

GMS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 15, 2021

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From the Principal's Desk



Change is in the air. As the temperature dips, we notice the obvious signs the season is changing around us. Like it or not, the forces of nature take hold and we must respond. Daily life was turned completely upside down over the course of the pandemic. With most countries launching vaccination drives, there is change taking place on this front too. While we are acutely aware that it will not be transitioning back to “normal” anytime soon, we are nevertheless preparing ourselves to respond to the situation around us.

There is a change in the air in our School too. We are changing some of foundational ways we operate. Professional development has been an area of critical change, because we believe with absolute clarity in the importance of great teachers. We have invested significant resources in the growth of our teachers.

Whether it has been initiatives like developing a growth mindset, or bespoke need-based initiatives, we want to be sure our teachers are getting all the tools and ideas they need to provide the best possible education to every student. There is nothing more important to us than ensuring we have excellent teachers in every room.

We also have expanded the important role our Middle Leaders play in our successful operations. We are relying steadily on their ability to organize their department, focus time toward their needs, and bring more clarity to the best ideas. To play on an old adage, we believe there is strength in small, concentrated numbers.

We also believe there are leadership opportunities all around us, just waiting for a teacher-leader to pick-up and carry to fruition for all of us. As much as I admire and appreciate the administrative team, we know we cannot solve all the problems ourselves. We are relying on teacher leaders to seize the day.

One of the nice consequences of these changes has been a refreshing change in attitudes. I have heard more teachers say, “I’ve got an idea” this year than ever before. I have been engaged in more substantive and honest discussions with colleagues about important problems we are facing. I see more signs in classrooms and corridors promoting school spirit and belief in our students’ potential. Clearly, change is in the air and everyone’s breathing it in. From Parent Forum members to LAB Governors, administrative to teachers, support staff to bus drivers, our youngest students to Student Leaders, we are on the same team trying to accomplish the same mission: education for a lifetime of achievement.

There are wonderful changes taking place at GMS, large and small; each one takes us a positive growth step forward. Come, join the movement!



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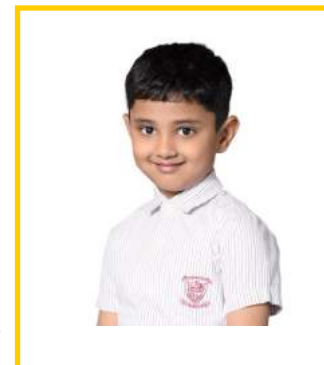
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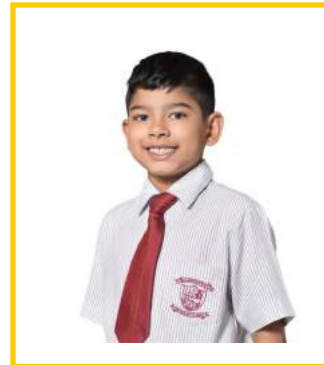


OUR STAR STUDENTS

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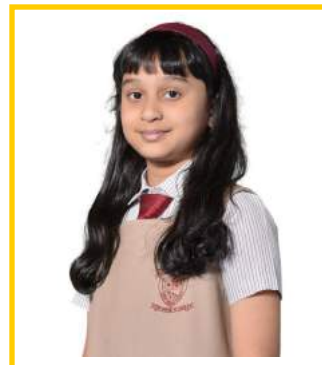
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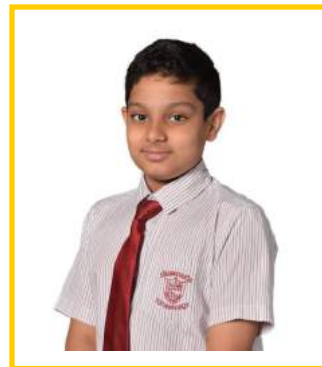
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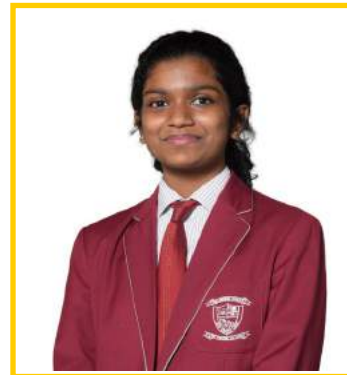


