جيمس مدرستنا الثانوية الإنجليزية، دبي
GEMS Our Own English High School, Dubai

POLICY FOR ARABIC BEGINNERS

Arabic is a compulsory subject in school for Grades 1-9. Passing in Arabic with a minimum of 50 marks is essential to get promoted to the next grade. If 50% is not secured, the student will have to take a retest in Arabic in the 1st week of April.

According to the Ministry of Education, UAE, Arabic language is compulsory for students if they wish to continue their higher studies in Professional Colleges of the UAE. As Arabic is not a language that is taught in Grades 10 to 12, students will have to appear for a Unified Arabic Examination and pass the examination.

The school will make provision for students to appear for the Arabic examination in Grades 10, 11 & 12. Special classes will be conducted to train them for the examination.

Arabic for newly admitted Students

a) All students (Grades 2 - 9) who join school in the month of April/May and have never studied the Arabic Language will be considered as Arabic Beginners till the school closes for Winter Break in December. They will take assessments tailor-made for Arabic Beginners during this period. They will sit in the regular classes and follow the regular curriculum from January. They will take a modified assessment for the annual examination. From the next academic year, they will take the regular Arabic assessment.
b) Students who join in the month of June/September and later will be considered Arabic Beginners till the end of the academic year. From the following academic year, they will sit in regular classes, will follow the regular curriculum, and will be given a modified assessment till June. They will attempt the regular assessments from September of the following academic year.
c) Students who join the school from other schools in the UAE or other GCC countries in any grade will follow the regular Arabic curriculum and examinations from the date of joining.
d) Students who have had a gap of one year or more with regard to studying Arabic - will be considered as Beginners for 6 months.
e) Low-achieving students in Arabic will not be considered as Beginners.
f) Low achievers & Arabic Beginners must be given additional support at home to bridge gaps in learning.

Dr. Sheeba Jojo
Principal

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