

WE ARE BACK AGAIN!

Find Your Voice at GEMS BISM



Welcome from Principal



Janet Brock
Principal

I cannot believe I have only been in Egypt for under three months. Myself and my husband have felt very welcomed and we have enjoyed exploring and experiencing Egyptian culture. It has been lovely to meet so many parents in person at the gate during drop off and pick up and it has been so informative being able to meet with parents face to face and hear their experiences of GEMS BISM.

Having started the school year online it was a delight to welcome students back in to school and I was amazed at how well they adapted to the new systems and procedures in place when walking around the campus. The school came alive and all the hard work during the summer holidays improving the facilities was all worth it. We are very much looking forward to having everyone back full time after half term.

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When you read about what is happening in Primary and Secondary you will notice the focus on 'student voice' We want our students to feel valued and listened to and we want to hear what they have to say and how they want to make BISM a school they are proud to be a part of. We want to celebrate their achievements and share such exemplar role models with the community.

As the Principal I also want to hear from our parents. **It was great for me to be able to talk with those parents who have volunteered to be class representatives** and form the first BISM Parent Group. These representatives will have such a positive impact on communication at the school. Myself, the Heads of School and GEMS Egypt Education Team will be continually reaching out to this group to support us in finding parents who are keen to join focus groups throughout the year to discuss different aspects of school life. I am also looking forward to working with the **School Advisory Council** on strategic plans for BISM. I will keep you all informed of the outcome of these meetings throughout the year.

In such a short time I have really felt that I have joined a community that wants to do everything they can to make BISM the best it can be. With staff, students and parents all able to give their ideas and views on what a great school looks like, BISM will go from strength to strength. I feel very excited about what the future holds for us.

- Mrs Janet Brock

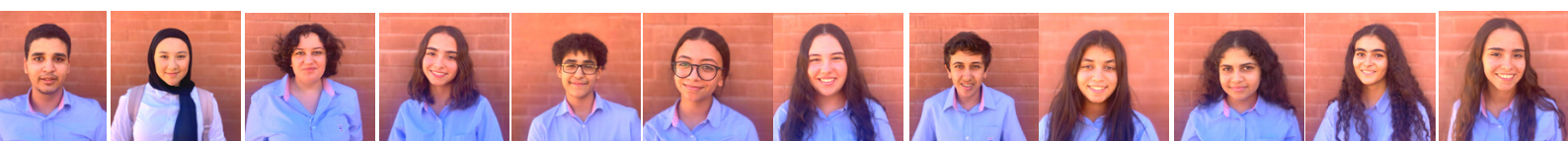
Message from Head of Secondary



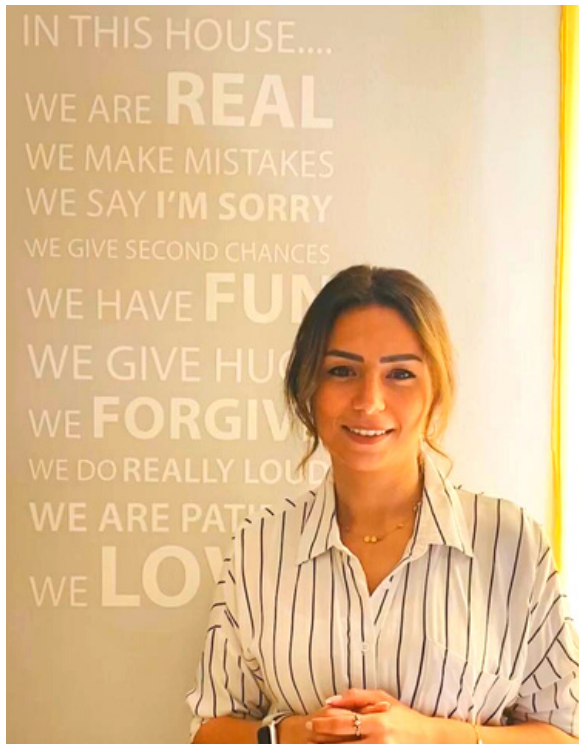
The staff, students and parents have been working hard together to establish a new and exciting Secondary school. With so many changes in such difficult circumstances, the road has been difficult, but staff and students have worked tirelessly to achieve a more inclusive and happy culture and climate.

