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GEMS
Wellington School
QATAR

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GEMS
EDUCATION

We see **genius**
in every child

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THE GEMS DIFFERENCE



Trusted by parents around the world

We are passionate about education and have been trusted by parents for 60 years.



We are a family of committed teachers

Everyday, our family of 20,000 teachers make a difference to the lives of over 190,000 students.



Our Students lead locally and internationally

GEMS students have won over 2,100 international, regional and local awards in science, arts and sports.



Our Students excel and go to the top universities

GEMS students have been accepted into 1,050 universities in 53 countries – including all eight Ivy League universities in the US and all 24 Russell Group universities and colleges in the UK.



We are deeply committed to philanthropy

Our philanthropic arm, The Varkey Foundation, supports initiatives that change lives around the world.



Making quality education accessible

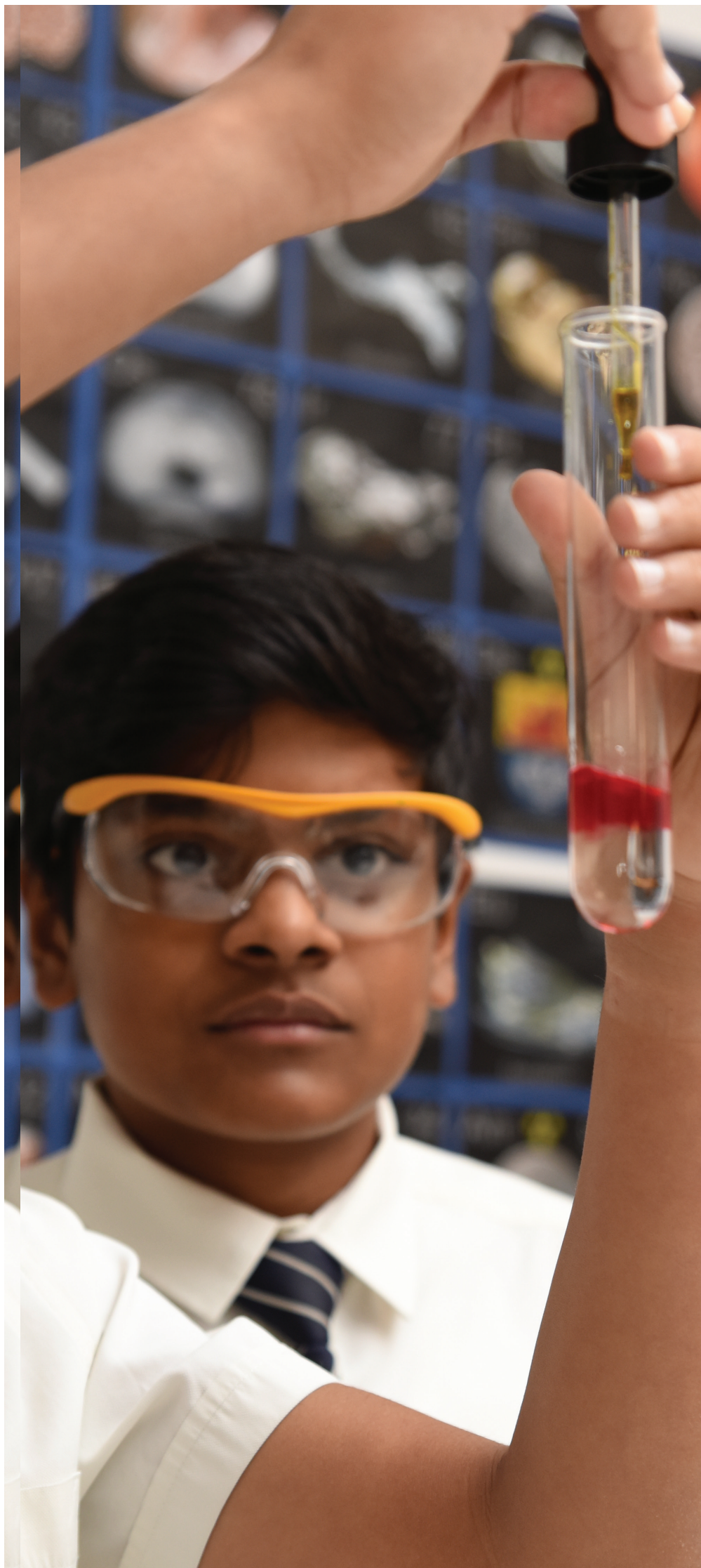
GEMS Rewards is an exclusive rewards programme for our community of students, parents and staff designed to reduce the impact of school fees, and further enhance their lifestyle.



