



# Principal's Newsletter

## Summer Updates

### Enjoy the game and chase your dreams. Dreams do come true! " Sachin Tendulkar

I believe that for most of us, the summer began with us glued to our TV screens watching our favourite teams battle it out for the ICC World Cup 2019. The final match itself was nothing short of Epic. England ended their 44 year wait to win the Maiden World Cup, with the incredible super over.

For me personally, this summer holds one of the highest transitions, as I prepare to send my son for his Under-graduation at Caltech, California in August. The preparations at home have been like as though we are sending him on a one-way trip to the moon. He goes to pursue his dreams of becoming a physicist and his acceptance to Caltech has indeed been a dream come true. I often relate my emotions to that of our current Grade 12 parents, who will face the empty nest scenario in the coming year. I might be in a better position to provide coping mechanisms for families who deal with this situation, perhaps! This newsletter is a glimpse into the educational plans for 2019-20, our continued focus on values and renovation works at NMS.

This summer, our students have been active on various fronts which include:

- Grade 11 and 12 students actively interning through opportunities created by our Guidance Counselor Sumaya Jinos
- Students across all grades, working for different social causes during their summer break
- Active Reading and Innovation
- Working on the NMS X-Factor and TEDx, which are student-led events scheduled when we reopen
- KHDA's 8WeekStreak

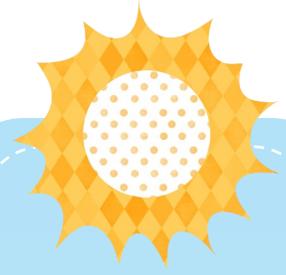
Meanwhile, our teachers have been busy continuing their professional learning and development this summer. They are working on certifications for

- ◆ United Nations Climate Change Teacher
- ◆ Microsoft Innovative Educator
- ◆ Google Certified Educator
- ◆ Assessment Essentials (Evidence based understanding), to name a few.

Do take a read of this newsletter and most importantly share / forward this with your child(ren). The newsletter has also been uploaded on our social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), which is abuzz with pictures and comments. Do follow us on social media for regular updates.

We wish our NMS families Eid Mubarak and a wonderful Eid break.

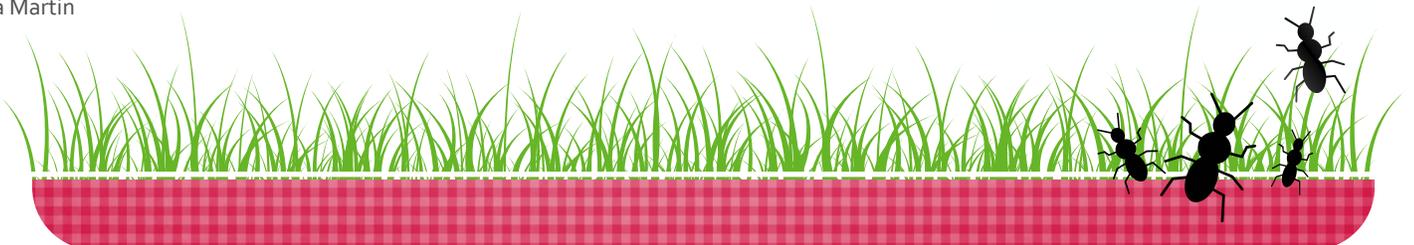
Fatima Martin



"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in the fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer," the renowned American fiction writer F. Scot Fitzgerald wrote in *The Great Gatsby*.

#### Important Dates

- Sep 1 School Reopens for all grades
- Sep 8/9 Primary Swim Gala (Innovative pool events apart including water polo and synchronized swimming)
- Sep 12 TEDx @ NMS Theme: Unspoken Anecdotes
- Sep 18 Selfie: Middle and Secondary School Production



Presenting best practices related to PISA and Reading Literacy to CBSE at their Head office at Delhi

Another event of interest this summer was my visit to the CBSE on July 26th, along with Mr. Sanjeev Jolly, Principal/CEO of Our Own Boys Dubai, and UAE Chapter Convener for CBSE. We were invited by CBSE to explain the best practices followed at our schools to raise attainment and standards, especially as India prepares to take up the PISA assessments in 2021. The presentation was attended by **Mrs. Anita Karwal, IAS, Chairperson CBSE** along with eminent top brass from CBSE. She was highly impressed to hear from me about the systems and processes particularly at NMS.