Read what is new in secondary this year. We aim to give our students a voice, create a more inclusive culture, and enable our students to develop into outstanding global citizens.

- Dr Sam Daisley



A Leadership Team with a Voice!



By Carol Magar

Assistant Head Pastoral

Certified Parent and Family Coach

Leadership is a powerful skill to acquire and helps train students for the future as well as supporting them now to succeed in different aspects of their life. It's vital for our students at BISM to experience leadership opportunities during their schooling, to master the art of building relationships within teams, defining identities and achieving tasks effectively.

Leadership skills are a combination of many characteristics and dynamics that empower youngsters to streamline and correct their mindset and outlook. In fact, these characteristics will help children in everything they do, wherever they go and however they live. These characteristics include: facing tough challenges; finding solutions to problems; solving problems creatively; a strong sense of reasoning; showing an ability to forge new relationships; and self-motivation.

However, a leadership role is never easy. In fact, it's a challenge — a good challenge — that entails hard work, devotion, recognition and self-image awareness. Because peers look up to leaders to be good role models, leaders need to develop good self-esteem and this self-esteem will carry over into adulthood.

At BISM we are proud of our newly formed team of leaders.



Student Council

The student council is a group of students who are elected by their peers to address the issues and concerns of the school as well as organise student events and activities.

Our student council is led by our Head boy and our Head girl, Eyad Ayman Amer (Year 12) and Yuliya Al Yoshyna (year 12) respectfully.

Despite the student council still being in the developing stage, they have managed to organise their first charity event. On Thursday 22nd all secondary student were involved in a fundraising event in which they were allowed to come to school in pink in recognition of cancer awareness. Students made small donations and were able to buy pink lemonade or pink cupcakes. All profits and donations will be sent to the Bahiya institute for cancer.

With the success of this event they are busy planning other events for November and December. **They look forward to working with our newly formed Parent Group to promote such events**

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Eyad-Y12
HEAD BOY

I am in year 12, and this will be my second year as Head Boy. My role in this council as the Head Boy is to coordinate, guide and assign duties to other council members, I am responsible for organizing school events, plans, meeting the Principal each fortnight, representing this school, and leading by example. I will make this year an unforgettable one for many of us. With all the plans already in place in the calendar, it just comes down to executing all the events.



Yuliya -Y12
HEAD GIRL

My job is to ensure that student council's objectives are reached and that everyone is working together towards making our school a more interactive and fun place. I want every student to feel like they are part of a great compassionate community where every voice matters. Studying is important and this is the main role of the school but as well I want to make school a second home where students can relax, socialize, have fun and learn something new. I'm willing to work hard towards bringing everyone closer together and make students feel like a part of something great.

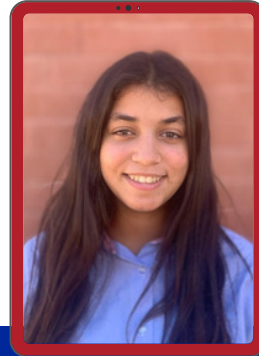
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Mostafa- 11A
Assistant Head Boy

I am Mostafa. My job is to assist the Head of the student council. I am also obligated to monitor everything to avoid or resolve future problems. My hopes and aspirations for this school are very high and with teamwork we will achieve a lot. We want to make school life memorable, friendly and exciting for all students and to make this year the best BISM year yet.



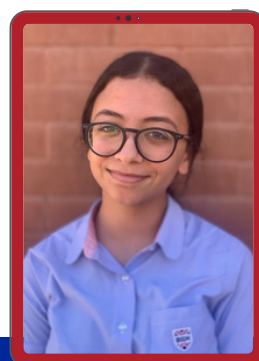
Farah- 11A
Assistant Head Girl

I think most of you know me already but let me introduce myself, my name is Farah and I am in year 11. I signed up for the student council specifically to be co-head because I was in this position before back in year 8 and I had an amazing experience. I have a lot of cool ideas that I can share including trips. My goal this year is to achieve as many activities, trips, competitions, etc but also to have a balance between learning and playing so I say WORK HARD PLAY HARDER!!



