



IGCSE Middle School Communiqué

September - December 2022

Our Vision: to create a happy, caring, stimulating learning environment in which students and their teachers recognise and develop the students' fullest potential in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation. We stand committed to the UAE National Agenda!



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**IGCSE MIDDLE SCHOOL...
Nurturing Lifelong Learners!**

A Message From Our Principal



Dear Parents,

Greetings!

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you as the new Principal of Our Own English High School, Fujairah. It is truly an honour to be a part of the OOEHS family and community. Even though I had only limited interactions with the faculty and parents, I can say that this is a unique and special place that I am incredibly excited to be a part of.

I arrived to OOEHS as a seasoned educator with 17+ years of experience. I spent 7+ years teaching Physics and nurtured basic scientific skills at the senior school level. Most recently, I have served as a Vice Principal in a reputed school of Emirates for 10+ years.

This summer, I have spent the majority of my time working with OOEHS operational team to ensure a smooth transition in the functioning of the school. I got to know our building and the community, and familiarized myself with the unique needs of our school. I believe wholeheartedly that every student deserves a quality education and that only happens when the school and the families work together in the best interests of our children. Keeping this in mind, I call upon all faculty, staff, and parents to work collaboratively, so that we can help our children to succeed.

I am truly honoured to be given this opportunity and look forward to immersing myself completely in our school and in our community. I believe my main responsibility is to put our teachers in the best possible position to succeed, as they will in turn put our children in the best possible position to succeed.

I look forward to meeting all of you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share.

Best Regards,
Syed Tahir Ali
Principal

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality." Warren Bennis

A Message From Our Headmaster



Dear students, staff, parents, and community members,

On behalf of the school family, I am glad to welcome you to 'Our Own English High School' Fujairah. It is the right academic institution where our students meet their academic and social needs. In OOEHS we are committed to providing the best educational experience for our students.

I formally welcome you to the 2022- 2023 school year. As the school's Headmaster, I am eager and excited to begin what promises to be a very successful year.

I feel honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to work with such an outstanding team. I feel so fortunate to be able to share my passion for education with such dedicated, supportive, and hardworking educators.

Our teaching staff are enthusiastic and committed to providing their best practices to ensure that our students have the best learning experiences that match the 21st century challenges.

We believe that your support will be instrumental to the realization of achieving your children's highest academic achievements and social development. Therefore, we request that you communicate with our school administration and teaching staff so that we can be hand in hand for our students' wellbeing. I look forward to working with you to make this year the most successful one yet.

We are available to answer any questions you may have. Kindly contact our office personally or at our emails or website for any suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support.
Bassam Nasser,
Headmaster

"Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others" – John Maxwell.

A Message From The Academic Leader

Dear Parents,



We are happy to present our Term 1 newsletter for the academic year 2022–2023 to you. This term's extensive learning activities were enjoyed by our students. Parents were invited to activities that took place during the UAE National Day, Prefects' Investiture Ceremony, Saudi National Day and Anti-Bullying Week.

In order to encourage students to develop their vocabulary across all subject areas, we reintroduced the Spell Well programme this year. Students gave their projects for FA-1 and AOL-1 their full participation by building models and conducting research.

Collaboration between students and teachers improved teaching and learning, which had a significant impact on students' performance this term. The following term will bring additional activities like educational field trips as we continue to excel in this journey. I want to wish you a happy winter break.

Mohammad Shakeel
Middle School IGCSE Supervisor

"Great leaders don't set out to be a leader. They set out to make the difference. It is never about the role - always about the goal."

- Lisa Haisha.

A Message From The CCA Coordinator



"There is nothing permanent but Change!"

Though the Covid-19 brought the entire world to a standstill, we the educators at Our Own English High School, Fujairah strived to ensure that there would be no compromises in imparting knowledge to our eager learners. The management of our school also joined hands with us in the sudden wave of change into a complete Tech-savvy School. They provided us with much ongoing quality training to help educators make the classroom interesting, collaborative and made sure that technology integration is purposeful.

