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**SUBJECT: YEAR END CIRCULAR**

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Dear Valued Parent,

Summer time is at its peak! We culminate our school year with students involved in assessments. We thank you for your support and cooperation throughout the year in enabling us to educate your child well. The new session will start afresh on **2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018 at 7:30am**.

We solicit your continued support and co-operation in carrying forward the great responsibility of your children's education. We look forward to meeting and interacting with you in the new academic year. We pray for our country to continue to have stability, peace and success.

### **Looking Back & Forward**

#### **WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?**

**Academics:** 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.**". This year we embarked with measuring of students learning outcomes in relation to Student Competence framework that extends the tradition and strengths of the school and that responds to needs of integrating competences and values into our teaching and learning. Our school curriculum has undergone a number of developments for the upcoming academic year such as introducing new options subjects for IGCSE and AS Levels. This is aimed at providing a holistic curriculum of secondary education to meet the needs of the future. From September, digital resources will be used in all core subjects.

Special groupings have been employed in Languages, Mathematics and other subject areas to cater for the full range of student needs and many teachers have used their spare time to organize make-up lessons and CARE sessions to take care of individual learning needs. We extend our appreciation to each one for their professional dedication. In view of the increasing number of students with special educational needs (SEN), a SEN team has been formed this school year and a SEN Coordinator – Ms. Amel Benkohila has been appointed to cater to the needs of these students.

**A School wide Student led conference** was held to allow students to share their work, learning goals, achievements demonstrating ownership and responsibility for their learning. The purpose of this conference was to open the eyes of students to their own learning and to help them take personal responsibility for their progress.

**Carnival of Colours and Innovation week** was conducted to showcase student's talents and a love of the UAE culture, as well as celebrating the diversity of students' countries of origin. Students scientific, inquiry, literacy and art skills and talents were brought out in their innovation projects.

**AJMUN** – was hosted to allow mock committees discuss and understand global issues.

**YEAR OF ZAYED:** To honor our noble Founding Father, the school had programmes to commemorate the works and achievements of His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan through artworks, quiz competitions and activities that showcased the love of Sheikh Zayed for the country and its people.

**KG Science Exhibition:** The Kindergarten students produced science projects made out of recycled materials that showcased their innovative and resourceful skills.

#### **What is to come?**

**Academic:** Our students will be working on various curricular projects, enrichment events and activities throughout the year and all students will have ample opportunities to participate and utilize skills learnt during lessons.

**Extra Curricular Programme** There will be a full programme of extra-curricular activities, sports, arts events and trips to ensure the interests of all students are catered for. The calendar for this will be released on the school website in September.

**Teaching & Learning:** For academic year 2018-19 - Digital Resources (**Collins Connect and Math Space**) will be used for English, Math and Science to support our students' learning needs..

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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

As per the Ministry of Education rules (which took effect from 2013) final report cards are issued through **ADEK eSIS** (Enterprise Student Information System) and show an average of all three assessment components of the all three terms for Grades 1 to 8. For grade 9 school-based forecast marks are issued.

1. **FIRST TIME ENTRIES** for Subjects for the CIE Examinations for Grades 9 to 11, should submit the Entry form:  
First window: on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018  
Second/Last window: 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018  
**RE-SIT ENTRIES:** on or before 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
**LATE FEE ENTRIES:** between 8<sup>th</sup> September – 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
**VERY LATE FEE ENTRIES between 13<sup>th</sup> September and 17<sup>th</sup> September. No re-sit requests will be entertained after 17<sup>th</sup> September.**
2. Results of the CIE Examination, May/June 2018, will be available online on **14<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.**
3. Login IDs are available at the Student Affairs Office from **18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 until 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.**

It is extremely important all parents procure 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
3. **To Confirm the student enrolment for AY 2018-2019:**
  - Clear all fee dues (2017-2018)
  - **Re-registration fees: to confirm the students enrollment for AY 2018-2019**
  - Submit the Updated Emirates ID ( EID)

Please note: Any student who has violated the Rules and Regulations of Exam Procedure (FA, ETE, or any other examination will have their assessment results negated and no re-test will be offered.

