



Circular to Parents

Dear Parent,

Greetings from OOS!

Our forays into the Digital world have paid rich dividends as all students, staff and parents have successfully integrated technology into their lives. Each day is a new learning as students explore and embrace the myriad avenues of classroom engagement through innumerable apps such as Quizziz, Nearpod, Kahoot, Linoit, Classkick, Padlet, Mindmeister and many more that besides enriching the learning experience provide a platform to ensure innovation, creativity and progress of all learners in a joyful and supportive environment .

Primary Student Ambassador Body: The first ever Primary Student Ambassador Body was instituted on 15th June, 2021, with a view to enable the young sparks to don the mantle of leadership. This leadership committee consists of 52 ambassadors, ready to execute their duties in the field of Well Being, Sports, Cultural, Digital and Environment. Aazeen Fatema Khan of Grade 5 has been appointed as the Head Girl of Primary and Sara Iqbal of Grade 4 is the Assistant Head Girl of the Primary school.

Junior Parliament: At OOS, the Junior School Parliament provides an opportunity for students to be involved in School governance and decision making. This year, a group of 84 democratically elected students, represent the views of all the students at school. Ms. Suhaana Saleel was elected as the Prime Minister and Ms. Aparna Rajesh as the leader of opposition. The oath taking ceremony held on 9th June 2021 witnessed Ms. Izma Fatima, School Student Council President, who previously held the portfolio of Minister of Parliamentary Affair taking over as the Speaker for the session to motivate the young leaders through her leadership journey at OOS.

Virtual Investiture Ceremony: The Investiture Ceremony at Our Own English High School, Sharjah, captured the essence of true leadership and pride. On May 27 2021, 131 student leaders were inducted in a ceremony graced by The Chief Guest Mr. Roshan Abbas – an imminent orator, TV personality, and entrepreneur, who inspired the new office bearers with his motivating life experiences. This year 3 new leadership portfolios were introduced - Well Being, E- Safety and Innovation Ambassadors, along with the Prefectorial Board, the Student Council, Sports & Eco Club

21st EEG Interschool Public Speaking Competition: OOS won the 2nd Overall Runners Up position in the 21st EEG Interschool Public Speaking Competition held on the 21st and 22nd of April 2021. The Sub Senior contestants made their mark on the 21st of April by winning the 2nd Runners Up position and the students in the Senior category grabbed the 1st Runners Up position.

UnLeash- the GCC Level Debate: was held by SP Jain School of Global Management on the 24th of April 2021. It is an exclusive platform for debating and voicing young opinions on pressing issues and discussing potential solutions through peer questioning and reasoning. Around 150 students across GCC participated in this virtual event. Srinidhi Gautam of 12J and Evelyn Tessy Emmanuel of 12 D represented our school. Srinidhi voiced her opinion against the motion 'Rapid Innovation Enhances our Cultural Heritage, and won the First Place with a cash prize of AED750/-. Evelyn represented the opposition team for the motion 'Artificial Intelligence will not Make the Workplace More Human' and won the title 'Ultimate Debater Unleashed' with a cash prize of AED200/-

WSS 7th Interschool Quran and Hadith Competition: The students of OOS participated in the 7th Inter School Holy Quran and Noble Hadith Competition hosted by GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah. Aaliya Fathima Ashker -10G won the 2nd position in the Quran Recitation Competition (category 4 – Grades 9 to 12) and Rida Zainab Hassan -5F bagged the 3rd prize in the Hadith Competition (category 2- Grades 4 to 6).

International Asian Debate Competition: The Alliance School of Law, Bengaluru, hosted the International Asian Debate Competition from April 19 - April 23, 2021. Aneira Pereira (12-J), Srinidhi Gautam (12-J), Evelyn Emmanuel (12-D) and Diya Menon (12-E) represented our school. Out of over two hundred students from all over Asia, our vociferous debater, Aneira Pereira secured the first position overall. As an incentive Aneira received a cash prize of INR 1,00,000!

Interschool Photography competition: Conducted by Emirates Future International Academy- Abu Dhabi, during the month of Ramadan for the students of Grade 9 to 12. The competition was based on the theme 'The Light in Me'. Ishani Sangeeth - 11K bagged the fourth prize in the competition for her photograph captioned 'May the Sunshine Not Be on Us but within Us'.

Achieve3000 Reading Programme- Edwina Treesa Kurian and Swathi Lakshmi of 7K have been selected as the Achieve3000 Worldwide Weekly Top Scorers this month. They earned the highest points compared to over a million students using Achieve3000 worldwide.

Kindly make a note of the following information for necessary action:

Transfer Certificate:

In case you wish to withdraw your ward after completion of the 1st Term please apply for the Transfer Certificate online latest by 24th June 2021. Your ward can attend school till 1st July 2021. Also note that TC can be processed only if all school/ transport dues for the attended period are cleared by 24th June. TC applications will not be processed during the summer vacation. TC applications received after 24th June will be processed only after the school reopens.

Fee Payment: We request you to pay all outstanding fees by 24th June 2021.

Important documents:

In case you require important documents like bonafide certificate etc. to renew visa / passport for admission to higher education, please apply before 1st July 2021.

Summer Vacation: As per the circular issued by Sharjah Private Education Authority, students will have summer vacation from 4th July to 28th August 2021.

Last working day: The last working day before summer break for all students is **1st July 2021**.

Reduced timing will be observed on Thursday, 1st July 2021. All students from KG to Grade XII will disperse at 11:30 am. Parents of students using own transport are requested to collect their wards by 11:30 a.m. The Kindergarten students will be using the regular [morning pick-up] buses for dispersal on 1st July 2021.

School Re-opening: The school will reopen on **29th August 2021**.

Office timings during Summer Holidays: The school office will work with skeletal staff on all normal working days during the vacation from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Fee counter will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the summer break.

Travel advisory:

If you intend to travel outside UAE, you are expected to follow all the guidelines issued by the Local authorities (MOHAP, SPEA etc.) which may be subject to change periodically. **Details of the travel declaration form will be shared with you shortly.** We shall keep you posted if there are any fresh directives from SPEA.

Student Vaccination: We have registered the interested students, 12 years and above for the vaccination drive by SPEA. Whilst we wait for the details from the regulator, please feel free to get your ward vaccinated at the UAE approved centres and update the vaccination details on Phoenix. This is highly advisable in anticipation of return to the campus on September 2021.

We wish you a safe and healthy summer vacation with your family.
Take care.

Regards,


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Principal/ CEO