

DS/014/2023-24

Date: 03/05/2023

### Benchmark Tests for Grades 1-5

Dear Parents,

**Benchmark tests** are assessment tests given to students at different intervals throughout an academic year and the purpose of each test is to collect baseline data to measure the students' skills, knowledge and monitor progress at different levels.

Following are the benchmark tests mandated for Dubai schools in order to understand the student potential and their improvement progress:

Grades	Test Name	Description
Grades 1-5	<b>Arabic ABT</b>	This assessment measures the four key language skills, Reading, Listening, Writing, and Speaking.
	<b>Reading Test</b>	To assess and monitor the progress of reading and comprehension skills.
Grades 3-5	<b>CAT 4</b>	The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4) is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to help students and their teachers understand how they learn and clarity on the student's academic potential.
	<b>ASSET</b>	Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing (ASSET) is a scientifically designed, skill-based assessment test.

We are pleased to inform you that we will be starting with the **CAT4 Exam for Grades 3-5 in May**. You are requested to make a payment of **AED 75** to the school cash counter at the earliest. The exact dates for assessment will be informed later. The amount and dates for other assessments will be updated accordingly.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

Best regards,



Seema Umar  
Principal

