



مدرسة جيمس متروبول الواحة
GEMS Metropole School
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Parent

**ACADEMIC
CALENDAR**

2026 - 27

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August '26



All Week Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 ELL Welcome Coffee Morning @9AM	27	28 Prophet's Birthday (PBUH) School Closed  Emirati Women's Day	29	30
31 First Day for Students: Parent Induction Day Teacher Meetings Only Meet The Leaders @9.30AM						

• MDM Booking

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School Days: 1

September '26



All Week Events:

- Inclusion TaC & IEP Meetings
- House Event Week (Theme Week) & Leadership GEMStones Launch
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- Deadline for submitting medical forms & vaccination cards
- 14th - 18th Book Fair
- University Talk - KS4
- House Event Week & Leadership GEMStones Launch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 House Team Day - Blue & Yellow ONLY Buses Start Running	2 House Team Day - Red & Green ONLY	3 All Students Return Arabic A & Social Studies Curriculum Workshop @8.30AM Arabic B Curriculum Workshop @8.30AM	4 FoMTW: Pre-loved Uniform Sale @ Community Hub	5	6
7	8 World Literacy Day Firedrill Walkthrough Y7-Y9 Parent Webinar: Pastoral and Curriculum (F2F) @3.30PM	9 Y10-Y11 Parent Webinar: Pastoral and Curriculum (F2F) @3.30PM	10 Islamic Curriculum Workshop @10.30AM	11 Primary Open House/Book Look Day BMI: FS2	12	13
14 Roald Dahl Day Student Leadership (Roles released - whole school)	15 FS Curriculum / Welcome to FS Workshop @8AM P h y s i c a l E x a m i n a t i o n : F S 1	16 TA/LSA Appreciation Day Inclusion Coffee Morning @8AM	17	18 Read an e-book Day Wellbeing Coffee Morning @8AM FoMTW: New Parents Coffee Morning @ Community Hub BMI: FS2	19	20
21 International Day of Peace	22 R o u t i n e E x a m i n a t i o n	23 ELL Coffee Morning @8.15AM Parent - Teacher / HoY Meetings	24 Parent Teacher / HoY Meetings	25 Parent Safeguarding Training @8AM BMI: Y1	26	27
28	29 Half day PD 12.30PM Finish P h y s i c a l E x a m i n a t i o n : Y 2	30 Term 1.1 Leaders Online Q&A (Happy Meet) @ 4.00PM (Pri) / 4.30PM (Sec)				

School Days: 22

October '26



FLUORITE diversity



All Week Events:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

			1 International School Library Month Physical Examination: Y2	2 BMI: Y1	3	4
5 FoMTW: World Teacher's Day Celebration @ Auditorium	6 Y2 Trip #1 	7 Stay & Play @1.30-2.15PM	8 Academic Review Day for Parents Y10-Y11 @3.30-7PM	9 World Mental Health Day (Oct 10) Wellbeing Coffee Morning @8AM BMI: Y1	10	11
12 Y3 D,E,F Class Assembly @1.45PM	13 Y3 Trip #1 Secondary Parents Webinar @4PM Physical Examination: Y6	14 Inclusion Coffee Morning @8AM	15 FS1 Trip #1 	16 FS: End of Term Family Picnic Y1-Y2 ' Let's Innovate Together ' @8AM BMI: Y3	17	18
HALF TERM BREAK						
26	27 Physical Examination: Y10	28 Y4 Trip #1 ELL Coffee Morning @8AM Stay & Play @1.30-2.15PM	29 FS2 Trip #1 Y5 A,B,C Class Assembly @1.45PM	30 Breast Cancer Awareness (Pink) Day FoMTW: Pink Day Bake Sale @ Reception Parents Digital Safety Training @8AM Y3-Y11 Student Leadership Inauguration Event @10AM BMI: Y3	31	

