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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the fifth edition of our newsletter!

In this issue we are sharing more information on our Bring Your Own Device Policy (BYOD), our next open day and some recent pictures of our school. We've also been putting together our Parent Portal to enable you to find all the important information you need in just one place. We would love to have you feedbac or suggestions if there is something you'd like to see there.

How have you been getting on with the Principal's Challenge?
We would love you to share your pictures and tag us on instagram.
If you don't already follow us you can find us at
https://www.instagram.com/gems\_mtw/

We had a really great day last Sunday at our open day. We have one last one before the Summer Break on 25th June at MTS.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we provide a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Hallum



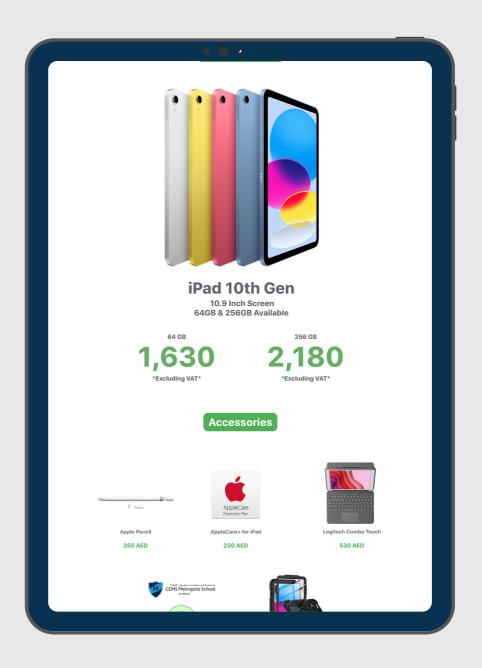
### BYOD - Bring Your Own Device

We are excited to share some more information on our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative.

We will be working closely with Just The Right Solution (JTRS) who are work with many schools in the region.

Whilst it is not necessary to purchase a brand new device for school use, should you need to purchase, JTRS will be able to help you and make sure you're all set up for school on day 1.

You can find JTRS here



#### Parent Portal

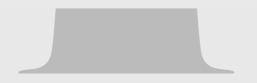
We are delighted to inform you that we have recently launched a Parent Portal, designed to provide you with easy access to all the necessary information you require. Our aim is to streamline communication and ensure that you have a convenient and centralized platform to retrieve important updates, documents, and resources.

We eagerly invite you to explore the parent portal and familiarize yourself with its features. Your feedback and suggestions are highly valued as we continuously strive to enhance your user experience. If there are any additional features or specific information you would like to see included in the portal, please do not hesitate to let us know. We genuinely appreciate your input and look forward to tailoring the portal to better serve your needs.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope that the parent portal proves to be a valuable resource for you and your family.

https://sites.google.com/view/welcometomtw/home





# **School Pictures**









#### Academic Calendar

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2 0 2 3 - 2 4





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Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Friday 25th Aug 2023	•	New Teachers Induction Programme	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024	•	Term 2 starts	Monday 8th Apr 2024	•	Term 3 Starts
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 2023	•	Staff Return						
Monday 28th Aug 2023	•	Students return (Term 1 Starts)	Wednesday 24th Jan 2024	•	Staff PD Day	Tuesday 9th Apr – Friday 12th Apr 2024 *	•	Eid al-Fitr Holiday
Friday 29th Sept 2023 *	•	Prophet's Birthday (PBUH)				Friday 12" Apr 2024 "		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	•	Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> — Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	•	Half term	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	•	Staff PD Day
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Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2023 *	•	Commemoration Day				Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> —		ESTALA II. II. II.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2023	•	National Day Weekend	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024 *	•	Ramadan begins	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 *	•	Eid Al Adha Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	•	End of Term 1/Winter Break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	•	End of Term 2/ Spring Break	Friday 5th July 2024	•	End of Term 3/Year

Please click on the link below to share your question with us or scan the QR code below



https://forms.office.com/r/2S07fzs4LV

Inevitably there will be questions that you as parents have when joining a new school. To support in this matter each newsletter we will endeavour to clarify anything you need to know. Please populate the link with any questions that you have and we will do our best to reach out to you & address your questions.





