



جيمس مدرستنا الثانوية الإنجليزية، دبي GEMS OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, DUBAI

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024

2023-24 is a year in which GEMS Our Own English High School Dubai (OOD) achieved major milestones in both academic and co-curricular realms.

OOD was awarded the **Best Indian Curriculum School** in UAE by Top Schools Awards by SchoolsCompared.com.

At the 9th India Middle East Education Grand Awards, OOD won the runner up trophy in the **Best School for Academic Excellence** category.

This year Board Exam Results of Grades 12 and 10 were Outstanding with overall GEMS Toppers for both the board class, as well as in all the streams - Science, Commerce and Humanities.

In the CBSE Grade 12 Examination, our students excelled with a school average of 87%. Out of the 468 students who wrote the exam, 37% secured 90% and above, 95% secured 75% and above and 100% secured 60% and above. 54 students secured A1 in all subjects.

Zahabia Ali Murtaza, a Humanities stream student, was declared the GEMS overall topper with 98.8% in Grade 12. In the 2nd position in the GEMS group were Elena Ann Kurian, Nidha Fathima and Pragati Phoolwani with 98.6%. While in 3rd place in the GEMS group were Krishnendu Vinod Kumar, Punya Kodaliparambil Rajan, & Nakshatra Rajani Prasanth with 98.2%.

Refa Umar secured 98% to become the 2nd GEMS group topper in Science Stream. Krisha Nitin Goryani secured 2nd place in the GEMS group in Commerce stream with 97.8%.

To add on, an impressive number of 50 students scored centum. In 12/18 subjects that we offer, students of OOD have secured perfect scores.

In the CBSE Grade 10 Examination, our students excelled with a school average of 86.04%. Out of the 775 students who took the exam, 41.3% secured 90% and above, 87% secured 75% and above and 99.5% secured 60% and above. 31 students secured A1 in all subjects.

Bhadra Unnikrishnan topped with 98.8% in the entire GEMS group while Fadi Fathima Sidhiqu and Riya Sukumar, who were our second school toppers, were placed 3rd in the overall GEMS group with 98.4%. This year the school secured 31 centums.

In the National Agenda Benchmarking Test, ASSET- 2024, our students did extremely well by securing an overall rating of Outstanding in English, Science and Math in all the grades. We are also one of the top 20 schools in UAE for ASSET examination. Cherry on the cake is that 3 of our students also emerged as National Level Toppers in the ASSET Examination. achievement.

In the co-curricular front too, our students brought home many laurels.

- OOD emerged as the Overall Winner in Waxing Eloquent, Inter-School Elocution competition.
- OOD team was the proud recipient of the first prize trophy at the prestigious Emirates LitFest Chevron Readers' Cup Competition.
- In SCOPE 2023, Junior, we won prizes in 4 categories.
- 3 teams from Grades 7 & 8 won the Gold, Silver and Bronze prize for their sustainable projects presented at the Inter-School Global Innovation Challenge competition.

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- Our all-girls choir, consisting of a thousand exceptional voices captivated the audience with an 'Our Own' unique rendition of "Yeh Jo Des Hai Tera" by A.R. Rahman.
- We were also winners in inter-school competitions such as
 - Lingua Esplendida
 - Lu'lu Wal Marjan Inter-School Islamic Festival
 - GMS Choirfest
 - Inter-School Emirates National School Science Expo
 - Aintilaqa'a Baraaqa (Inter-School Arabic competition)
 - Inter-School Art Competition organized by the Indian Consulate
 - Inter-School Primary Debate Competition 'Vox Populi'
 - Inter-School Environment Competition, ECOPHILIA

In the sports field also, we proved our mettle.

- Our school secured the Overall Championship for Girls at the GMA Inter-School Badminton Championship and the 10th GMS Inter-School Badminton Tournament.
- Our team also won the 1st prize in the U/14 category and qualified for the CBSE nationals in Badminton.
- In the Dubai School Games Athletic Championship, we won several prizes.

We have also won several accolades in Chess, Swimming, Skating and Volleyball and Basketball thanks to the dedication and perseverance of our PE teachers, students and their parents.

The holistic development of children is of prime importance to our school. The school-wide initiatives - Just-a-Minute sessions, Leadership Module, Our Own Reads, Our Own Challengers and Our Own Writes are rigorously implemented with the sole aim of moulding the students into confident individuals. Competitions such as Talent Contests, KS Varkey English Elocution Competition, Pitch Perfect, Inter-House Elocution, Artistic Expression, Qirat and J.A.M were conducted across all grades. Various interactions by experts and guest speakers as well as educational trips were also organized for all grades.

Middle School boasts of a robust peer mentoring programme called 'Each One Teach One' aimed at providing a synergistic learning environment to our students. Our reflection periods and CBSE vocational courses of Beauty & Wellness, Financial Literacy, Tourism, Design Thinking and Innovation help embed necessary life skills among young adolescents.

The Primary school introduced the Junior Duke Award Programme to develop valuable life skills and build self confidence in students. 89 students had enrolled for the program; all completed their tasks and received their certificate.



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My sincere and wholehearted appreciation goes out to our committed and conscientious OOD team which includes our teachers, admin and support staff. Aply led by our Executive Principal, Mr. Thomas Mathew, the 2 VPs, Ms. Sreeja Nair and myself, the Heads of Sections - Ms. Ashwini Deshmane, Ms. Jayasree Jayachandran, Ms. Susan Marks & Ms. Simmy Antony, the Supervisors, the Data Team, the IT support Team, the C & G Team, the Medical Team and the Manager of School Operations, Ms. Vidhya Raman, we make a passionate team who work relentlessly, ensuring only excellence for our school. We acknowledge and dearly value our parent community for their unstinted support and trust in us.

We would like to profusely thank Our Local Advisory Board members, all our well-wishers and promise to continue the good work that we are doing, with greater enthusiasm and commitment.

Together, we will continue to create history.

Thank you and enjoy the evening.

Thomas Mathew

Executive Principal

