

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Greetings!

Please note the following important information:

- **Reading Strategies Workshop**

We are pleased to invite you to our workshop titled "**Strategies to Enhance Reading Comprehension & Fluency**" on **Tuesday, November 5th, from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM.**

This workshop will offer valuable insights into effective reading techniques designed to support your child's literacy development at home. The session will be available both online and in person at our school library, ensuring that all preferences for attendance are accommodated.

To secure your spot, please register through this link, <https://forms.gle/bNQEq2v1ronmDGrc9>.

Workshop Details:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 5th November
- **Time:** 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- **Location:** School Library / MS Teams (meeting link will be sent upon registration)

We look forward to your participation in this engaging session to learn practical reading strategies that can make a difference in your child's learning journey.

- **Standardised Benchmark Assessment (SBA)**

The school is wholeheartedly committed to a thorough and ongoing evaluation of our students' academic achievements, measuring them against a variety of external benchmarks, both national and international. We are excited to provide you with detailed information about our standardised benchmark assessments. It is important to understand that these are baseline and year-end assessments that serve as foundational tools for our educational strategy. They allow us to effectively measure and monitor each student's academic progress throughout the school year, both at the beginning and the end.

By administering these assessments, we can thoughtfully align and enhance our curriculum, ensuring that we identify any learning gaps. The academic department will then implement targeted interventions to help each student thrive and make steady progress.

- **What does Standardised Benchmark Assessment (SBA) entail?**

These are evaluation assessments administered to children independent of their background or school. They are administered regularly during the academic year in a controlled and timed context, allowing student results to be compared and used to improve the quality of educational services offered by the institution.

- **Which SBAs do EIS students take?**

All enrolled students in **Grades 3-8** (Years 4–9) must participate in:

At the beginning of each Academic Year			
	Purpose of the Assessment	For whom?	When in the AY?
CAT 4 Cognitive Abilities Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate students' critical thinking skills in areas that affect learning. Assessment results are used to give focused treatments, assess progress, and establish future academic goals. The test measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal reasoning (words) Non-verbal reasoning (shape) Quantitative reasoning (number) Spatial reasoning (3-dimensional) 	Grades 3-8 Students	September – October <i>once per academic year</i> Administered in AY 2024 on: 7 th - 11th October 2024
IBT – Arabic International Benchmark Test - Arabic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assesses students' Arabic language knowledge and comprehension. Provides schools and parents with comparative student performance analysis. Identify learning gaps and provide 'next actions' to meet student needs. 	Grades 3-8 Arabic Students	November – December <i>once per academic year</i> Administered in AY 2024 on: 29 th – 31 st October 2024
At the end of each Academic Year			
GL – PT Series Progress Test Series in English (PTE), Mathematics (PTM) and Science (PTS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate students' knowledge and comprehension of English, Mathematics, and Science throughout time. Offer comparative student performance reports throughout academic years. Identify learning gaps and provide 'next actions' to meet student needs. 	Grades 3-8 Students	May (Term 3) <i>once per academic year</i> <i>To be administered in AY 2024 on:</i>

As our valued partners, you are essential in preparing your child for success in these School-Based Assessments (SBAs). Punctuality and regular school attendance are key factors that greatly influence a student's overall performance and success.

We are pleased to inform you that SBA reports from previous years and recent ones will be made available on the school's learning management system, Education. These reports offer valuable insights that teachers use to customize lessons and activities, ensuring they meet each student's unique learning needs. A separate report will be available to parents, designed to empower you with the information needed to effectively guide and encourage your child in achieving their academic objectives.

Thank you for your support in helping our students succeed!

The **Discovery/Enquiry Trail for Week 10** is attached to this email.

Important Note: The **World Sustainable Day** has been rescheduled to Monday, 04.11.2024. Students are encouraged to wear **green attire** to school, **except for Grade 7-8 girls**, who must come in their regular uniform for the trip to the Al Qattara Arts Festival.

Thank you.

EIS Administration