#### **OPEN HOUSE:**

The Open House for Kindergarten to Grade 1 – 9 is scheduled on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018 between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

#### **SCHOOL FEES AND DOCUMENTATION:**

We are grateful to the parents who kept their mandatory documentation (EID) up to date and have paid all their dues on time. **Those parents with lapses in submission of mandatory documents (EID) and pending fees are asked to clear these before 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to avoid the following:**

- Withholding of results (Report Cards) for 2017-2018.
- Withholding of official letters from the school – payment invoice, bona-fide letters, conduct certificate etc.
- 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 /ADEK**, who will not allow document and fee defaulters to join any other school, until the dues are settled in the previous school.

**Summer Vacation** - The last day of school for students of Grade 1 – 12 will be on:

British System: **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018** (some re-sits may take place next week. If this affects your child, you will be notified)

Indian System: **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018**

**Kindergarten Department (INDIAN AND BRITISH SECTION):** last day will be on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

**School Re-Opening:**

**Kindergarten – Junior KG, Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018**

**Senior KG, Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

**Grades 1 – 12 – Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018**

**School Closure during summer vacation**

- Office timing from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
- School Office Closure and Opening: School Office will close for summer break from 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.
- The school office will commence work for the new academic year on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.
- **During the school closure times over the vacation please contact: Ms. Diana, Focal Point Management Consultancy (FPMC), Emirates Commercial Complex, Khalifa Street, Al Ain (behind Al Falah Plaza)  
Phone: 03-7648113**

**INFORMATION FOR NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19**

**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 before the start of term.

**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, changes in house colours for students will not be entertained.

**New Class Lists:** The new class lists will be available in school in the first week of September, 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 or specific teachers. The decision of the school will remain final. The school also reserves the right to change a student's section.

**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 for the **Primary school** (Grade 1-6) shall take place **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018** while **Secondary School** will have their Baseline Assessments on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> of September to Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. 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.

Students in some grades will also take the GL CAT4 international benchmarking tests early in Term 1. There is no preparation required for these.

**Note: Please find Topics and details of Baseline assessments attached to this circular for Primary School. For Secondary School, Baseline portions will be sent thru mail or please check our school website. Baseline Assessments should be taken with a serious mind frame to ensure enhancement in individual students' grades and learning targets.**

**BOOKS / UNIFORM SALES Schedule for the academic year 2018-19**

**AL AIN JUNIORS SCHOOL - British System**

Grade	Date	Day	Type of Sale	Timing	Venue
Kg to Grade 1	27/8/18	Monday	Full Set Sales	8:00 am to 3.30 pm	Al Ain Juniors School Premises (AJS)
Grade 2 to 4	28/8/18	Tuesday			
Grade 5 to 7	29/8/18	Wednesday			
Grade 8 to 9	30/8/18	Thursday			
Grade 10 to 12	1/9/2018	Saturday			
Grade	Date	Day	Type of Sale	Timing	
Kg to Grade 1	2/9/2018	Sunday	Part Sale	5:00 pm to 8.00 pm	Al Ain Juniors School Premises (AJS)
Grade 2 to 4	3/9/2018	Monday			
Grade 5 to 7	4/9/2018	Tuesday			
Grade 8 to 9	5/9/2018	Wednesday			
Grade 10 to 12	6/9/2018	Thursday			

**Important Information:**

- ALL students require proper ID (Cards and lanyards) and correct school uniform on all teaching days.
- Students without correct uniform will not be allowed in class and will be required to sit and wait until the correct uniform is brought from home.
- For missing ID cards, class entry will also be prohibited until the card is brought to school or another ID card is purchased. The 15Dhs can be added to your school fees if your child does not have the money on them. You will be called to give permission if this is required.
- PE uniform must only be worn on days when PE is timetabled for the class.

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**Thank you!**

**AJB Administration**