Noor
Secretary

My name is Noor and I'm in year 11, I am the assistant/secretary of the student council and I hope to help improve the organization and efficiency of the school. I'm looking forward to making this year more fun than last year but keeping it organized, friendly and fruitful.



Rahma
Treasurer

I am Rahma and I'm the treasurer of the student council. As treasurer, I handle the finance and fundraising part of student council, and keep records of where that money goes. I have many plans for fundraising that will help us generate more money to use for events and to make the school feel more welcoming as well as supporting a charity.

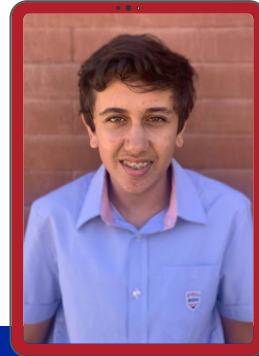
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Khadija
Head of Design

Hello I'm Khadija a year 10 student. I am the Head of Design in the student council. I hope I can use my position to make the school environment cheerful and fun with beautiful flyers and designs everywhere that brings happiness and excitement to the community. Thank you for choosing me and trusting me and hope I am up to the job!



Zaki
Head of Design

Hi my name Zaki, I am the Head of Design with Khidijah, I wish to bring more excitement through activities to the school. School is sometimes stressful and I feel like we all need something exciting and fun to unwind and break away from all of the stress!



Sofia
Head Of Event Planning

My name is Sofía del Pozo, I am Head of Event planning in the student council, my main aim is to make this school a fun place to be and ensure students enjoy being here as well as looking forward to coming to school the next day. What I will be planning in the student council are fun things like end of term celebrations and special dress up days for charity. Moreover I will be planning day trips and trips inside Egypt and abroad like Paris or London which will be both educational and recreational.



Nadia
Co- Head event planning

My name is Nadia Abouzaid and I am the Assistant Head of Events Planning on the student council this year. I intend to work closely with my Head to arrange some extracurricular activities for the school. I intend to build a positive school climate through these events and try to establish a feeling of community throughout the school. I will try to arrange a variety of events this year that include social events, community projects and helping people in need. It would be great to get a positive, family feel back into BISM where the student voice is heard

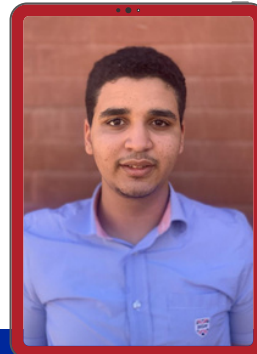
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Laila
Head Of Discipline

I am Laila, Head of Discipline in the student council. My role is to monitor the use of resources allocated to school council also to implement the school discipline policy and rules and to help with managing student's behavior during events. I wanted to use my good organizational skills to help the council run the events and activities more smoothly, safely and efficiently.



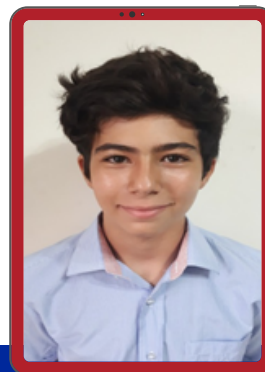
Yassin
Co-Head Discipline

My name is Yassin Osama year 9A and I am the co-head of discipline. I joined school last year and noticed that there is not much to be done outside the academic area. I have many ideas on how to make the school more enjoyable and active but in a safe and secure manner and to make sure all activities and events are running sufficiently. I would also like to use technology to better communication with students as their voice matters



Emily
Head of Historian

Hi, I'm Emily and am proud to take on the role as Head Historian of our school. As an AS History student and the editor of the school newspaper, I believe that recording the events and memories made at this school are imperative and are a necessity for our students and staff. I hope these memories last forever!



Ziad
Head of Photography

My Name is Ziad Osama, I am 14, and I am the Head of Photography in the student council. It gives me great pleasure to be documenting all the great events and activities we are going to have through the council. It is great to be part of that great change we have in our school.