Even though we incorporated technology in our daily lessons Pre-Covid, during the pandemic it became an absolute necessity. Teachers, students and parents were quick to adapt to the new mode of online learning and I believe this was possible not only because of the mutual support and understanding between the educators, students and parents but also due to the foresight and resourcefulness of the School Management, the IT Department and the Senior Leadership team. The challenges that students face online dramatically are on a month-to-month basis. Our school implemented ongoing training about online safety, etiquette and digital citizenship and make them aware of the consequences of misguided sharing. Our school has popular social media platforms like Telegram, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube which are used to showcase students' work and parents also can view the activities done by their children.

Technology no doubt has many educational benefits, from students' inducement and differentiation to global association and career guidance. This pandemic has paved the way for teachers to strengthen their organizational skills, master blended classroom management and accurate digital lesson planning. I'm proud to be a part of an institution that has powered through a major portion of the pandemic while effectively carrying out school activities and events, be it scholastic or co-scholastic.

Raitha Shanu
CCA Coordinator, IGCSE Middle School

School Reopening

We know that happy children learn better and our aim is to help children feel happy, secure and loved.

A "WELCOME DAY," was held on August 29, 2022, to encourage students to attend school with joy and to be excited about the year ahead. The environment on the campus was brightened by colourful balloons. Students entering the campus were greeted by the principal, headmaster, teachers and their favourite cartoon characters.



Morning Assemblies Conducted in the Middle School



The morning begins the day, and the assembly prepares our students to renew their spirits, stay rooted in moral values, and unleash their vitality. Every Wednesday, the students of the Middle School lead a class assembly with a focus on important dates. Every child is given a chance and the platform to showcase their talent and present themselves as unique individuals. The assembly includes a short skit, presentations, speeches, and songs. The Principal, Headmaster and supervisor address the assembly. Parents occasionally address the students to enrich them with their knowledge, experience and expertise.



Morning Assemblies Conducted in the Middle School



World Literacy Day

To spread the message about the importance of literacy among learners, the Middle School observed World Literacy Day on the 8th of September 2022.

To keep the spirit of education alive, the children wholeheartedly participated in group discussions and activities based on vocabulary, colouring and character description. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.



Saudi National Day



Saudi National Day was celebrated in the Middle School as a symbol of unity, glory, and dignity of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The students were dressed in green attire to celebrate the Saudi National day.

The day was marked with cultural performances ranging from songs to dances by our wonderful students.

Teacher's Day Celebration

Teachers impart not just education but also values. They are the backbones of our education system and support the upbringing of students. On the occasion of Teacher's Day, the Middle School Section honoured the hard work of its teachers and staff through a day of celebrations and blessings. Students expressed their gratitude and appreciation by bringing flowers, sweets and cards for their teachers.





Pink Day



*Encourage
Strengths
Faiths*

The Middle school of OOEHS along with the students and staff conducted activities to spread awareness and information about breast cancer. The school observed the day as 'Pink Day'. The students ensured that this important campaign was made fun and reached as many people as possible. It was wonderful to see many members of the school wear pink and support the students in their drive.





Fire Drill



Our Own English High conducted a fire drill to educate and train students for an unforeseen emergency like fire or any natural calamity. The children were asked to evacuate their classrooms immediately after the fire alarm rang. The teachers collected the students in the playground the safe zone area.

The entire school was successfully cleared within a span of 3- 5 minutes. These mock drills help in challenges in adverse situations like fire or natural calamity.



Anti-Bullying Awareness Week

The Middle School observed Antibullying Awareness Week under the banner of "Reach Out."

Special assemblies, poster-designing activities, and parental involvement marked the beginning of the week.

Everyone was reminded to reach out and offer one another the support we require, whether it be in person, online, at home, in the community, or at school.



