

**This email is sent on behalf of Principal, Fatima Martin**

Dear NMS community,

"All the forces in the world are not so powerful as an idea whose time has come" ~ Victor Hugo  
**For Dubai and for NMS, the time has come.**

It's finally here!

The year of the EXPO.

And it's a leap year too.

2020.

On behalf of all staff at GEMS New Millennium School, I wish all our NMS families a fabulous 2020 in every way.

To begin with, I would like to draw your attention to the Fifty-Year Charter, which was declared by H. H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai on 6 January 2019, the day he completed 50 years of service to the nation.

The **Charter includes nine articles which aim to shape the future of Dubai**, develop its community, enhance its quality of life and ensure a good future for generations to come through projects and programmes.

As responsible citizens of this wonderful country, which is our home away from home, it is important that we endorse the vision of our ruler and contribute whole heartedly to the progress of this nation.

Read more about the goal of each project of the [Fifty-Year Charter](#) .

*At NMS, we engaged in a quick reflection of 2019, with our middle and senior leaders. And it brought a smile on all our faces, as this exercise highlighted so many wondrous outcomes that continue to build and shape our students' learning journey and their future.*

The best news to end 2019:

**NMS is now a certified SAT Centre, along with becoming an authorized PSAT/AP test centre, approved by College Board.**

Our students can take up their 4 hour SAT exams for US/UK and other countries, right here, on our campus, starting May 2020.

In addition, our career guidance department has had the below accomplishments:

- \* \*IELTS Silver registration partner\* with British Council
- \* Successfully hosted 2nd Edition of \*NMS Annual College Fair\*, 40+ universities participated.
- \* Sherin Mubarak , Grade 11B selected for \*Gulf Medical University 2 year research internship\*

\* Nawal Sajith 11 D \*British Council Student Ambassador\*

\* Exclusive partnership with \*SP Jain Global management\*: 5 High achievers scholarships for NMS students, 2 comprising 100% tuition waiver.

\* \*Lifology Psychometric\* assessments for Grade 9 and 10 students helping students to identify best fit subject/career options.

\* Internship opportunities and university workshop experiences for secondary students

And here's a quick snapshot of the other successes that marked 2019 at NMS:

- \*NMS won the Most Innovative School of the Year 2019, at the GEMS Global Innovation Challenge\*
  - Team SHERO won the Global Innovation Challenge 2019.
  - Lohith Verma from Grade 10 & Sriakshaj from Grade 4, were the finalists of \*Expo2020 young innovators program\*.
  - 6 Students from NMS participated in the \*I Can Global Summit at Rome\*, presenting their innovative projects
  - NMS students were finalists in \*Dubai's Young City Makers Competition 2019\*
- \*Inclusion is at the heart of NMS\*
  - WE now have our very own sensory room (a strategically designed soothing station)
  - In collaboration with Pulse CENTER, a full time behaviour therapist is at NMS
  - Most of our LSAs are trained therapists
  - NMS is a registered CENTER for ASDAN (an alternative vocational curriculum for identified determined students)
- \*UAE National Agenda: PISA 2018 outcomes\*
  - NMS has exceeded the PISA targets and is above the Dubai average score.
- \*Islamic Department\*
  - The first interschool Arabic Islamic event, Al Lu'lu wal Marjan -The Pearls and the Coral saw its success with 6 participating schools.
- \*Duke of Edinburgh's International Award\*
  - 38 participants completed their Bronze Award in 2018- 2019.
  - 2019-20 had greater impact, with 12 participants registering for the Silver Award and 52 participants registering for the Bronze Award.
- Sports: 15 students participated in the CBSE Nationals, 13 Judokas, 1 swimmer and 1 Athlete.

Parents, you will be delighted to know that for April 2020, we will offer a whopping \*23 CBSE approved subjects for our students to choose to study in Grades 11 and 12 at NMS\*.

The subject options day for current grade 10 students is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, Saturday, 9 am.  
Do promote this among your friends and family, so we have greater enrolments for these courses.

Our enterprising students and committed staff are our greatest strength and we TEAM NMS are powered up to give it our best in 2020.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Kind Regards,**

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