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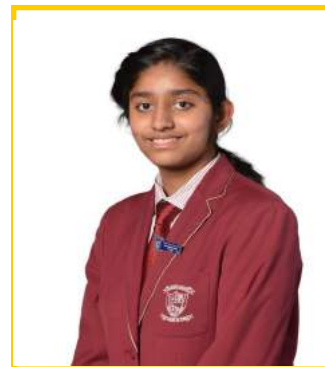
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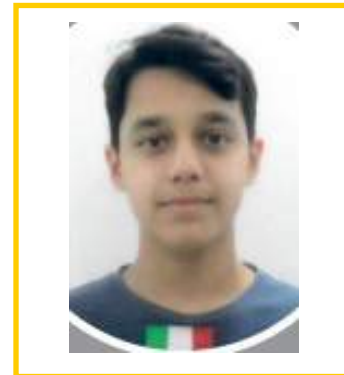


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TEDx Talk 2020

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The finale of the prestigious TEDx Talk was organized on 26th November 2020 by GEMS Our Own Sharjah (Boys). It was a virtual event with a live telecast and had participants from The Millennium School, GEMS Millennium School, Our Own High School and The Indian High School, Dubai.

The students got an opportunity to articulate themselves and come up with 'out of the box' ideas on diverse topics ranging from environment, education and artificial intelligence. They focused on issues that impacted common lives and challenged stereotypical ideas. The event was highly engaging with novel ideas put forth by the young students. Aseem Kaur, Diya Lakshmi and Andria Vinod from our school confidently gave their perspective on matters concerning the world.

The moderator of the event was Ms. Sujata Nair. She lauded the students for following the instructions and ad-

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DIYA LAKSHMI KISHORE KUMAR / SPEAKER

On behalf of the TED Team, we would like to thank you for your dedication and work on

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5TH ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

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The global pandemic has accelerated conversation around the future of work, which forced organizations in the public and private sector to swiftly adapt to new requirements and expectations driven particularly by the younger generation workforce. Career Fairs are an annual event at most school campuses. They are designed to present students with the opportunity to flex their professional muscles and meet with prospective universities while still in school.

At GMS, Sharjah we planned to support our students in connecting with the different universities, virtually.

The flyer with QR code was designed by our students, Nameera and Mohammed Nalwala, and Career Fair teaser video link created by our student of Grade 11, Harish Rahevendra.

This year, we had 46 participating universities from 9 countries across the Globe. We had 3 promo videos presented by our alumina, parents, and our present students of Grades 11&12 speaking about their experiences, how the career fairs had helped them to find their dream college and also our present batch of students expressing their expectations from the Career Fair 2020.

The Career Fair was inaugurated by our Chief Guest Mr. Sanjeev Verma, Director Intelligent Partners. He shared his insights on the topic – The New Age Careers. The session was moderated by our School Head Boy and Head Girl, Abhi Sharma & Shivna Bhatia. The Inaugural session was live broadcast on YouTube.



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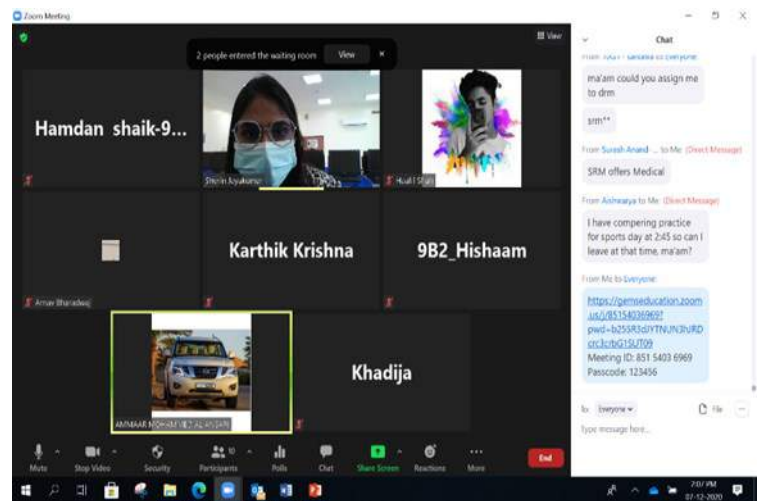
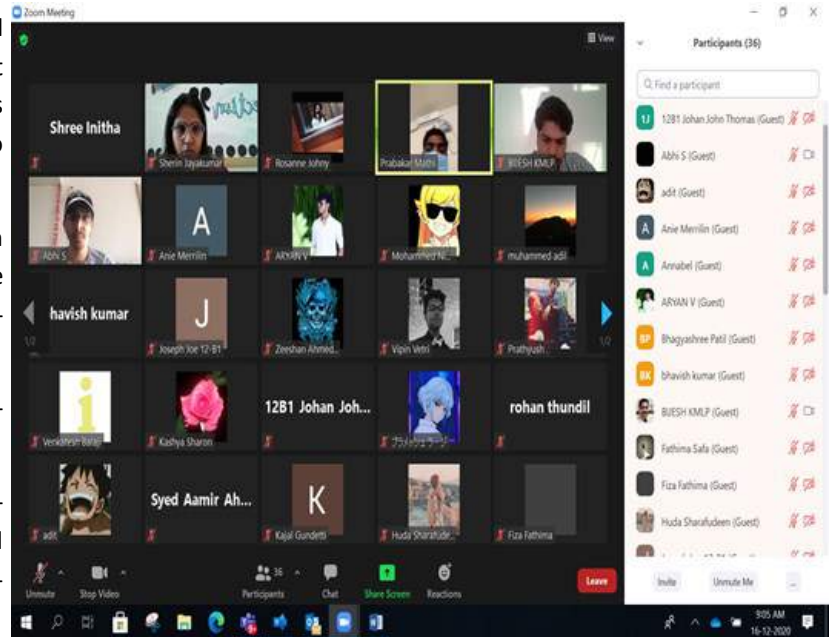