UAE FLAG DAY

UAE Flag Day was observed on the 3rd of November 2022. Our students creatively and proudly expressed their respect and admiration to the UAE and its flag by dressing up in the colours of the UAE flag. The event began with the National Anthem and the hoisting of the flag which was followed by a cultural programme. The day was filled with the spirit of patriotism and pride for our dear country THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.



Investiture Ceremony



The momentous day of the investiture ceremony was dawned to bestow responsibilities to young leaders to lead their school from the front with confidence, excelling in all the competencies, and commitments entrusted to them. The ceremony was held on campus, with enthusiasm, zest, and passion. The newly elected members of Our Own English High School were vested with their badges of honour by our Principal Mr. Syed Tahir, and the members of SLT, the CCA Coordinators, House Masters, and House Mistresses.

Investiture Ceremony



Quran Recitation Competition



The students of the IGCSE Middle School participated in a Quran recitation competition which was aimed to promote literacy of the Holy Quran and to encourage recitation and memorization. Students participated with great devotion and liveliness. The event was witnessed by the parents and the members of the staff.

UAE National Day

Our Own English High School celebrated the 51st UAE National Day on 29th November with a lot of festivity and happiness. As a part of the UAE National Day celebration, the entire school campus was beautifully decorated with colours of the UAE flag. The students participated in different programmes with great zeal and enthusiasm. There were melodious songs and colorful dances. Children enjoyed the day, and their hearts were filled with love and respect towards the country and its leaders.



Inter-House Sports Competition

The Inter House Sports Competition was held in the Middle School in which football was the main sport. The challenge was tough yet exciting. All the players participated enthusiastically while displaying team spirit and solidarity.

The Topaz Team bagged the first prize.

The captain received the trophy from the Principal, the Headmaster, the supervisor, and the head of the sports department.



From Our Budding Leaders



The environment of my school is extremely positive. It is an environment in which students can express themselves freely. My teachers are constantly working to pique my interest in learning. I am so proud to be a member of the prefectural team; it has enhanced my personality.

Sultan Ibrahim Aljaberi – G06L



I am extremely proud to be a part of OOEHS Fujairah. I was overjoyed and excited when I was chosen as a prefect, and that day I discovered the hidden leader within me. I am excited about my new leadership role and will do everything in my power to fulfil the duties that have been assigned to me.

Nobosri Sarkar - G06K.



I've been studying at OOEHS since kindergarten. My teachers have always been keen on my overall education. Not only have I excelled in the subjects, but I have also developed skills that will serve me well throughout my life. This year, I've been chosen as a student leader. I am grateful to the school for giving me this opportunity.

Anabia Raheel - G04M



School is the first place where we form friendships and learn about sportsmanship and leadership. My school provides creative platforms that boost my self-esteem. My school has excellent teachers who constantly guide and support me. I adore my teachers and am grateful for everything they do for me and the other students. I would like to thank our dear supervisor and teachers for choosing me to be a part of the student leadership team.

Hanin Mahmoud – G06I



OOEHS is my second home and it gives me immense knowledge and equips me with an effective learning environment to be a better human being. I have wonderful teachers who always guide and motivate me to achieve my goals. My teachers engage me in a variety of activities, such as reading books, and provide me with numerous opportunities to grow as a responsible individual.

Hamdah Mohamed – G06I

From Our Budding Leaders



My school is a very good school and I like it because I have many good friends here. My teachers are very nice, and they like to help us. My classroom is organized very well. My school has a canteen, and some students buy food from it. The building has many classrooms and offices. I love my school. A very big thank you to our dear supervisor and teachers for making me a part of the student council.

Lamar Mando – G05J



I am Ali Khalid and I have the quality of a good leader which helps me to lead and tackle tough situations in my life. I thank the management of my school for selecting me as a leader and trusting me for this role.

I love to be a person who loves to be relied on.

Ali Khalid - G06O.