- World Space Week

- Digital Safety Week
- KS4 University Visit / Careers Talk

- Y11 Mocks

School Days: 17

November '26



All Week Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 UAE Flag Day 	4 Y3 A,B,C Class Assembly @1.45PM	5 Y5 Trip #1 	6 Metropole Games - Inclusion FoMTW: Mavericks Fam Cup	7	8
9 Y7 Trip Term 1 	10 Y6 Trip #1 	11 (TBC) KS4 Literature Festival Trip 	12 Y9 Trip Term 1 	13 Wellbeing Coffee Morning @8AM English for Parents @8AM FoMTW: Mavericks Fam Cup		15
Provisional option blocks released to Y9 students Whole School Photo Session: Full Week Children's Book Week (9th to 15th November)						
16 Half day PD 12.30PM Finish FoMTW: Box of Kindness Collection Starts @ FS & Main Reception	17 KS4 Trip Confidence Beyond the Bell Awards @5PM (Y3-Y6)	18 Secondary Charity Event Inclusion Coffee Morning @8AM Stay & Play @1.30-2.15PM Primary Student Led Conference - 3.30-7PM	19 AL RAS - Souq & Dubai Creek BMI - Y5	20 English for Parents @8AM PSHE Morning - Secondary FoMTW: Mavericks Fam Cup, Pre loved Uniform Sale @Community Hub	21 Metropole Family Winter Market @ MTS	22
Whole School Photo Session: Full Week						
23 Y8 Trip Term 1 Term 1 'Let's Innovate' Year Group Finals	24	25 ELL Coffee Morning @8AM Secondary Awards Event @1.30PM (F2F)	26 Term 1 Principal Awards @1.30-3PM Y6 into Y7 Parent Presentation @3.30PM (F2F)	27 English for Parents @8AM Open House/Book Look Day FoMTW: Mavericks Fam Cup, Box of Kindness Collection Ends	28	29
Term 1 Metropole Games						
30 UAE Commemoration Day						

- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch
- Y11 Mock Exams
- Dubai 30 x 30

- Stand Up and Speak Week (Anti Bullying)
- Dubai 30 x 30

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- FoMTW: Box of Kindness Collection

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- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch

School Days: 21

December '26



All Week Events:

- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 UAE National Day Celebration Term 1.2 Leaders Online Q&A (Happy Meet) @ 4.30PM (Sec) / 5PM (Pri)	2	3	4	5	6
7 Mavericks Term 1 Breakfast FSI Winter Show Final option blocks released to Y9 students FoMTW: Box of Kindness Handout starts @ Community Hub	8 KS3 & KS4 Rewards Trip Primary: Winter Disco	9 Winter Carol Concert @6PM (MUGA)	10 End of Term Reports issued	11 WS: Winter Jumper Day Primary Class Parties	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
W I N T E R B R E A K						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
W I N T E R B R E A K						
28	29	30	31			
W I N T E R B R E A K						

January '27



MOONSTONE reflection



All Week Events:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

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W I N T E R B R E A K

4	5 New Students First Day	6	7 Y6 - Y7 Transition Evening (F2F) @3.30PM	8 English for Parents @8AM FoMTW: Coffee Morning for New Parents @ Community Hub	9	10
B M I - Year 9						
11 Arabic Course for parents @8AM Staff & Students Photo Mop Up Sessions: Term 2 Academic Review Day for Parents: Y9-Y11	12 Y3 Trip #2	13 Inclusion Coffee Morning @8AM Stay & Play @1.30-2.15PM	14 B M I - Year 11 Y9 GCSE Options Evening F2F @4PM	15 Wellbeing Coffee Morning @8AM English for Parents @8AM Y7 Humanities Exhibition Arabic Spelling Bee	16	17
Sports Week						
18 KS4 Trip Arabic Course for parents @8AM Y6 transition evening (F2F) @3.30PM	19 Physical Examination - new admissions	20 Y2 Trip #2 Y9 Term 2 ELL Coffee Morning @8AM	21 Arabic Trip Y3 G,H,I Class Assembly @1.45PM	22 Hag El Leila Celebration English for Parents @8AM Closing date for Y9 options form	23	24
Sports Week						
25 Arabic Course for parents @8AM	26	27 Arabic Culture Trip Y5 D,E,F Class Assembly @1.45PM	28 Half day PD 12.30PM Finish Secondary Sports Day Assembly	29 English for Parents @8AM Y10-Y11 Careers Morning	30 Family First Carnival (International Day) @9.30AM-1.30PM	31 Meet The Leaders Event @10AM - 12PM
Dental Screening & Varnish application - Y2, Y3, Y4						

- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch
- KS4 University visit/fair (Subject to availability)