After the inaugural session, the students were assigned to the 46 universities through the different breakout rooms, followed by that all the students and parents were manually assigned to individual breakout rooms to have a discussion with the university representatives.

Each university was given 10 minutes to discuss with one batch of students, where they explained about the university admission process, course details, fee structures etc..

The students got an opportunity to visit all the universities breakout rooms to explore their career options.

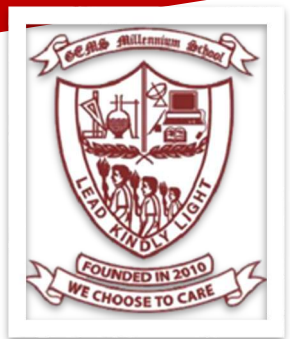
The fair was closed with the closing note from our Headmistress, Ms. Vinita Gupta. The Head boy and Head Girl concluded the session with the Vote of Thanks, expressing their gratitude to the participating universities.



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Survey on Students Preferences

To set the pace for the Career Fair, a survey was conducted among the Grades 11&12 students to understand the students' preferences on their destination and university choices. This survey provided a broader perspective on students' expectation from the participating universities in the Career Fair.

Survey results:

From the survey, we found that 60% of the students prefer to study in India, 15% choose to complete their under graduation in the United Kingdom and 15% in the United Arab Emirates. 10% have also shown their preference for Canada, United States, Australia and Germany.

Based on this survey, the universities were selected and invited to participate in the GMS Career Fair 2020, virtually.

For Grades 9 to 12, Career Guidance sessions at GMS is an on-going process, as every working day from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., individual career guidance sessions are conducted for the Senior School students (Grades 11 and 12) to support them in their career options, admission processes and the Mindler Career Assessment discussion.

Choosing the right subjects and their relevant career options are explained via webinars and workshops to Grades 9 and 10.

A big Thank You to our Counsellors Ms. Sherin Jayakumar and Ms. Swathi Satheeshan in organizing the Career Fair.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS WITH THE SUPPORT STAFF
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6 WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A GOOD DECISION MAKER

How often have you made a decision for your child or even compelled your child into making a decision you would prefer them to make?

OR

Influenced their decision because you know it is a bad decision and you do not want them to have to face the consequences of that said decision?

Children often make bad decisions because of lack of experience and perspective. Many decisions are made by children on an impulse, because of peer pressure, because they are bored or wanting to get back at their parents. They do not consider the consequences and some of these decisions may have a long time effect on their lives. Children can be rash, egocentric and short-sighted.

How can we raise good decision makers?

1. Children must be allowed to make choices

Children don't always realize that they have choices. They don't look at the different options available to them. Make the time to offer your child choices and create situations for choice in their day. Have patience, allow them to make the choices and reinforce the importance of making these choices.

2. Children must experience the consequences of their choices

It is imperative that they learn to consider the risks and rewards of their decisions.

3. Children must be taught to follow their conscience

By asking the question: "Why do I want to do this?" they start understanding what motivates their decisions.

4. Limit choices and discuss options

By doing this you are lessening opportunities for conflict and creating a situation where your child will succeed in making a good choice. Take the time to discuss why one choice is better than another so that they can learn to make decisions for themselves

5. Take others into account

This is especially relevant when taking turns. Discuss why one takes turns by placing the emphasis on how the other person will feel if they don't get a chance.

6. Reflect on past choices and use them as an example

Discuss how they could have made a different choice and what the outcome of that choice may have been.

It is natural for children to place themselves first when making choices or decisions, especially when younger. Help them to understand how to make a decision that is beneficial to both, themselves and others.