I'm so happy and thankful for being part of the Student Council. I will fulfil my duties and responsibilities as a prefect and try to be a good role model.

I learn a lot and am looking forward to more activities and more lessons. I am proud to be a student at Our Own English High School.

Mariam Ebraheim - G04L.



My name is Ammar Faisal, and I am in fourth grade. I like my school because it promotes equality, justice, and happiness. My school provides a high-quality education to all the students, and I enjoy learning with my classmates.

I love my school and will always be proud of it.

Ammar Faisal - G04L.



I'm extremely happy to be chosen as a prefect. The selection was really difficult. From the Budding Leadership Questionnaire to the final selection, we had several interviews and the panel asked us many questions about leadership. I'm so glad I made it there. I will do my best to perform my duties diligently.

Hala Saadi – G04M

From Our Budding Leaders



I am both humbled and honoured that you have placed your confidence and support in me. I'll fall short on words to express my feelings on this opportunity I have received. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to our principal, supervisor and my supportive teachers who could find me competent enough for this precious designation of the Emerald House Captain.

Samia Mohamed-G06K



I would like to express my gratitude to all my teachers for providing me with this opportunity. I really enjoy my responsibilities as a student leader. When I put on my badge in the morning, it fills me up with pride and honour. Thank you OOEHS!

Umayinah Shahzad - G04M.



I'm very thankful to my supervisors and teachers for their confidence in me and my abilities. Being chosen as a prefect enhanced my leadership skills and made me more confident. My role as a school prefect is not limited to one thing but it includes assisting teachers, supervising the corridors, organizing, and maintaining order. I will do my best always to do my duties perfectly.

Salama Mohamed - G06J



I am elated and honoured to be chosen as the captain of the Ruby House. I enjoy assisting my teachers in maintaining discipline around the school.

My parents, who were present for the investiture ceremony, were overjoyed when I received my badge. Everyone congratulated me and my parents, and it was a proud moment for us.

Sanoli Yeheni - G06K



OOEHS has provided me with all the assistance I require in my educational journey. Learning has been exciting for me since the day I was admitted to the school. My teachers are always willing to help and clear my doubts. I will never forget the day I was chosen to be a member of the student council. A big thank you to my teachers for this wonderful opportunity.

Haithm Basam - G06P

From Our Budding Leaders



It's my privilege and honour to be selected as a prefect for this academic year. I am grateful for bringing out the best leader in me. This role has enabled me to improve my skills and take initiative in various ways. I extend my sincere thanks to my Principal, Supervisor, and the teachers who inculcated such capabilities in me that I feel confident to be able to discharge my duties as a prefect.

Maitha Ahmed- G06J

IF YOUR ACTIONS
INSPIRE OTHERS
TO DREAM MORE,
LEARN MORE, DO MORE
AND BECOME MORE,
YOU ARE A LEADER.

-John Quincy Adams

Teacher's Message



The first term in Grade 5 was a new experience meeting and greeting new friends; interacting with companions and teachers, which brought pleasant surprises and smiles on our faces. As we stepped into a higher level of knowledge and understanding, the students had quizzical looks on their faces.

As days went by, they found it easier in understanding the subjects better and the new activities became interesting. They were able to enhance their comprehension skills by improving the four skills of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing.

The term concluded with examinations to check whether students had grasped and learned the various academic goals set for the term.

We welcomed students back to school after the winter vacation with a fun filled activity, the students had to mention the books they read and the goals for the term. This term we get into a more serious study and to a higher level of knowledge and understanding.

As we progress into the term, we plan to do more activities like Quizzes, Projects, and Researching, Spell -Well and inculcate a habit of reading from Readworks.com.