House System

A new house system has been set up this year and has already had a huge impact on the students' involvement within the school. All our students have been allocated a house from; **ruby, topaz, emerald or sapphire (the GEMS Jewels of Kindness)**.

A rigorous election process was used to select the students for the positions in the house system. This process involved the students submitting a video, in which they explained why they would be the most suitable person for the position along with an online voting system in which the candidates were selected by their peers. **Our Heads of Houses are as follows:**



EMPATHY
RUBY



HELPFULNESS
TOPAZ



COMPASSION
EMERALD



RESPECT
SAPPHIRE

Head
Ameen- Y9A

Assistant
Salma Sameh- Y8

Head
Wafaa- Y7B

Assistant
Sultan- Y9A

Head
Catherine Barssom-
Y6A

Head
Ezz El Din- Y8

Assistant
Yassin Ossama- Y9A



Our first house competition "bottle caps" was a great success and we have many more in the planning process.

Student Newspaper

We are currently setting up a Student Newspaper. This will provide a platform for students to express their ideas and creativity. It helps to develop their critical thinking skills. Moreover, it can be instrumental in building peer-to-peer relationships, while shaping their perspectives, opinion and identity.

Currently our Student editor **Emily (year 12)** is working hard to develop a team and will hopefully publish their first edition very soon. Mrs Brock is honoured to be the first person to be interviewed for the newspaper.



PHSE at GEMS BISM

Another change that has happened this year is the introduction of regular PHSE lessons and Assemblies. PHSE, or Personal, Social, Health and Economic education is a bi-weekly lesson through which pupils develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to manage their lives, now and in the future. Our assembly programme has many purposes but the main one is the celebration of our students and success of the school. Each month secondary now holds a STARS assembly.

For the STARS assembly teachers nominate outstanding students. Students are nominated for many reasons including our Jewels of Kindness and attitude. The student with the most nominations is then awarded a small trophy and is recognised as the star of the month.

We are so proud of our October STARS:

6A- Catherine Rymond

6B- Yassin Mahmoud

7A- Mareselino Botros

7B- Mahmoud rawy

8- Salma Sameh

9A- Yassin Osama

9B- Hazem sheriff

10- Habiba el adway

12/11- Abdel Rahman Khaled



In addition to this we have also had a focus on recycling over the past six weeks. During this time we have had two competitions based around this topic. The first competition was an individual one, where students created a recycling vehicle. Our overall winners, who received a fancy desk organiser were:

Yassin Osama (year 9) and Malak Afifi (year 7).

Our second competition required each form to design a recycling bin for their classroom.

We were so impressed with the entries submitted from **6A and 6B that they were both award first place and the classes receive donuts.**

World Academy of Sport

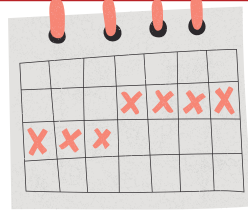
During the summer break the **World Academy of Sport (WAoS)**, inspected the school facilities, the services and academic support we offer to our elite athletes. They were very happy with their findings and agreed to work closely with us to develop our student athletes. As a result of this programme our fabulous sports department have been running weekly trials.

These weekly trials are enabling us to identify those athletes who fall into the elite bracket so we may work closely with them, supporting their sporting preference while helping them to maintain their academic abilities. **We are very proud of our talented students.**

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Friendly Centre**





Dates for your diary SECONDARY

Mon 9 Nov

New IGCSE course
information evening
Y9 going into Y10

3:30- 4:30 PM

Virtual

Tues 10 Nov

Parent Group
Committee meeting

1-2 PM

Wed 11 Nov

Parents
Evening year 6 -8

3:30-6:30 PM

Virtual

15-26 Nov

Assessment Week

Mon 16 Nov

Options evening
Y10 going into Y11

3:30- 4:30 PM

Virtual

Wed 18 Nov

School Advisory
Council meeting
(SAC)

11 AM-12 PM

Sun 25 Nov

Year 9 – 12 Parents
Evening

3:30- 4:30 PM

Virtual

Tues 8 Dec

Parent Group
Committee meeting

1-2 PM

Enjoy your break everyone .

We look forward to seeing you back in
school on Sunday 1st November

