

**International Benchmark Tests for Improving Learning, 2017**

SIS/STC/041/2017 – 18

September 17, 2017

Dear Parent,

You will be pleased to learn that our school has been invited to participate in International Benchmark Tests for Improving Learning, 2017. The Australian Council for Educational Research, one of the leading research organizations in the world, develops this test and provides a range of Assessment services in many countries. The International Benchmark Test for Arabic Language Assessment will be held on the following date:

Thursday	23 November 2017	Arabic	Grades 3 to 9
----------	------------------	--------	---------------

**Registration Fee is AED 40/- per student**

The Arabic (A) assessments are designed for native Arabic speakers who are following the Arabic (A) option provided by the Private English Schools based on the Arabic curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education.

The International Benchmark Tests are designed to give an international benchmark of your child's performance vis-à-vis the participating countries in the world and in the region. Students will be able to see their intrinsic abilities and potential for learning, identifying their strengths and weaknesses on skills and concepts related to their grade/class level and clarify concepts, making them very valuable as a remedial instrument. Questions are interesting and thought provoking, and encourage students to develop the skills related to problem solving, data interpretation, reasoning and critical thinking in a global context.

***The International Benchmark Tests (IBT) provide students with:***

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A comprehensive assessment of student performance and ability;</li> <li>✓ High quality test items that engage students across all ability levels;</li> <li>✓ Individual reports that highlight skills, strengths and weaknesses;</li> <li>✓ Reports that include a clear description of skills &amp; concepts that have been</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mastered;</li> <li>✓ A <b><u>Scale score</u></b> to measure their progress over time;</li> <li>✓ High quality feedback that can be used to improve learning;</li> <li>✓ School percentiles to compare and benchmark student performance;</li> <li>✓ Recognition of student performance</li> </ul> |
|--|--|

Please complete the acknowledgement slip and have this returned to the Class Teacher, along with the required fees, to enable the school to enroll your child for **IBT 2017**.

**Entries close on Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

Prof. M. Abubaker  
Principal

.....

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP**

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects: 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: Total Amount **AED: 40/-** Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_