We see genius in every child

We believe that a quality education is the key to unlocking the greatness that lies in every child.





A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO QUALITY EDUCATION

GEMS Education is a pioneering education company that owns and operates a global network of award-winning international schools. For over 55 years we have been a trusted choice for families in the UAE. With the privilege of educating over 250,000 students globally, our 20,000+ teachers dream big, push boundaries and make a difference to families every day. Our students excel across multiple dimensions, garnering global recognition with over 1,550 international, regional and national awards.

What truly matters to us is the confidence our students feel when they walk out of our doors and into the world to build a better future. Our students have been accepted to over 980 Universities across 48 countries, including 12 out of the top 15 in the world (and 7 of the 8 Ivy League Colleges in the US). Today, over 20,000 GEMS alumni are changing the world.

WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to GEMS Wellington School Qatar. I am delighted that you have chosen us as the place to educate your child. I take this responsibility very seriously. I have no doubt that you have made the right choice.

At GEMS Wellington School we will work in partnership with your child and yourselves to ensure the very best educational experience possible. It is our aim to provide an experience that allows your child to be very well prepared for both the present and the world they will inherit in the future.

It is our hope that your child will develop a love for learning, as well as skills and attributes that will see them flourish in a range of endeavors; that they become confident, creative, caring, open minded, critical thinkers who will be able to lead and contribute within their society and the world.

It is important that at GEMS Wellington School we work together to provide an environment where all members of the school community feel happy, safe, respected and cared for. We do this by having high expectations of behaviour, appearance, care and through the development of supportive positive relationships.

A key to education is that students need to be challenged in all that they

do; to identify their strengths as well as areas for improvement. Our expertly trained teachers and staff will work alongside you and your child to offer a broad and enriched curriculum both within the school day and beyond that extends your child's understanding of the curriculum; while providing them with the necessary skills to think critically, solve problems, communicate effectively and act responsibly.

At GEMS Wellington we strive to DREAM, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE.

My staff and I look forward to working with you and your child on this journey.



Craig Lamshed
Country Director, Principal & CEO









WELCOME TO THE WELLINGTON FAMILY

We are a rapidly growing British curriculum school and part of the successful, thriving and trusted GEMS Wellington group of schools.

At GEMS, we understand the critical choice that parents have to make in finding the right school for their child in Qatar. We offer not just a school, but a community where parents and students can make new friends; a community that cares.

At GEMS Wellington you will find a forward-thinking school that sees every student as an individual, with individual needs and talents. You will find a school

that offers creative depth through the quality of our curriculum and teaching.

Our families understand the high expectations that we have of our teachers and leaders, to ensure that your child will be well prepared for a future in which they will challenge and compete with the highest performing students across the globe.

Above all, you will find that at GEMS Wellington we believe every child can 'dream, believe and achieve,' and that we have a real commitment to excellence in everything that we do.

OUR VISION

'TOGETHER WE DREAM, BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE.'

GEMS Wellington School, Qatar remains a world-class international school, that delivers the highest possible standards of care, learning, teaching and leadership where students are prepared and

confident to compete globally with their peers, and make outstanding progress on their journey to become effective members of a world community.



OUR COMMITMENT

Our commitment is to deliver this vision, driven by an exciting and innovative curriculum in an environment with modern purpose-built facilities and state-of-the-art learning spaces. Our approach is to work 'TOGETHER' with parents and families to ensure all students are engaged in their own learning, provided with limitless opportunities to learn, to lead, to DREAM of the future and be challenged to achieve and progress. Our provision ensures that students pursue excellence, develop confidence and independence, and demonstrate a sense of responsibility to each other and to society. Our students will grow to be empowered as global citizens who not only aspire to make a difference in the world, but truly BELIEVE that they can.



