

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

To enhance your and your child's experience at EIS, the school has planned dynamic activities and events to ensure that our students receive the best educational program and comprehensive development opportunities this academic year.

To kick off the academic year, we cordially invite you to attend the **Parent Orientation and Curriculum Evening** on **Friday, September 6th, 2024**, at the EIS campus. This event offers a valuable opportunity to gain insights into our curriculum structure and its alignment with year-end expectations. Your presence at this event is highly encouraged.

Timings	Session Name	Venue
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	<b>PARENT ORIENTATION AND CURRICULUM EVENING</b>	KG 1 to Grades 6 Parents at the respective classes
		Grades 7 Parents at Classroom 7B
		Grade 8 Parents at the Library
PRAYER BREAK: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM		

Additionally, note the following important information:

- **“Cultural Collaboration Art Contest” (For Grades 5 – 8 Students)**

"True success is a triumph of the soul and the benefit of humanity. It is achieved through active efforts and sincere work, and that is what we seek to achieve in our dear country."

— Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa

**Cultural Collaboration Art Contest** is a **unique art competition** that celebrates the *beauty of cultural diversity and unity!* Students are to create an original piece of artwork on A4 paper. This can be a craft, sketch, or painting—anything that expresses your creativity and artistic vision.

Theme	Guidelines	Judging Criteria (10 Points)
<p><b>"A Fusion of Cultures: My Heritage and the UAE."</b></p> <p>Your artwork should represent a blend of your own culture with the culture of the UAE. This could take the form of a traditional costume, an architectural design, a cartoon character, or any other creative representation that combines elements of both cultures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The artwork must be on A4-sized paper.</li> <li>• It should start with the provided quotation from Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa.</li> <li>• Use any medium of your choice (coloured pencils, paints, markers, etc.).</li> <li>• Your submission should creatively reflect a fusion of cultural elements from your heritage and the UAE.</li> <li>• This project should be partially started at home and completed in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Creativity and Originality (2 points):</b> How unique and original is the concept? Does the artwork demonstrate innovative thinking?</li> <li>• <b>Relevance to Theme (3 points):</b> How well does the artwork represent a blend of the student's own culture with UAE culture? Is the connection clear and well-executed?</li> <li>• <b>Artistic Skill and Technique (2 points):</b> How well is the artwork executed? Does the artist demonstrate good use of their chosen medium?</li> <li>• <b>Inclusion of the Quotation (1 point):</b> Is the quote from Sheikh Mohammed</li> </ul>

	<p>school to ensure authenticity. Students will have 40 minutes during the club period on <b>Thursday, 05.09.2024</b> to finalize their artwork in class.</p>	<p>bin Khalifa thoughtfully incorporated into the artwork?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overall Presentation and Impact (2 points):</b> What is the overall aesthetic appeal and emotional impact of the artwork? Does it engage the viewer?</li> </ul>
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We look forward to seeing your child’s creative interpretations and celebration of the beautiful fusion of cultures that our school community represents!

- **MS Teams Credentials**

The school has provided the login credentials for your child’s MS Teams account via SMS. If you have not received this information, please contact us promptly. Furthermore, we encourage you to communicate with your child’s class teacher using the MS Teams chat feature on school days until 5 PM.

Our goal is to centralize all academic areas and school-to-parent communications using the Edunation LMS. The automation setup and process are still in progress. Class materials, task sheets/activities, home assignments, etc. will be uploaded on MS Teams temporarily until the school has completely transitioned to the new learning management system soon.

- **AJ Store Timings**

The AJ store is closed for parents from 26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 for physical inventory. Please refer to the below timings for September.

Date	Day	Time
01.09.2024	Sunday	10:00 am to 04:00 pm
02.09.2024 to 13.09.2024	2 Weeks	12:00 pm to 07:00 pm

You can call them at **03 737 7234**

- **School Fees**

An SMS on pending school fees for the academic year 2023-2024 has been sent to the applicable parents. We kindly request the concerned parents to take action on their accounts to avoid inconvenience.

- **Abu Dhabi Parents Survey for Academic Year 2023/24**

The Abu Dhabi Parent Survey for AY 2023/24 is still open and we would appreciate our parent community to complete the 15-minute survey. Your participation can win you valuable prizes.

**English:** <https://bit.ly/3VzLIPc>

**Arabic:** <https://bit.ly/3KCK0AJ>

The survey will close on 30th September 2024. High participation from our parent community will enable us to obtain reports that will provide us with insights on areas of improvement.

- **Parental Engagement and Volunteer Program Survey**

As previously stated, we kindly remind our parents not to miss out on this survey. Your response is crucial in ensuring that your talents and abilities can also enrich our students' educational experiences through activities, trips, workshops, and other school events planned throughout the academic year.

Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/9bdnYmNRQS>

We appreciate your active participation in this meaningful initiative.

The **Enquiry Trail** for Term 1 – Week 2 along with the **Portions** of the **Baseline Assessments** is attached to this email.

We thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Kind regards,

**Excel International School**