## Approval received from CBSE to offer **Artificial Intelligence** as 6th optional subject in Grade 9, at NMS

From the CBSE circular:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is being widely recognized to be the power that will fuel the future global digital economy. AI in the past few years has gained geo-strategic importance and a large number of countries are striving hard to stay ahead with their policy initiatives to get their country ready. India's own AI Strategy identifies AI as an opportunity & solution provider for inclusive economic growth and social development. The report also identifies the importance of skills-based education (as opposed to knowledge intensive education), and the value of project related work in order to "effectively harness the potential of AI in a sustainable manner" and to make India's next generation to be 'AI ready'.

AI will complement our existing GENIUS HOUR program in Grade 9, through a certified approach. More details will be provided when we reopen in September to Grade 9 families, or students who seek this as an alternative subject apart from the existing 5 subjects.

## NMS has applied to KHDA to offer the IGCSE Program, as a parallel curriculum in Grade 9/Year 10, starting September 2020

It might seem of interest to some families at NMS, that we are in the process of seeking KHDA approval to offer the IGCSE programme, starting Grade 9 / Year 10 as a parallel pathway along with CBSE. This is yet at the nascent stage at KHDA and we will update parents of the outcomes. We hope to leverage on the already enriched curriculum that we offer at NMS and diversify the programme of study in the secondary school. We have been working on this proposal very strategically and hope to receive KHDA's approval in due course. If received, NMS will offer in addition to the already offered CBSE curriculum, the IGCSE programme as well, starting Grade 9/Year 10, from September 2020.



## KHDA's #8WeekStreak is received with great enthusiasm at NMS

KHDA has been organizing workshops for students this July, inviting them to participate. The announcements are made on their Twitter portal.

Our students have been actively applying and participating in their workshops.



**Tarun Rawat**  
@tarun05rawat

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A Thank You to KHDA and Ms. Mansoor, Ms. Parinaaz and team for organising the Design Thinking Workshop for finding alternatives to Post-its. Learnt a Lot!!! @KHDA @gemsnms\_alkhail @Fatima\_Martin #8weekstreak #paperlessdubai



*When smartphones swam into the mainstream 10 years ago, we welcomed them as saviours. Now we fear they're ravaging our attention, fossilizing our brains, and maybe even producing horns on our heads. Fortunately, our NMS students are busy endorsing kindness initiatives. And, we look forward to strengthening our values initiatives when we reopen in September.*

**Jovita Bhaumik, Grade 5 student, is a winner of the KHDA #8WeekStreak. She earned this recognition by the KHDA for her work with an underprivileged school in her hometown in India, during the summer break, exemplifying kindness in a big way.**



**Jovita\_Bhaumik** @BhaumikJovita · Jul 11

Joy of bringing a smile, especially to children who are less fortunate! Thanks to Principal Ma'am, teachers & my family for supporting my wish. It felt amazing! #Give #Connect #8weekstreak #grateful @Fatima\_Martin @ShettySampoorna @munirasanjana @KHDA @gemsnms\_alkhail #bangalore



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SHERO Team all set to attend  
The Singularity University  
Summit, in San Francisco, USA

Our all girls' team,  
The SHERO Girls as they are  
popularly known after winning  
the GEMS Global Innovation  
Challenge, are all set to fly to  
San Francisco, along with our  
Head of Innovation Ms. Masha  
Nazeem, to attend the Singu-  
larity Summit. They have 100%  
sponsorship, flights and accom-  
modation, from GEMS, to at-  
tend the summit in the United  
States of America. The summit  
runs from 19th to 22nd of Au-

## Renovation, Refurbishment, Painting and Polish- ing: NMS is ready to shine through when we reopen this September

Our admin team have been working relentlessly on the summer works action plan, which include:

- Shades to the Tennis Court and Roof Top Play Area
- Car Shades in the Parking Lot
- Painting of Classrooms, Corridors and Stairs
- Floor polishing of Classrooms, Corridors and Stairs
- Micro-cleaning of interior and exterior
- Waterproofing as required
- Extra projection screens in the Zayed Hall

Click [here](#) to see the renovations work in progress on our Facebook page.