“ Our son has had a great experience at GEMS Wellington. He loves going to school every single day. The environment is very friendly and welcoming. Teachers give individual attention to each child, their strength and shortcomings while helping them to improve, develop and prosper. As a parent I appreciate the support we get from school in terms of learning, with different workshops for parents to attend. ”

Priyam (Parent)







THE CURRICULUM

EARLY YEARS: FOUNDATION STAGE

FOUNDATION STAGE ONE AND TWO

AGE: 3 YEARS OLD - 5 YEARS OLD

- » Our Early Years Foundation Stage education provides all students with a journey of learning, guided by our caring, nurturing and dedicated team of education professionals.
- » As an introduction to school, this programme of learning focuses on self-development in partnership with intellectual and physical development. Learning is multi-sensory, collaborative and fun
- » Child initiated learning is at the centre of the curriculum and this enables us to personalise the learning experience to meet the needs of the individual, through adult facilitated play.
- » The curriculum is designed to enable children to work at their own level and pace.

The curriculum in our Foundation Stage is based on the English Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS), which provides a framework for the

education of children from birth to 5 years old. The curriculum is planned holistically to cover the prime areas of learning and these are developed further through the specific areas.

THE PRIME AREAS

- » Personal, Social and Emotional Development,
- » Communication and Language
- » Physical Development

THE SPECIFIC AREAS

- » Literacy
- » Mathematics
- » Understanding the World
- » Expressive Arts and Design

We aim to create a learning environment in which children are encouraged to be confident, curious and self-motivated and to take pride in their achievements.



PRIMARY SCHOOL: KEYS STAGE 1 AND 2

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

AGE: 5 YEARS OLD TO 11 YEARS OLD

The Primary School Curriculum is based on the English National Curriculum (ENC) which we have modified to meet the needs of our mainly international students taking into account the local context they live in and GEMS Education core values. The influence of our host nation adds a rich Arabic tier to our programme, introducing students to and developing skills in, the heritage of the region.

The curriculum enables our students to develop skills for life in the twenty first century and is underpinned by our bespoke student learner profile. It supports our students' natural curiosity and interests and provides opportunities for them to consolidate their learning and develop a variety of learning styles.

The core areas of learning in Key Stage 1 and 2 include:

- » English
- » Mathematics
- » Science
- » Computing
- » Humanities
- » Art and Design
- » Music
- » Physical Education (PE)
- » Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)
- » Modern Foreign Language from Key Stage 2 upwards

In addition to the core National Curriculum for England subjects, we also offer:

- » **Arabic** (Arabic A: following the Ministry of Education's recommended curriculum, for GCC Nationals; Arabic B for non-native Arabic speakers)
- » **Islamic** (compulsory for Muslim students; Available in Arabic for Arabic A students or in English for Arabic B students)
- » **Qatari History** is integrated into our humanities programmes for English speaking students and will be taught in Arabic for our first language students



“ I highly recommend GEMS Wellington School! All of the teachers are so kind to each child, truly encouraging each to pursue their strengths. I have 2 boys in year 4 and 5 who love to learn. I am confident that this school has set a solid foundation for them and that they have developed a true love for learning.”

Seemoo(Parent)





We as parents applied to GEMS Wellington School because it is one of the best in Qatar, and we want to provide the best education for our daughters like any parent. Our children have established a bond with their teachers. Staff put their heart and soul into the development of the students, and that comes across in the way they treat and nurture all the children in the school.



Sirisha (Parent)



INNOVATION @ WSQ

As an international school in the Middle East, we are also passionate about opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurial education and strive to develop these skills within students. We look for opportunities within all units of study from KS 1 - 4 for students to develop their problem solving and higher order thinking skills through tools such as Design Thinking and use of Maker Spaces.



KEY STAGE 3 & 4

YEARS 7 TO 10

AGES 11 TO 14

Our key stage 3 & 4 curriculum is based on the English National Curriculum and is used widely in the UK and British International Schools to prepare students for University life later on. Our curriculum is designed to provide a seamless transition from Key Stage 2 to the end of Key Stage 4. It is a skills-focused curriculum that provides students with a broad and balanced knowledge of key subjects as well as the opportunity to develop their 21st Century learning skills through our unique learner profile. This enables our students become more aware of themselves, their interests and their strengths.