- Term 2 IEP Meetings
- Y7 Residential Trip 11th to 13th
- KS4 University visit/fair (Subject to availability)
- Y8 Residential Trip 11th to 13th (TBC)

- KS4 University visit/fair (Subject to availability)

- Secondary Sports Day Assemblies
- Y10 / Y11 Mock Exams

School Days: 20

February '27



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

1 Secondary Academic Review Day @ 7.30AM-5PM (no F2F school for Secondary students)	2 Y2 A,B,C Assembly @ 1.45PM	3 Stay & Play @ 1.30-2.15PM Term 2.1 Leaders Online Q&A (Happy Meet) @ 4.30PM (Sec) / 5PM (Pri)	4 World Read Aloud Day Secondary teachers visit Y6 students	5 English for Parents @ 9AM Y9 Options confirmed	6 Family First Walk for Mental Health	7
Eye Screening - FS1 to Y11						
Ramadan Assemblies - Secondary (Tues - Fri)						
National Storytelling Week (1-9 February)						
8 RAMADAN T.B.C Arabic Course for Parents @ 8AM FoMTW: Eid Box Collection Starts	9		11	12	13	14
Eye Screening - FS1 to Y11						
National Storytelling Week(1-9 February)						
FoMTW: Eid Boxes Collection						
15 Arabic Course for Parents @ 8AM	16	17	18	19	20	21
Eye Screening - FS1 to Y11						
FoMTW: Eid Boxes Collection						
22 Arabic Course for Parents @ 8AM 21 Feb - International Mother Languages Day (GOTW)	23	24	25	26	27	28
Routine Vaccination						
FoMTW: Eid Boxes Collection						

All Week Events:

- Y10/Y11 Mock Exams
- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch
- National Storytelling Week
- Children's Mental Health Week

- Phonics T 2.1 Assessment
- Student Progress Meetings
- National Storytelling Week continuation

School Days: 20

March '27



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

1 Arabic Course for parents @8AM Eid Al Fit'r Assembly FoMTW: Eid Boxes Collection	2	3	4	5 International Women's Day FoMTW: Eid Boxes Handover	6	7
8	9	H O L I D A Y (E I D T . B . C .)		12	13	14
15 Arabic Course for Parents @ 8AM Emirati Children's Day	16 New students first day Transition assembly for students F2F @ 8AM	17 Inclusion Coffee Morning @ 8AM Y7-Y9 PSHE drop-down Day	18 Y6 Parent tours with SLT F2F @8 - 10.45AM 'Let's Innovate' Year Group Finals	19 Open House / Book Look Day Wellbeing Coffee Morning @ 8AM FoMTW: International Day / Mother's Day FoMTW Celebration	20	21 Meet the Leaders Event @ 10AM - 12PM
22 21 March - World Poetry Day Arabic Course for Parents @ 8AM T 2.2 Leaders Online Q&A (Happy Meet) @ 4.30PM (Sec) / 5PM (Pri)	23 FS1 Trip #2	24 ELL Coffee Morning @ 8AM Term 2 Principal Awards @1.30-3PM	25 Y1 Trip #2 Y2 D,E,F Assembly @ 1.45PM	26 Arabic A & B poetry competition assembly Metropole Games - Inclusion	27 Metropole Spring Market @ MTW	28
29 Arabic Course for Parents @ 8AM Y6 Transition Day	30 FS2 Trip #2 Y10-Y11 PSHE drop-down day	31 Y4 Residential Term 2 Metropole Games				

All Week Events:

- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch
- Neurodiversity Week
- KS3 & KS4 University / Careers Visit

