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Year End Circular

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

We wish to begin by hoping that all our students, parents and their families are keeping good health and are taking the right precautions from the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray that you all are well protected and continue to be in good health and spirits.

The world we live in today looks drastically different than the one we knew just 3 months ago. This transition has not been easy, and some members of our community have been more impacted than others. First responders find themselves on the frontline every day and communities realize which workers are truly essential. These challenges can make it difficult to remain hopeful, but it is more important than ever that we look to the future!

Reflecting on this unusual academic year, we have had so many great memories and exciting events to look back on. It was unprecedented! Learning was never the same for students worldwide. Distance learning became the saving grace. What a paradigm shift! The challenges were daunting and many, but the quick response from our school management and a smooth transition to the dynamics saved the day. The challenges ended up to constitute the landmark achievements of A.Y. 2019-2020.

We embraced distance learning with a focus on **Wellbeing, Teaching and monitoring students' learning, Leading and Managing students' learning** and we are proud to share that in recent **Distance Learning Evaluation (DLE) by ADEK, Al Ain Juniors School** has been rated as "**Developed**", which is the highest rating on DLE rubric. This was possible because of the planning and implementation by our dedicated and committed teachers, active participation by students and cooperation from parents.

Distance learning also brought on board **virtual class party in primary classes**, where our students had fun activities to mark the end of the academic year. Few of our students participated in **Virtual PIES MUN** event organized by one of the school in Abudhabi. **Virtual Graduation Events** organized for our **KG and Grade 12** students were exceptional!

➤ KEY UPDATES

- **Pending fee payment:** We highly commend the parents who kept their children's school fee record up to date and have paid all fees as and when due. To confirm your child's enrolment for the Academic Year (AY) 2020-2021, endeavor to pay up the school fee and registration fee of AED 500 for the new academic year. We regret to inform that for students with outstanding fee dues, School may withhold report card/transfer certificate (or block a transfer on eSis) and/or re-registering a student until all outstanding dues are settled.
- **Mode of fee payment:** Click the below link to know the details online mode of fee payment
<http://www.alainjuniors.com/index.php/admissions/online-fee-payment>

- **New Admissions:** Admissions are open for all grades of KG & Grades 1 – 12, wherever vacancies exist. Visit our website for British System Admissions by clicking the link <http://www.alainjuniors.com/>
- **School Office hours during summer vacation:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

➤ **ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 2021**

- **Teaching & Learning (KG to Grade 12):** Academic year 2020-21 will begin officially on **Sunday 30th August, 2020**. We are working on suitable school reopening model and will post this information on our school website (<http://www.alainjuniors.com/>), hence request you to visit school website for updates. In case ADEK decides on a student-return model, we reassure parents on the safety, hygiene and social distancing measures that will be strictly implemented to ensure the safety of our children and staff as per the guidelines from authorities.
- **Orientation Program:** Orientation for the parents to inform about the policies and academic program of the school will be sent to individual e-mails through a power point presentation. This will also be posted on the school website.
- **Uniforms:** The regular and PE uniform for students of KG to Grade 12 are available at our Sanaiya store. Parents can obtain/purchase them only after restrictions of movement are lifted.
- **School Book Sale:**
Al Ain Juniors is working with our distributors to enable online order and delivery of books. For detailed information on Ordering books _Online Procedure, click the below link and follow the steps.
<http://www.alainjuniors.com/index.php/38-aj-pages/609-order-books-online>.
You will be once again notified by SMS during the last week of August 2020.
- **MOE Books:** It is mandatory to buy MOE Books as per the directives from ADEK. The books are:
 - Islamic Studies
 - Arabic Language
 - UAE Social studies
 - Moral Education Program (MEP)
 The payments for these books will be included in new academic year fees and books will be issued/delivered once we receive them from Ministry of Education Book Store.
- **MS Teams Student accounts:** Kindly note that MS teams account will be disabled during summer break.
- **Baseline Assessments (Grades 1 to 12) :** Students from Grades 1 to 12 are required to make a study schedule to revise concepts covered in previous grade. The Baseline Assessment will take place during the *Week of welcome/first week* when school reopens in August/September 2020. This will be a part of the formative assessment and will impact the grades of students. This will also facilitate target setting for students. We believe and that this good practice will help students to utilize their summer break in a focused manner and will ultimately help them to do well in their class academically.

Together, we've learned much and shared experiences that will remain in our hearts for years to come. The passion and strength within our community makes our school truly a special place for our children. A big thank you parents who have also contributed immeasurably to the success of this new digital learning environment.

Have a safe and fun filled summer! See you in the next academic year!

AJB Administration