameen Aslam and Partha Shetty have done us proud, having achieved 9 A*'s. Three students achieved 8 A*'s, and seven students achieved 7 A*'s. We are extremely proud of Anishaa Jaisinghani and Nandini Lalwani who attained 100% marks in Mathematics.

Eighteen students achieved A's in comparison to nine students last year in the AS level examinations. Vimal Raj Jai Kumar secured an impressive 100% in Mathematics.

The A Level results were also outstanding. 71% of all grades achieved were A-B. Students graduating from school are moving on to study a wide range of courses in prestigious universities in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, and across the world (Imperial College, London, Warwick, the London School of Economics, St. Georges University, London, Purdue, University of Texas, Carleton University, to name a few).

Congratulations to all our students and faculty who have worked hard to achieve laudable success in the board examinations. The results are not only a reflection of the diligence and dedication of our students, but also an affirmation of the commitment of the faculty members to the long-standing tradition of academic excellence!

Starting Points: Teachers have already been working hard to start the year off with a positive, proactive approach to learning for students. We will be collating data about students which will then be used to guide instruction throughout the year.

Productive Partnership: We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support both from home and school. A strong partnership with you, parents, will make a great difference in your child's education. We share the responsibility for our children's success and welcome your feedback and recommendations.

We request you to support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

Inclusion Department: In keeping with our Mission Statement and in compliance with the DSIB Inspection Report, the Inclusion team has been strengthened with the appointment of a number of new experienced and qualified staff. The team is headed by our Inclusion Governor, Ms. Seema Mukesh. The SEND Coordinator, Ms Bhuvana Ramakrishnan and the Primary School Counsellor Ms. Bhawna Goel will be assisted by a team of Teaching Assistants and SEN teachers.

Innovation: To provide students with **opportunities to enhance their critical thinking and innovative skills we have introduced STEM lessons in Years 4 - 8.** We are implementing an excellent curriculum-integrated, hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Learning Programme in collaboration with Premier Genie, a leading STEM educator based in U.A.E, India and Africa. Project-based learning combined with real-life, hands-on activities powered by 21st Century Skill Set Development will give our students a competitive edge.

Online services: Continuing the efforts to upgrade and improve our facilities, this year we are in the process of introducing an **Online Parent Portal** wherein parents will be able to track their child's progress in school (attendance, curriculum, etc.), fee details, transport details and personal information and update the child's profile if required.

Canteen: Addressing the needs of the students and concerns voiced by the parents, a new vendor has been appointed. Feedback from parents, students and staff will be valuable in the ongoing improvement and development of the canteen services.

New Initiatives: The academic year began with two of our students appearing on the breakfast show on the radio station City101.6 FM! The opportunity provided them with valuable insights and exposure into the world of media and live broadcasting.

Looking forward to an exciting and rewarding academic year with many more successes and accomplishments.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and prosperous Islamic New Year 1440!

Mrs. Humera Ibrahim
Principal