

# C.G.S. Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

During these trying times when the whole world has come to a halt, CGS like many other top worldwide educational institutes continued with its academic curriculum virtually to keep the students engaged and away from shutting down internally. We introduced activities, sessions to boost students' spirits and also to help them stay healthy and fit at the same time. And such was possible only because of the immense cooperation we received from you. And to maintain this strong bond it is of utmost importance that parents are aware how the school is progressing during the crisis. Besides, plenty of new developments are being undertaken to provide extended guidance and support to students and parents.

Few current updates below:

**Virtual Academic Classes** will begin from 31st May 2020. Schedules will be uploaded in the MBS website beforehand. Kindly ensure that your child joins all online classes as attendance is compulsory.

**Assessments:** Students will be assessed for promotion based on their online attendance, virtual participation, assignments (H.W/projects) and more.

**Buddy Teacher:** As you already know each student has been assigned a 'Buddy Teacher' who will provide advice regarding academics and support in all areas related to school. Parents are requested to reach out to the assigned buddy teacher for queries, during working hours only.

**Stay In, Stay Fit, Challenge:** Encourage your children to participate in CGS Stay In Stay Fit challenge, to bring in some diversity in their daily routine. Such engagements also help kids to stay active and healthy during lockdowns.

**Fun Class:** Every week a few virtual activity sessions will be held in the evening which will not be related to academics at all, rather solely for students entertainment and enjoyment. For example: movie hour, riddles and trivia sessions, show and tell, socialising with friends and many more.

**Resources:** Many engaging contents and resources are provided in the MBS website for students. For example PDF story books, indoor activity/games, mindfulness videos and articles. Kindly visit all sections of our website regularly.

We would also like to request parents to get accustomed with how to use Webex Meetings, Google drive, create video links through google drive, attach and download files, etc as they will be constantly used for classes, assessments and assignments. Thank you once again for your cooperation and support to make our virtual education a success.

Wishing you all a happy Eid,

Rasha Tariq

Deputy Head, CGS Lower School



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## VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Lower School has been busy with online school and some of our activities can be viewed here:

[www.facebook.com/1751652201622487/videos/1082097158828787/](https://www.facebook.com/1751652201622487/videos/1082097158828787/)

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We have switched to the WebEx online platform and have been using it for the past couple of weeks. Under usual circumstances June would have been a very hectic month for students. They would be expected to complete their syllabuses and start revision for exams. Students may not be able to sit for exams this year but teachers intend to continue with online classes and assessments throughout this month. Many of you feel that online classes are not as good as an original classroom and worry if students are really getting what they deserve. You also worry if students will face any problems in the next class due to the limitations of the online platform. Let me assure you that teachers around the world have superpowers! Within 24 hours, without any notice they just dived into online platforms and started conducting classes. They have even started online assessments now. No matter whatever the online classes lack, teachers WILL find a way make up for it when students return to school. For the time being, please make sure your child joins these classes regularly. On another note, we should focus on the following lessons that this challenging times have taught us.

- ◆ You should be willing to trade some your freedom for the greater good of the public.
- ◆ You should wash your hands whether there is virus or not and also maintain hygiene.
- ◆ Taking that sick day could save lives.
- ◆ The Internet should be a basic right.
- ◆ We need more good doctors and researchers and they need to be paid better. In order to save mankind from future pandemics more should be invested on research and studies.
- ◆ We should not forget the human connections made during this critical time.
- ◆ We thought that we were in control of nature but in reality it is the other way around.
- ◆ We should not take anything for granted. Within a blink of an eye good times can change into bad.

Many countries around the world are gradually returning to normal. Offices, schools, malls are reopening. Hopefully we will be one of those countries soon. Let's hope for the best.

Wishing you all a happy Eid,  
Hector Fernandez

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[www.facebook.com/2298809267046170/videos/545082436174662/](https://www.facebook.com/2298809267046170/videos/545082436174662/)

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So right now, your near and dear ones are healthy. Education is on the right track. The staff at CGS is working flat out, to see that there is no lapse in their students' education. School will reopen on time, virtually or otherwise. Our services will improve, keeping pace with the fast moving virtual world we have stepped into.

Allah works in mysterious ways. Note how the dying earth has sprung back to life, how the dust has settled, birds never seen in the gardens before, are here to feed, the flowers are blooming and there is peace in the air. It is a great chance to mend relationships. Very soon it will be over.

Wishing you all a happy Eid,  
Mahine Khan

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## JELABI COOK-OFF

To uplift our students' mood Ms. Faiza coordinated a virtual Jelabi cook together with a few Upper Students! We hope do have similar cook-offs in future.



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[www.facebook.com/CGS1992/](https://www.facebook.com/CGS1992/)  
[videos / 859380114566966 /](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=859380114566966)

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