

Cir/AJB/2015-1631/PPL/JUNE '16

19th June, 2016

Dear Valued Parent,

Summer time is at its peak! We are going to culminate our school year with student involvement into preparing themselves for the Baseline assessments that will happen in the first week after the school reopens. We thank you for your support and cooperation and we will be starting afresh our **27th Academic session** on **28th August, 2016**.

Looking Back & Forward

The Year of Innovation and Student Competences

What has happened so far? We are moving forward with the reaffirmed vision of “**nurturing our young people to be achievers of extraordinary determination, who set right goals in areas of education, morality, attitude, and ethics and values.**”. We are embarking with our Student Competence Curriculum framework that extends the tradition and strengths of the school and that can respond to the interests and opinions of students and parents. Our school curriculum has gone through remarkable school-based developments for the upcoming academic year. This is aimed at providing a holistic curriculum of secondary education to meet the needs of the future.

As a school we have the vision of nurturing Islamic faith and values. During the current academic year Islamic curriculum was developed with resource support from the ADEC. We are now fully implementing the Student Competence Framework and also disseminating our experience among other schools as cluster head for twenty schools in Al Ain. Our goal for our school is that our students will acquire the values and life skills essential to live and to serve in tomorrow's world. During the current academic year, there have been many changes in curriculum design and pedagogies responding to the situation. Strategies of special groupings are employed in Languages, Mathematics and other subject areas to cater for the full range of needs. Many teachers used their spare time to organize make-up lessons and CARE sessions to take care of individual students. We give our heartfelt appreciation to each one of them for their professional dedication. We also thank the alumni and the PTA for their participation and feedback towards school improvement. In view of the increasing number of students with special educational needs (SEN), a SEN team has been formed this school year.

What is to come? New AJ Student Councils - Our students will be working on various projects, events & activities throughout the year under the new Student councils that will be initiated from September 2016. Students will have ample opportunities to participate. These councils will be led by two members of the student body, two parent volunteers and two teachers who would act as facilitators. The identified councils are as follows:

1. **AJ STEAM- Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math Council**
2. **AJ Erudite- Brain Hunt Council**
3. **AJ Entrepreneur - Innovation & Enterprise Council**
4. **AJ Citizen- My identity Council.**
5. **AJ Outreach- Islamic and Red crescent Council**
6. **AJ MUN / AJ EMUN- Model United Nation Council**
7. **AJ Greenergy - Sustainable School Council**
8. **AJ X-Factor - Talent Hunt Council**
9. **AJ SAGO- Scouts and Guides Council**
10. **AJ Sportstar- Sports and PE council**

Amendments in the Assessment, Promotion and Retention Policy

We sincerely thank all our parents of Grades 6 to 9 for attending the parent orientation evening conducted on June 2, 2016 on the above subject including Subject Selection for Grade 8. We dearly appreciate your feedback and support in bringing about the following amendments

- **Amendment 1- Minimum Pass mark for student of Grades 6 to 8 is 60% in all major and compulsory subjects**
- **Amendment 2- Minimum Pass mark for student of Grades 9 going to 10 is 70% in all major and compulsory subjects**
- **Amendment 3- For grades 6 to 8 – the year end result will be calculated on the basis of 20% from term 1 + 20% of Term 2 + 60% of term 3 (20%+20%+60% = 100%)**
- **Amendment 4- Grades 9 going to Grade 10 – the year end result will be calculated on the basis of 25% from term 1 + 25% of Term 2 + 50% of term 3 (25 % +25% + 50% = 100%).**

Final Report Cards – Grades 1 to 9 and collection of miscellaneous certificates and other documents

You have been made aware from time to time, that as per the ministry rules (with effect from 2012-13) the final report cards are issued through **ADEC eSIS** (Enterprise Student Information System) and would show an average of all three assessment components of the all three terms for Grades 6 to 9; and Continuous assessment + Skill Assessment for grades 1 to 5. In view of summer vacation approaching fast, we request the parents to collect and avail themselves in procuring the following documents before the school closes.

1. Bonafide certificate for the purpose of passport/visa renewal
2. T.C. if the student has to leave the country during the summer vacation

Open House (Grade 1 to Grade 9) is scheduled on Tuesday, 28th of June 2016 between 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

- **School Fees and Documentation:** We highly commend and are grateful to the parents who kept their mandatory documentation (EID/PID) up to date and have paid all their dues on time.

The parents of the students with lapses in submission of mandatory documents (EID/PID) and pending fee are asked to clear them before 25th June 2016 to avoid the following consequences.

- **To Confirm the student enrolment for AY 2016/2017:**
 - Clear all fee dues
 - Submit the Updated expired Emirates ID (EID)
 - Submit the Premises ID (PID)
- The results (Report Cards) for 2015-2016 will not be released to the relevant students.
- Any official letters from school – payment invoice, bona-fide letters, conduct certificate etc. will not be issued.
- Annual fee, books & uniform fee will not be collected from such parents.
- Such students may not be promoted and may be removed from the school with notification to the **Ministry /ADEC**, who will not allow document and fee defaulters to join any other school, until the dues are settled in the previous school.

Kindly take serious note of the above and cooperate.

Summer Vacation The last day of school from Grades 1 to 9 will be Thursday 23rd June 2016. Students of Grades 1 to 12 will report back to school on Sunday 28th August 2016.

