



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum

All praises to Allah (SWT), the most compassionate and the most merciful. Alhamdulillah, we are in the final Term for this school year and the Term promises to be a busy one as we consolidate and extend our students' learning. The schools focus is to further raise academic standards by implementing evidence based strategies and programs and on student expectations. Students are to work towards meeting high expectations to build a successful learning culture. Every student can strive to be the best that they can be.

### Yearly Examinations

- Year 10 Examinations Week 4 (02/11 to 06/11)
- Year 7 – 9 Examinations Week 5 (09/11 to 13/11)
- K – 6 Examinations Week 6 (16/11 to 20/11)

Students must prepare very well for all examinations. Student promotion to the next grade is subject to satisfactory performance in examinations as per the schools promotions policy.

### HSC Examination

The HSC Examination commenced on Tuesday 20 October and will conclude on Tuesday 10 November. We wish all our Year 12 students the very best in their HSC Examinations and may Allah (SWT) give great success to all our students. On behalf of the entire school community and personally please know that we are very proud of you.

### Access to School Site

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in adhering to the restrictions to enter school grounds. The restrictions are still in place and this is to keep everyone safe. Under very limited circumstances access to school office is provided between 9.00am to 2.00pm.

## 2020 School Term Dates

Term 1 : Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Thursday 9th April 2020

Term 2 : Tuesday 28th April 2020 – Friday 3rd July 2020

Term 3 : Tuesday 21st July 2020 – Friday 25th September 2020

Term 4 : Monday 12th October 2020 – Wednesday 16th December 2020

\* Term Dates are Subject to Change



Respect



Ownership



Caring



Knowledge



Safety

## School Curriculum

We understand the importance of diversity in curriculum, to cater for the learning interest of students and suggestion from parents in the parent survey has led GVIC secondary school to offer additional subjects from 2021. Geography in stage 6, Industrial Technology and Food Technology in stage 5 will be offered from 2021.

## Pick up and Drop off

I wish to remind parents to obey all road rules and park in the designated parking spots. Police and Council rangers patrol the school area and we do not want you to get a fine. Please be patient and courteous with each other and follow instructions given by staff and security.

**Mr Riaaz Ali**

## Primary Deputy Principal's Message

Assalaamu Alaikum

The ten weeks of Term Four is a very demanding period as it is action packed with a number of important events and academic challenges. It is also a very rewarding term as a number of distinguished achievements will be acknowledged and celebrated at the end of the term. Parents are being requested to take note of the following key dates for Term Four:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Week</i>	<i>Event</i>
20/10 – 01/12	Tuesdays	2-8	Pre-kindergarten Classes
22/10/20	Thursday	2	Yearly Examination schedule/timetable due to parents
23/10/20	Friday	2	Pink Ribbon Day
5/11/20	Thursday	4	Year Six GAT/SCOUT Examination (external students included)
16/11 – 20/11	Mon. – Fri.	6	Primary Yearly Examinations
23/11/20	Monday	7	Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) due
23/11 – 27/11	Mon. – Fri.	7	Primary Swim School Week
30/11 – 04/12	Mon. – Fri.	8	PM Reading Benchmarks Commence
03/12/20	Thursday	8	Year Six Graduation
07/12/20	Monday	9	Annual Awards Ceremony: Kindergarten (Morning Session)
08/12/20	Tuesday	9	Annual Awards Ceremony: Years One - Six
16/12/20	Wednesday	10	Last day of school for the students
17/12 – 18/12	Thurs. – Fri.	10	Staff Professional Development Days

## Book Character Dress – Up Day

Term Three ended on a high note with students dressing up as their favourite book characters on the 24th of September. It was obvious that a lot of effort had been put in by the parents, students and teachers as the school playground was filled with vibrant book characters that seemed “alive”.



The day served dual purpose, as students were rewarded for completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge and it was also to further develop their love for Reading.



We would like to thank parents while at the same time encouraging them to read to their child (ren) on a daily basis to accentuate the importance of Reading.



## Pre-kindergarten Classes

It was pleasing to welcome the wonderful and very settled group of pre-kindergarten students for their first formal class at our school. There has been a steady increase in the number of students attending these classes and we are running two groups for each session, in total 6 classes.



These students are being encouraged to attend classes until Week 8 of this term. There will be five kindergarten classes in 2021 and we seek parental cooperation to give our pre-kindergarten students a good foundation preparation for their successful start of kindergarten in 2021.



## Pink Ribbon Day

Primary students, adorned in various shades of pink, collaborated with high school, to support the fund raiser for Pink Ribbon Day.

We sincerely thank parents for their donation of gold coins, thereby supporting such a noble cause. Insha’Allah such simple acts of kindness will help our students to develop life-long skills in helping those in need in the future.



## Year Six Promotion

For students to transit effectively to high school, they need to be well equipped with Literacy and Numeracy skills. Students are required to enhance their development in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy by regular use of Mathletics and Reading Eggspress, which are online learning tools.

They are also required to engage in regular reading and completing set homework as well as assignments to a high standard. Parents are reminded that Year six students will sit for the GAT/SCOUT exam on the 5th of November 2020. Teachers are humbly requesting for parental support in monitoring student progress.



## Yearly Examinations

Please note that Yearly Examinations are scheduled for Week Six (16th – 20th November). The timetable and schedule was submitted to parents in Week 2. Factors that will have impact on your child's learning include punctuality, attendance, regular and continuous revision and extending learning beyond just homework by reading widely and using online resources such as Mathletics and Reading Eggs/ Eggspress.

Parents are also reminded that while we focus highly on English and Mathematics, other KLA's marks will also be included for determining the ranking in relation to awards. Kindly please monitor your child's learning regularly and contact the class teacher for any clarification and avenues for learning support.

**Mrs Samina Ali**