OUR STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY

- » English
- » Mathematics
- » Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
- » Languages (Arabic, Spanish, French, or English as an Additional Language)
- » Physical Education
- » Computer Science
- » History
- » Geography
- » Drama
- » Music
- » Art
- » Business Studies

PREPARING FOR THE IGCSES







Our students at GEMS Wellington School are well prepared for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSEs). These worldwide recognised qualifications are important for students seeking admission to Universities across the world, and are an excellent preparation for future study.

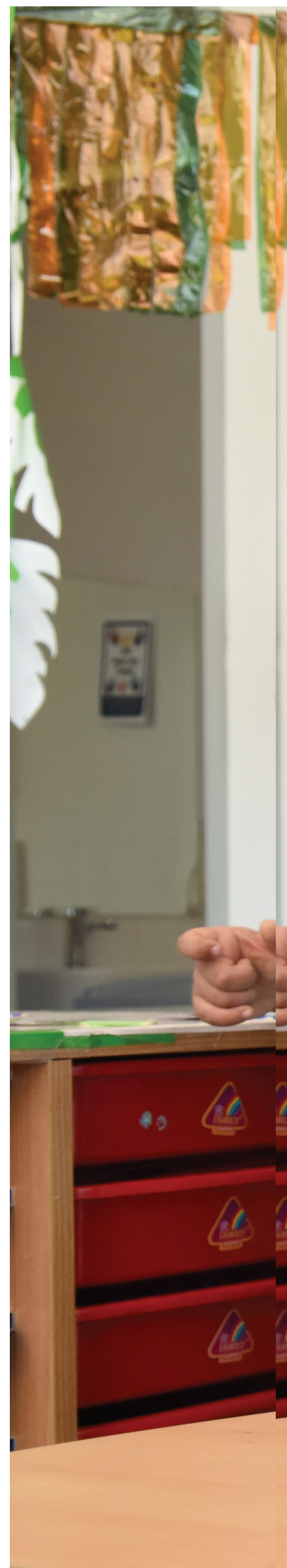
Students study the core IGCSEs in English Mathematics and Science. This course of study is complemented with a number of optional IGCSEs. This gives our students the freedom to choose the subjects that are right for them whilst providing them with a broad knowledge base. Students sit between 9-11 IGCSEs in total.

We are licenced up to year 13 and our school will grow year on year.

PEARLS @ WSQ

LEARNING AND LEADING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

P	 <p>PURSUING EXCELLENCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Growth mindset – ‘can do’ » Leadership skills » Striving to be a ‘Rainbow’ student » Motivated to work to the highest standard possible and go the extra mile » Actively participate in all aspects of school life
E	 <p>EFFECTIVE LEARNERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Critical thinker and will ask inquisitive questions to deepen understanding » Never stop wanting to learn » Shows resilience after failure » Works with independence when required » Follows directions » Reflects on ways to improve
A	 <p>ACHIEVE GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Celebrates diversity and things that unite us » Understands sustainable living starting with the school and local community » Forms bridges of knowledge leading to global communication » Lives with honesty and integrity
R	 <p>RESPECT FOR ALL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Speaks to other students and adults politely » Can collaborate in a team » Manages emotions whilst finding solutions to conflict » Empathises with the feelings of others » Has good manners
L	 <p>LEARNING THROUGH INNOVATION & CREATIVITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Eager to explore new things and take risks – dreams of possibilities » Wants to find solutions to everyday problems » Creates ideas – entrepreneurial » Shows originality
S	 <p>SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATORS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Allows others to speak and will actively listen to them » Can express opinions appropriately (<i>oral, written, art, photography, music, film</i>) » Responsibly uses a variety of media IT tools to communicate (<i>media/technology literacy</i>)







EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our school day is structured to enable a full extra-curricular programme to be delivered. Through participation in these events, students enrich their school days. In addition to physical development and the exploration of interests, students learn the thrill of challenge and competition, the importance of concentration, the spirit of teamwork and a sense of accomplishment. We provide a rich extra-curricular programme that supports students' all-round development, offering opportunities for them to develop their talents. Students may choose from a wide variety of activities, including both individual pursuits and team building.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES*: Art, Football, Storytelling/Newspaper, Drama, Gymnastics, Choir, Creative Writing, Cookery Club, Netball, Drumming, Chess and Computing.

