

August 28, 2022

Respected Parents and Students, **Assalaam-u-Alaikum WRWB:**

Alhamdulillah, with His Grace and Mercy, on behalf of **the teachers and administration**, I would like to **warmly welcome** our students to the new academic year. **Classes** for the academic year 2022-23 will start on **Monday, August 1, 2022**, inShaAllah. Hopefully, the summer break was refreshing and rejuvenating for all of us, and we are now ready for another (rigorous) academic year.

The **school timing** are as follows:

Pre-Nursery	7:40 am - 10 am (first week) 7:40 am – 12:00 (2nd week onward)
Nursery & KG	7:40 am – 12:40 pm
Grades 1-8	7:40 am – 2:00 pm
Hifz students	7:40 am – 3:00 pm (2:00 pm on Saturday)
O-Levels	As per class schedule

All students will be off at 12:15 pm on **Fridays**. Also, **Gate Close** time will be **7:50 am**.

However, please do note that our **morning assembly** is an **integral part of our Tarbiyah program**, thus it is crucial for all students to be in school premises **before 7:40 am**.

Punctuality is a **very basic part of our Deen** and most of the commandments ordained by Islam (Namaz, Hajj, Fasting, etc) emphasize heavily upon it. Also, punctuality and time orientation are a major hallmark of almost all people who have done well in this life. Hence, our children's learning to value time is an important part of their Tarbiyah. If the child is dropped off after 7:40 am he/she will have to stand at the back during assembly and marked late. **After 7:50 am gate will be closed**, and remain closed (for students AND staff) till 8:25 am. After 8:25 am students with extraordinary circumstances will be let in with an application from parents/guardian only. Similarly, although O-Levels will follow their class schedule; they will not be allowed to enter a class after the class has started.

School textbooks (<https://www.scholastic.edu.pk/admissions-info/booklist/>), stationery, and school uniform (<https://www.scholastic.edu.pk/admissions-info/uniform/>) are available from 'Staples' at the Main Boulevard, Garden Town (042 3594 1011-2). Uniform Abayas for girls are available at 'Irtafa Abayas' (0322-4427535) and can be obtained on three days order.

Our teacher training sessions during the summer break have reassured us that shift to the **Flipped Classroom Model**, as a teaching pedagogy, is Alhamdulillah progressing well at our school. As a reminder for our parents, in the 'Flipped Classroom' students learn by reading or watching pre-

recorded content on their own **before** the class, and the class itself is used for ‘deeper discussion’ and ‘practice’. This change in teaching pedagogy (method) has resulted in (as also mentioned in the literature) **greater involvement, motivation, and ownership of the learning process** among the students. Consequently, the parents’ involvement in the learning process will decrease (due to greater motivation of the student). However, **parents will** have to ensure an environment at home where the **student can spend more time reading or learning from on-line material**. Parents must also ensure that students spend at least an hour at home every day in physical activities (sports etc.) to counterbalance the ill-effects of increased screen time. We plan to have a workshop on the ‘Flipped Classroom’ for parents on Saturday, August 12th, at 10:00 am inShaAllah.

Parents can come to school and meet the teachers to discuss the progress of their children, with prior appointment. Please note that parents are not allowed to come inside the school without appointment except for new admission and in case of emergency. However, Junior School parents can visit the school for their children’s concerns without any prior appointment between 2:00 and 2:30 pm, on the following days respectively:

Monday: Grades 7A & 8A
Tuesday: Grades 5A & 6A
Wednesday: Grades 4A, 4B & 5B
Thursday: Grades 3A, 3B, & 6B

We hope and pray that the reopening of school campus will be exciting and fruitful for all of us; and that Allah Subhanahu wa Ta’ala will protect us (as well as the rest of our Ummat) from all sorts of trials and tribulations, in the new academic year as well as in the future. To reiterate (as also mentioned during the Parents workshop), Tarbiat of our children is a joint parent-teacher effort. You will be fulfilling a major part of your role by ensuring your child’s i) punctuality, and ii) personal hygiene. As communicated earlier, almost all major pillars of our Deen emphasize punctuality and hygiene.

Looking forward to your cooperation in the Tarbiyat of our children,

Sincerely yours,

Arif Iqbal Rana,



Director, Scholastic, Ibne Umar