



Circular to Parents

Subject: Fee increase for academic year 2023-24

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you and your families well.

I am writing with regard to the education regulator's recent announcement of tuition fee increases across all private schools in the emirate. In line with this directive, Our Own English High School, Sharjah (Girls) will be increasing fees by the approved 3.75 per cent. This will apply to all grades (KG – Grade 12) from the start of the 2023-24 academic year as follows:

Grade	Tuition fees for AY 2023-24	Textbook fee for AY 2023-24*	SPEA-approved fees for AY 2023-24*
KG1	7,991	54	8,045
KG2	7,991	87	8,078
1	9,623	529	10,152
2	9,623	561	10,184
3	9,623	556	10,179
4	9,623	583	10,206
5	9,623	690	10,313
6	11,506	553	12,059
7	11,506	549	12,055
8	11,506	597	12,103
9	11,506	506	12,012
10	15,021	565	15,586
11	15,021	520	15,541
12	15,021	511	15,532

***Please note: Sale of textbooks is outsourced to the approved third-party vendor, which means the associated textbook fee mentioned in the above table will not be charged and collected by OOS directly.**

As ever, we are focused on delivering the highest standards of teaching and learning for our students. This increase will allow us to do just that by empowering us to invest further in our teachers, who are the foundations of the quality education we provide. We will be implementing teacher salary increases in April 2023 and this will allow us to continue to attract the very best educators.

I am pleased to share that SPEA has rated the school's overall effectiveness as '**Very Good**', which is an improvement over our previous reviews in 2019 and 2022. The inspectors cited our school leaders' planning, our regular teacher professional development (PD), and our rigorous performance management programme as factors in our school's improved quality of teaching and learning in all phases and in the majority of subjects. This has led to a significant improvement in students' achievement levels, and our students' personal and social development as well as our safeguarding provision were all rated '**Outstanding**'.

I am also delighted that year after year our students prove their academic skills by clinching the top positions with high attainment in the CBSE examinations and international assessments. They also regularly display their talents and prowess in all manner of inter-school literary, cultural and sports competitions.

We continue to provide a safe and inspiring learning environment for our students, and we have invested in various reading software, international assessments, an upgraded ICT network, an LED screen in the auditorium and new AC systems in classrooms and school corridors.

Finally, let me remind you of the many saving opportunities available to our parents thanks to the GEMS Rewards programme – through cashback opportunities on student referrals via the GEMS Ambassador Programme, through the GEMS FAB Titanium Credit Card, through discounts across various experiences, and via GEMS Points that can be redeemed against school fees. I encourage you to take advantage of these many benefits, as their sole purpose is to support and give back to our parents.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and care of your children.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Asma Gilani', written in a cursive style.

ASMA GILANI
Principal / CEO