** (this list will change on a termly basis)*





PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

GEMS Wellington School Qatar, encourages parents to become involved in school life – the word 'TOGETHER' in the school tag line is specifically chosen to show our commitment to this. From Wellington School Parents Association (WESPA) fundraisers to parents supporting in school. Involvement is important to help people feel connected to the school, and it's an excellent way to build a sense of community among parents, teachers and students.

International research shows that parents who are actively and consistently engaged in their children's learning can add the equivalent of two to three years of formal education over their school career. That children of engaged parents do better at school, have better social skills and behaviour, and make better life choices. To help you with this, regular workshops are run in such areas as phonics, physical development in the Early Years and Techniques in Mathematics.

Every parent, regardless of culture, language or experience, has something to offer in supporting the learning of their child, and conversation is at the heart of this positive parental engagement. As partners in the education process, parents can reinforce learning by discussing a variety of topics, asking questions, listening, doing activities or reading together, and perhaps most importantly, encouraging their children with praise and direction.

Parents are invited in to enjoy class and whole phase performances of singing, acting and dancing and your support at sporting fixtures makes events come alive.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

GEMS Schools have a long track record of student transportation with high safety standards. Our school administration team works closely with the transport coordinator to ensure that parents and students have the best service possible. Our bus fleet is modern, well equipped and strictly follows the specifications and regulations of the Qatar Transport Authority. Each vehicle is fitted with a GPS tracking system and managed by a fully trained female bus conductor to ensure the safety and comfort of each and every student. Please visit the website for exact information on school route availability.





QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ARE THERE ANY PROVISIONS FOR ADDITIONAL AND SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION?

There is support for some additional needs through our inclusion team. As part of the registration assessment process we evaluate if and how we can meet the needs of all children.

ARE THERE ANY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?

Extra-curricular activities are provided for students from Year 1 upwards. Students have the opportunity to sign up for activities in sports, information technology, performing arts, visual arts, etc. Sessions are presently offered after school on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Extra-curricular activities include:

Art, Rugby, Football, Arabic Reading, Qu'ran, Badminton, Drama, Dance, Gymnastics, Choir, Fitness, Hockey, Photography, Netball, Drums, Chess and Computing.

DO I HAVE TO BUY SCHOOL BOOKS AND WHAT STATIONERY WILL MY CHILD NEED?

Your children's books are included in their fees. The school provides all workbooks, textbooks and writing materials.

ARE THERE SCHOOL HOUSES?

Yes. Our houses represent four gemstones. Children are assigned to a house upon enrolment and each house has a team colour Diamond – White; Onyx – Black; Emerald – Green; Ruby – Red. Students' sun hats & sports kits are coloured in accordance with their house colours.

WHEN DO I RECEIVE MY GEMS MY LEARNING LOGIN INFORMATION?

You receive this when you have enrolled.

IS THERE A CAFETERIA AT THE SCHOOL?

There is a full cafeteria service available in the school for students from Foundation Stage 1 upwards, along with a parent café.

WILL THERE BE REGULAR HOME LEARNING?

There is a variety of home learning experiences throughout the week and over term breaks and is set by the class or subject teacher. Home learning is posted on the My Learning portal with home communication books being a key way for day-to-day communication. Our focus is on quality home learning as opposed to quantity. Home learning reinforces and underpins learning at school and creates good study habits for students.

WHAT PROVISION WILL THERE BE FOR ICT AND COMPUTERS IN LEARNING?

Children have access to a variety of digital and media technologies so that they can create, communicate and collaborate. Items include tablets, laptops, interactive whiteboards, interactive LED's, digital cameras, etc. We have BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) for students from Year 7 upwards for support with their learning.

ARE THERE STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

We see the promotion and development of student leadership as an essential component within and beyond our curriculum. Students are actively challenged and encouraged to take leadership opportunities across a wide range of options. To promote student leadership, we have a range of formal to informal opportunities.

DOES WELLINGTON HAVE A PARENT ASSOCIATION?

We have an active and committed Parents Association WESPA. The focus of the Association is supporting new families as well as fundraising to support the school community.





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