

# RAHA REMINDERS

## Gardens Campus

## Early Years



Emily Merton

[EY1 Orientation](#)

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[EY Family Handbook](#)

### Welcome!

A very warm welcome or welcome back to Early Years at Raha! The wonderful Early Years team and I are so excited to begin the new school year with you all.

To ensure our children feel settled into their new classes and have a positive start to the year, there will be a staggered start for all EY1 and EY2 children (please see the schedule for specific year groups). We have intentionally broken down the days for the students to ease them into the new term, by having a smaller group of children during the transition days we will be able to best support the children in transitioning to their new environments and building lasting bonds with their new teachers and peers.

Your child's new teacher will contact you this week with all the information you will need on timings, your child's orientation group and classroom location.

The team and I are very much looking forward to hosting some workshops throughout the year for – Continuous Provision, Reading, Writing, Science and Math to keep you well informed on our Early Years PYP programme.

Please be reminded that busses for EY1 will begin on Monday 4th September and busses for EY2 will begin on Wednesday 30th August – there will be no bus service for EY1 or EY2 children before the dates stated, therefore alternative arrangements must be made for end of day collection.

I look forward to seeing all of our new and returning families very soon.

## Primary

Hi and welcome back to an exciting year ahead.

I hope you have had an amazing summer break and the kids are feeling refreshed and ready to go! This week we also welcome our new Raha teachers – they bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm with them, and they are looking forward to meeting their classes.

There will be a number of opportunities in the first few weeks to learn more about your child's year ahead and also some workshops to explain more about IB and the way our curriculum works. Raha Reminders will post details for these.

I look forward to seeing all of the kids back next week.



Matt O'Dowda

[Grade 1-5 Orientation](#)

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### Secondary



Tara Manson

#### Grade 6-12 Orientation

#### Monday 28 August

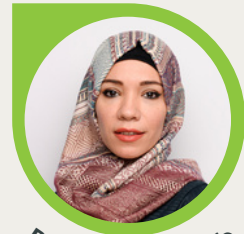
I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Head of Secondary School, and I eagerly welcome you to the upcoming academic year filled with promise and potential. It is an honor to join this vibrant community of students, parents, and educators. As we embark on this journey together, my utmost priority is to foster an enriching and nurturing environment that promotes academic excellence, personal growth, and character development. I am committed to open communication, collaboration, and ensuring that each student's unique talents and aspirations are nurtured. Let's embrace the opportunities ahead and work hand in hand to create an inspiring and successful year for our students.

To facilitate a seamless transition and a promising start for all our learners, please check out our orientation schedule.

### Whole School

#### Welcome From Head of Arabic & Islamic

Please see a welcome from Head of Arabic Ruba in both Arabic and English [here](#).



Ruba Abu-Hijab

#### New Student Orientation

Orientation on Monday 28 August will be for only new students in EY2-Grade 12 and all new and returning Grade 6 students. Returning students and all EY1 students will have their first day on Tuesday 29 August.

#### Bus Transportation

Please be reminded that buses will begin on Tuesday 29 August for Grade 1 - Grade 12, Wednesday 30 August for EY2 and Monday 4 September for EY1

#### External Vendors

The below mentioned vendors will be available to provide parents with information regarding their products and services on Monday, 28 August from 8:00 - 10:00am in the PYP Gym.

Arabian Swim Academy  
CF Tennis  
Infinite Sports  
Buses (Emirates Transport)  
Canteen (Food Nation)

#### Food Nation Term 1 Menu

Find out how to sign up for canteen services here!

#### Food Nation Parent Pack

#### Sports & ECPs

Our team sports programme will start on 11 September. Offerings for both sports and ECPs will be communicated when the academic year commences.



Follow our social media for Gardens updates!