



SSLTP/BG/T2-001

Date- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

Dear Parents,

I wish you all a very Happy Winter Holiday and I hope that you all have a wonderful time with family and friends.

The UAE Government announced a significant change in operating days and hours for all government entities and schools. We will be operating a four and half day week starting from Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are starting on a Monday because from January onwards the weekends will no longer be Friday & Saturday but will instead move to Saturday & Sunday.

To facilitate this change from a 5-day week to a 4.5-day week will need to make amendments to the timetable for students and bus pick-up and drop-off times. Our goal will still remain to provide the same volume of teaching quality and variety of subjects with minimal adjustments to the offerings so that we can comprise everything our students love into the shorter week.

We will start the 4.5-day week as instructed from January 3. We will however use the rest of this academic year to get feedback on what options we can use to ensure teaching and learning is maximized. This will include identification of issues for example: traffic congestion, time in buses, ability to deliver PEP, sports practice etc. along with looking at solutions such as using our experiences with blended learning, revision and self-study, even perhaps the Sharjah model of a 4-day week, just to name a few.

#### Start Date next year

Please note that the school begins in the New Year on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 at 7.40am and I look forward to seeing you all very soon. Shortly all families will receive a detailed timetable of school timings for the New Year.

Please have a safe and happy holiday period and I wish everyone a happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Dr Brian Gray

Principal  
Springdales School Dubai