



**GARDEN CITY
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Welcome to GCBS' first newsletter!

CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

GCBS is aware that our students and parents are anxious to know what our goals and outcomes are for the forthcoming academic year. In order to support you and our students, we will be providing you with a **Monthly Curriculum Guide**. October's edition has already been published and distributed on the school website (under 'Curriculum' and 'Curriculum Guides').

Each term, students and teachers will collaborate to set targets to ensure that the learning outcomes outlined in the curriculum guides are achieved. The school will be hosting our first **Target Setting Evening** on Tuesday 17th October for KG1&2 and Wednesday 18th October for Grades 1-4. Timings for both evenings will be 5 pm to 7 pm. During the evening your child's targets will be shared with you and you can discuss with the teacher how you can work with your child to achieve these targets. Homeroom teachers will contact you before the evening with an appointment schedule so you may book an appointment at your convenience. Each appointment will be scheduled for 10 min. On the evening parents will be provided with an Assessment Circular on the English National Curriculum assessment procedures and how they will be used to track and report children's attainment and progress. During both evenings, I will conduct a general **Assessment Session** lasting 40 minutes at 5 pm and 6 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend either session to learn more about how your child is assessed.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

The first Parent Association Meeting has taken place and it is our intention to have a full programme of activities planned for the year. We would be delighted if you could join us! Further information will be made available on the Target Setting Evenings.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

This is very important to us and we know that we are still experiencing challenges regarding communication with you based on your feedback. Currently, we are using the contact details you have given us so it is very important that we have the correct details. If your details are not correct, you will not receive our text messages or emails. Please contact reception@gardencityschool.ae with your email address and mobile phone number if you are not receiving text messages or emails so that we can check and update your contact details. Alternatively, please send your updated contact information via the Student Diary. The contact details of your child's homeroom teacher and the Key Stage coordinators are available for you as the main channel of information. The website will be updated regularly with useful information.

Best wishes,



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