April '27



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

			1 Y4 Residential Term 2 Metropole Games Term 2 Reports Released to Parents	2 End of Term Family Picnic Y1-Y2 FS: 'Let's Innovate Together' @ 8AM	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
S P R I N G B R E A K						
12 Arabic Course for parents @ 8AM	13 New students first day Routine Vaccination Academic Review Day for Parents - Y11 @ 3.30-6.30PM	14 Inclusion Coffee Morning @ 8AM	15	16 New Parents Coffee Morning @ 8AM	17	18
Y 6 Residential			Sports Squad Photos			
19 Arabic Course for parents @ 8AM	20 Y3 Trip #3 Y1 A,B,C Class Assembly @ 1.45PM	21 ELL Coffee Morning @ 8AM Y7-Y9 Careers Day	22 World Earth Day Term 3.1 Leaders Online Q&A (Happy Meet) @ 4.30PM (Sec) / 5PM (Pri)	23 World Book Day Wellbeing Coffee Morning @ 8AM FoMTW: Pre Loved Uniform Sale @ Community Hub	24	25 Meet the Leaders Event @ 10AM - 12PM
			Y 5 Residential			
26 Arabic Course for parents @ 8AM Secondary Awards Event	27 Half day PD 12.30PM Finish	28 Y6 Transition Day	29 Y2 Trip #3 Y7-Y9 Secondary Reward Trips	30 Y10-Y11 Secondary Reward Trips		



All Week Events:

- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch

- Term 3 IEP Meetings

School Days: 17

May '27



All Week Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3 Arabic Course for parents @ 8AM	4 Y2 G,H,I Assembly @1.45PM	5 MTW Loves Leadership: Confidence (Y3 - Y6)	6 Y6 Parent tours with Secondary SLT (F2F) @ 8AM & 10.45AM	7	8	9
10 Arabic Course for parents @ 8AM Y11 GCSEs begin	11	12 Inclusion Coffee Morning @ 8AM Haj Assembly Y3-Y6 Stay & Play @1.30-2.15PM	13 Haj Assembly Y7-Y9 Y1 D,E,F Class Assembly @ 1.45PM	14 Open House / Book Look Day - Curiosity Showcase	15 International Day of Families	16
Academic Review Day for Parents: Primary & Y7-Y10 @ 3.30-7PM						
17 EID HOLIDAY (T.B.C)	18	19 FS2 Trip #3 ELL Coffee Morning @ 8AM	20 	21 Mini Metropole Wellbeing Coffee Morning @8AM FS2 Dress Up Day - Careers Arabic A & B Writing Competition	22	23 Meet the Leaders Event @ 10AM - 12PM
24 Arabic Course for parents @8AM Y5 G,H,I Class Assembly	25 Y1 Trip #3	26 Y5 Trip #3 Mavericks Awards - Primary	27 Mavericks Awards - Secondary	28 Mini Metropole Metropole Games - Inclusion	29	30
31 Y4 Trip #3 Arabic Course for Parents @ 8AM						

- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch

- Y11 Exams start

- Y11 Exams continuation

- Y11 Exams continuation

School Days: 19

June '27



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

	1 Confidence Beyond the Bell Awards @ 5PM (Y3-Y6)	2 FS1 Trip #3 Y1 G,H,I Class Assembly @ 1.45PM	3 Term 3 Metropole Games	4 Mini Metropole Swimming Gala - Primary	5	6
7 Student Leadership Ceremony (F2F) @ 5PM Let's Innovate Year Group Finals	8 FS1 Trip #3	9 Term 3 Principal Awards @ 1.30-3PM	10	11 Mini Metropole Quran Competition Swimming Gala - Secondary	12	13 Meet The Leaders Event @ 10AM - 12PM
14 FS2 A,B,C Graduation @ 12PM	15 FS2 D,E,F Graduation @ 12PM	16 Inclusion Coffee Morning @ 8AM FS2 G,H,I,J Graduation @ 12PM Y6 A,B,C,D Moving on Up Celebration @ 5PM	17 Term 3 Metropole Games End of Year Leaders Online Q&A (Happy Meet) @ 4.30PM (Sec) / 5PM (Pri)	18 Mini Metropole Open House / Book Look Day International Quran Competition	19	20
21 Mavericks T3 Breakfast	22 Y6 Trip #3	23 ELL Coffee Morning @ 8AM Secondary Subject Awards Stay & Play @ 1.30-2.15PM	24	25 End of Term Family Breakfasts / Parties	26	27
28 Term 3 Trip (Secondary) Yas Park Y6 Parent tours with SLT (F2F) @ 8AM & 10.45AM	29	30 Reports released to parents	1st July	2nd July Last Academic Day		

All Week Events:

- House Event Week and Leadership GEMStones Launch
- Y11 Exams continuation

- Y11 Exams continuation

- Y11 Exams continuation
- Y10 Work Experience Week

- Y11 Exams continuation