Information for New Academic Year 2016-17

- **School Office Closure and Opening:** The school office will remain open till 30th June 2016. It will close for summer break from 1st July 2016 to 20th August 2016. The School office will commence work for the new academic year on the 21st August (Sunday) 2016
- **Revised School Fee Structure starting from September 2016:** As notified earlier that there will be an increase in the tuition fee for all classes from next academic year 2016-17 onwards. Kindly be informed that we have now received approval from ADEC for this fee raise which will be applied from Sep 2016. As always, the total approved tuition fee is split into the Annual Fee (to be paid once at the beginning of each academic year) and the remaining tuition fee is further split into 9 months, if paid monthly. Transport fee too is split over 9 months, if paid monthly.

(Please find the approved fee structure attached to the circular)

- **School Timings:** Grades 1 to 12 - 7:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Kindergarten - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Bus Transport:** If your child is availing the bus transport facility, the school will contact you informing the bus number, driver and the bus supervisor of your child during the last week of August.
- **House Colours:** AJB takes many statistics into consideration in determining the house colours of the students. This is in order to keep a proper balance of the numbers of male and female students and their age ranges within the four houses of the school. Therefore, we strongly discourage parents from requesting changes in house colours of the students as well.
- **New Class Lists:** The new class lists will be available in school in the last week of August, as parents come to school for the books and uniforms. The class lists are made giving careful consideration to the demographic details, the number of boys and girls in a class (from KG to Gr.12), students' learning styles and learning aptitudes. AJS recruits the best possible teachers after a screening process by the Human Resources and Academic departments and we believe that learning happens through good student centered teaching and not through a preferred teacher. Therefore, we strongly advise you to abstain from making requests for change of sections. The decision of the school will remain final.
- **Baseline Assessment (for Grades 1 to 12):** Students of all Grade levels are required to make a study schedule to revise their topics done in previous grade level for all the Core and compulsory subjects. The Baseline Assessment shall take place in the **Week of Welcome** for Grades 2 to 12 when school reopens in August 2016. **For students of Grade 1(Senior KG students promoted to Grade 1) the Baseline Assessment will be held on Thursday, 15th September 2016 in English and Math.** These will be part of their formative assessments and impact on forecast grades and will facilitate target setting for students. This good practice will help the students to utilize their summer break in a focused manner and ultimately to do well in their class academically. **Please find Topics and details of Baseline assessments attached to this circular.**
- **Books and Uniform Sale:** Please find the Books and Uniform Sale schedule 2016-17 attached to the circular. **Kindly confirm the dates with the school by either calling at 03-7810077 or through information put up on School Bulletin Board during the last week of August 2016.**

During vacation please contact: Ms. Diana, Focal Point Management Consultancy (FPMC), Al Ain Phone; 03-7648113

Soliciting, your continued support and co-operation in carrying forward the great responsibility of your children's education. We look forward to meet and interact with you in the **New Academic Year. May our country continue to have stability, peace and success.**

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Have a wonderful and relaxing summer break!

AJ Management

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Book and Uniform Sale Schedule for the academic year 2016-17

Grade	Date	Day	Type of Sale	Timing	Venue
Kg to Grade 2	22/08/16	Monday	Full Set Sales	8:00 am to 3:30 pm	Al Ain Juniors School Premises (AJS)
Grade 3 to 6	23/08/16	Tuesday			
Grade 7 to 9	24/08/16	Wednesday			
Grade 10 to 12	25/08/16	Thursday			
	26/08/16	Friday	Store will be closed		
Kg to Grade 2	27/08/16	Saturday	Part Sales	8:00 am to 3:30 pm	Al Ain Juniors School Premises (AJS)
Grade 3 to 6	28/08/16	Sunday		5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	
Grade 7 & 8	29/08/16	Monday			
Grade 9 & 10	30/08/16	Tuesday			
Grade 11 to 12	31/08/16	Wednesday			



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FEE STRUCTURE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

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TYPE OF FEE	MODE OF PAYMENT	JKG	SKG	Gr 1 & 2	Gr 3 & 4	Gr 5 & 6	Gr 7 & 8	Gr 9 & 10	Gr 11	Gr 12
Annual Fee	Once at the beginning of each academic year (Non Refundable)	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700
Tuition Fee	Total Tuition Fee per Year	6,894	6,795	7,596	8,397	9,198	10,197	12,195	13,797	15,399
	Tuition Fee per Month (for 9 months)	766	755	844	933	1,022	1,133	1,355	1,533	1,711
Transport Fee	Total Transport Fees per Year	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196	2,196
	Transport Fee per Month (for 9 months)	244	244	244	244	244	244	244	244	244

The above fee schedule is in accordance with the Ministry of Education and ADEC guidelines and approvals.
Please contact the school administration for any queries

Portion for Baseline Test (2016 – 17) (For current grade 1)

	Subject	Portion
1	<u>Science</u>	Identification of different materials, sorting of materials with properties, plants and animals , living and nonliving things , push and pull forces
2	<u>Math's</u>	Single digit Addition, Number line addition, Subtraction, Even and odd numbers , Doubles and halves, Multiplication table of 1,2,5,10 , Numbers names 1-50
3	<u>English</u>	Nouns, verbs, Adjectives Reading of basic sight words
4	<u>ICT</u>	Different parts of computer, M.S Paint
5	<u>Social Studies</u>	Our country U.A.E , Seven states of U .A.E, Myself and local Area.