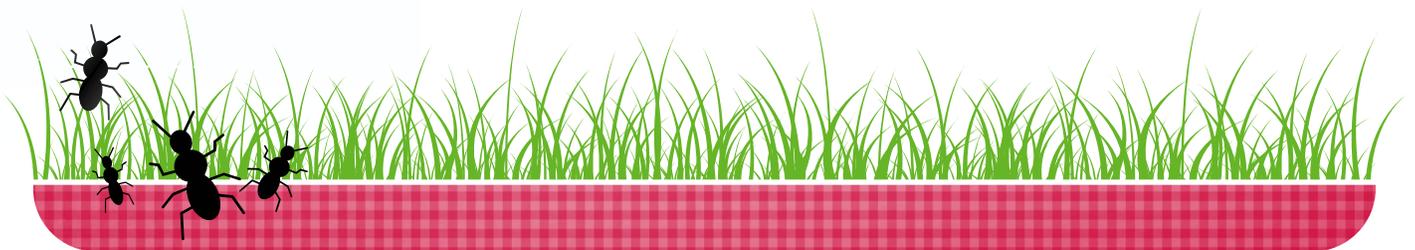


## Ms. Sumaya Jinos, Career Guidance Counselor participated in the Inter- national Counselors Conference at the Exeter University, South West England, sponsored by GEMS

Ms. Jinos visited all their 3 campuses:

- ◆ Streatham Campus – Exeter
- ◆ St. Luke's Campus – Exeter
- ◆ Penryn Campus – near Falmouth in Cornwall

Ms. Jinos has reported that she had an excellent orientation to the facilities and the quality of the university programme while there. She believes that Exeter is a wonderful place of study for tertiary education and she will brief our senior school students in September during The Knowledge Hour sessions.



Internships undertaken by our Grade 11 and 12 students at a glance:  
(More on [Facebook](#))

Date	Location	Internship	No of Students
1 - 13 July	JLT	Brighter-Prep, JLT	10
1 - 4 July	Al Garhoud	Vision Concept Aviation Training Institute (VCATI)	10
5 - 19 July (2 weeks)	Al Nahda	Clover Medical Centre, Al Nahda	1
7 - 21 July (2weeks)	TECOM	Clover Medical Centre, TECOM	1
7 - 21 July (2weeks)	Al Nahda	Clover Medical Centre, Al Nahda	1
15 - 18 July	Al Garhoud	Vision Concept Aviation Training Institute (VCATI)	9
28 Jul - 7 Aug	Academic City	University of Dubai	2
4 Aug - 18 Aug	Bur Dubai	Clover Medical Centre	2
11 Aug - 21 Aug	Academic City	University of Dubai	3
18 Aug - 21 Aug	Al Garhoud	Vision Concept Aviation Training Institute (VCATI)	2
18 Aug - 1 Sep	Bur Dubai	Clover Medical Center	1

While the above internships were organized by the school, all students of Grades 11 and 12 will participate in either job shadowing or internship exercises this summer.

We can't wait to hear their experiences and learning when they return.



**NMS XFACTOR**  
**3RD OCTOBER, 2019**  
**THURSDAY**  
**TIME: 2:00 - 3:30PM**  
**VENUE: ZAYED HALL**  
 COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS OF 8-12TH GRADE  
 NMS XFACTOR EVENTS INCLUDE:  
 DANCE, VOCAL, STAND-UP COMEDY,  
 INSTRUMENTAL & OPEN CATEGORY  
**SHOWCASE YOUR**  
**UNIQUE TALENT.**  
**YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.**  
**WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO GOD.**



**TEDx** GEMS New Millennium School  
 an independently organized TED event

**TEDx@NMS**  
*Unspoken Anecdotes*

**DATE: 12th Sept, 2019**  
**VENUE: Zayed Hall**  
**TIME: 2:00-3:00**

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