Ms Deborah Daniells
English Teacher

ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

ENGLISH

Grade	Syllabus/ Topic Covered	Activities
G03	<p>Punctuation – Capital letter, Question mark, Comma, Exclamation mark.</p> <p>Rhyming words</p> <p>Subject-verb-object -SVO</p> <p>Question words</p> <p>Statement and questions with was/were.</p> <p>Present Continuous to describe events.</p> <p>Past tense - (Regular & Irregular verbs)</p> <p>Compare and contrast (different and same)</p> <p>Creative writing - The Desert ,Camel or Desert.</p>	<p>Research</p> <p>Think-pair-share</p> <p>Live worksheet</p> <p>Online Reading Games</p> <p>Online Spelling Games</p> <p>Online Grammar worksheet</p> <p>Online worksheets</p>
G04	<p>Use of English- Adverbs of frequency, Sports verbs, Comparative and Superlative Adjectives, Comparison and Contrast, Question Tags, Homophones, Countable & Uncountable Nouns, Quantifiers, Use of some and any</p> <p>Creative Writing- Writing a fact file about Mars Rover</p> <p>Speaking- Famous buildings in the UAE</p> <p>An inspirational person</p>	<p>Research</p> <p>Think-pair-share</p> <p>Live worksheet</p> <p>Online Reading Games</p> <p>Online Spelling Games</p> <p>Online Grammar worksheet</p> <p>Group discussion</p> <p>Research work</p> <p>Read Aloud</p>
G05	<p>Poster Designing, Descriptive Writing , Simple present and Present Continuous SIMPLE Past and Past Continuous, WH questions, Quantifiers , Adjectives and degrees of comparison, Indefinite Pronouns</p> <p>MODALS : Must/should/shouldn't/ mustn't</p> <p>Literature: Lessons taught from Learner's Book, Stone Soup, The Lost City and Celebration</p>	<p>Poster Designing, Puppet Show, Project Work, Spell-Well, Read Theory online, Quizzes, Collaboration work , Kahoot. Card Making and Story Settings.</p>
G06	<p>Unit 1 : My World</p> <p>Use of English: Verb Patterns</p> <p>Writing: Biography writing.</p> <p>Unit 2: Sport</p> <p>Use of English: First Conditionals, Modals (Need, should, mustn't) Picture description, Tell an inspirational story, vocabulary exercises, Give instructions to maintain the correct sitting position.</p> <p>(Clues: Should sit straight, mustn't bend down, need to get a comfortable chair), mark the picture correctly, food ball word study, workbook activities., worksheets</p> <p>Unit 3: Living Things</p> <p>Use of English: Relative Clauses</p> <p>Unit 4: Inventions</p> <p>Use of English: Simple Past, 'Will' for the future predictions, Prepositional verbs</p> <p>Writing: Persuasive Essay, Infographic Text,</p> <p>Unit 5: Money</p> <p>Use of English: Comparative Adverbs, Idioms</p> <p>Writing : Opinion Essay</p>	<p>Listening, Cross word, Brainstorming, worksheets</p> <p>Picture description, Tell an inspirational story, vocabulary exercises.</p> <p>Give instructions to maintain the correct sitting position.</p> <p>(Clues: Should sit straight, mustn't bend down, need to get a comfortable chair). mark the picture correctly, food ball word study, workbook activities., worksheets</p> <p>Build up narration using words, Relative clauses activities</p> <p>Reading Comprehension quiz</p> <p>Differentiated work sheets, Self-Assessment fact sheet</p> <p>Written exercises, live worksheets (MST), Research works</p> <p>Fill in the gaps, Express opinions, Skimming and scanning</p> <p>Biography organizer, Persuasive Essay organizer</p> <p>Graphical, kinesthetic activities (PE stretching exercises as a starter)</p>

ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

SCIENCE

Grade	Syllabus/ Topic Covered	Activities
G03	Unit 3 - Living things Unit 5 - Investigating materials	Choose any one animal with feathers or with fur or with scales and investigate its habitat, home, food, movement, class etc. Research- Which material would you use to make a space suit?
G04	Unit 1- Humans and Animals Unit 3- Solids, Liquids and Gases	Construct a human skeleton and label it. Activity- Making carbon dioxide What happened when bicarbonate of soda mixes with vinegar.
G05	Unit 1: Investigating plant growth. Unit 3: States of matter	Investigate the factors need for the plant growth. Investigate germination Activity: Investigate the difference between boiling and evaporation. Observe the boiling point and freezing point of water.

ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

MATHEMATICS

Grade	Syllabus/ Topic Covered	Activities
G03	Number concept Addition Subtraction	Project on place value chart Addition puzzles
G04	Number concepts: Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Data handling	Project and real-life activities
G05	Numbers and Numbers system up to million, Number sequence, Estimation and Approximation of 10, 100 and 1000 Addition, Subtraction, and Multiplication Measuring and drawing angles. Identify angles and Classification of angle.	1. Making Multiplication tables flowers 2. Place value chart 3. Classification of angles
G06	Number and number system Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division Factors and multiples	Maze game chart Roman clock making Place value chart Mental Math-Activities

Circulars

S.NO.	Circular Date	Reference No.	Subject	Link
1	25.08.22	OOEHS/Cir/01/2022-23	Welcome back to school	Click here
2	06.09.22	OOEHS/Cir/06/2022-23	Parent Orientation	Click here
3	09.09.22	OOEHS/Cir/09/2022-23	Healthy Eating	Click here
4	16.09.22	OOEHS/Cir/11/2022-23	Appointment of Principal	Click here
5	22.09.22	OOEHS/Cir/14/2022-23	Saudi National Day	Click here
6	23.09.22	OOEHS/Cir/13/2022-23	Quran Recitation	Click here
7	27.09.22	OOEHS/Cir/10/2022-23	Young Reader's Award	Click here
8	03.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/20/2022-23	Spell Well	Click here
9	03.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/21/2022-23	Letter from principal	Click here
10	03.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/23/2022-23	MOE text books	Click here
11	06.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/27/2022-23	Early Exit	Click here
12	07.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/30/2022-23	My Prophet My Role Model	Click here
13	12.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/32/2022-23	Arab Archery Championship	Click here
14	31.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/40/2022-23	Term-1 Exam Schedule	Click here
15	17.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/56/2022-23	Flu Season Preparedness	Click here
16	22.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/62/2022-23	UAE National Day G03-G04	Click here
17	22.10.22	OOEHS/Cir/60/2022-23	UAE National Day G05-G06	Click here
18	30.11.22	OOEHS/Cir/66/2022-23	Winter Holidays	Click here

Editorial Desk

Dear students,

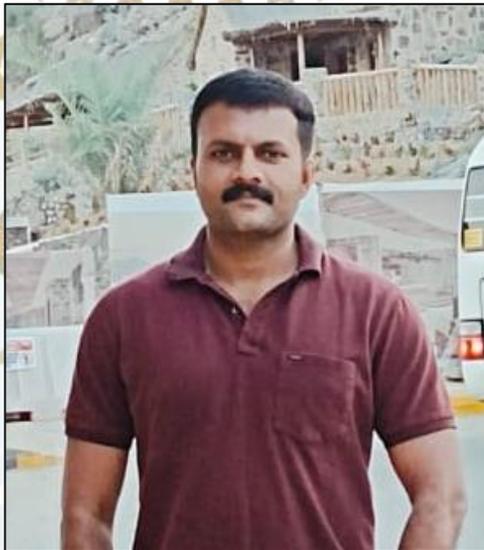
You are the cornerstones of Our Own. Be active, innovative and creative. Most of all, be wonderful citizens of tomorrow.



Ms Supriya Ramesh



Ms Adaline Gasper



Mr Ashwin Kumar S.G.



Ms Raitha Shanu

'Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire, it is the time for home.'

We wish all our students and their families a safe, healthy and relaxing winter break and look forward to welcoming students back to school in January.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!