



Dear GISC families,

Yesterday our PYP8/Grade 5 students accomplished a significant milestone with their PYP Exhibition. The deep levels of investigation, exploration, awareness and ultimate action by each and every student were inspiring to witness! Poverty, climate change, animal abuse, and human rights were just a few of the topics our young minds considered and embraced with their own personal calls to action. This is the best of IB education: inquiring, gaining knowledge and insight, then acting for impact. We saw our diversity ambassadors, fearless explorers, future thinkers, and inspiring leaders take center stage in their learning. This is why I am at GEMS International School Cairo. This is why I am so proud of all we have built together as a community in three short years. Many times, yesterday, I was moved to tears by the growth and compassion demonstrated by our young learners. I can't wait to see their future accomplishments as they join MYP and DP!

The month ahead promises more celebrations of our students' gifts and talents. I know that you personally will be moved to wonder at the growth and commitment of your child in learning. I look forward to sharing the last special moments of school year 2024-25 with you.

As we close this year, we will be saying good-bye to several critical staff members who will be moving on to new leadership and teaching career adventures. Their impact will be missed, but new leaders and teachers are poised to fill their shoes and continue the GISC legacy.

We close this school year with 950 students and are excited to welcome a nearly full capacity 1250 students in September. Families and staff members from all over the world are seeking out GISC for their children's education and career advancement - sometimes both! All who visit, whether from Japan, KSA, UAE, the US, Norway, China, Canada and points beyond, remark on the welcoming spirit and engaging learning environment that is GISC. We are indeed an international school of choice!

We look forward to welcoming our returning families and students in September as we inaugurate our first DP/Grade 11 class, and welcome nearly 300 new students and parents to our GISC family.

As we prepare for a strong and exciting end to this year, our eyes are always on the future – a future we share with you!

I wish each of you a Happy Eid and holiday break ahead. Please view our newsletters for photo showcases of outstanding end-of year events.

Warm regards,

**Catherine Spencer**  
Head of School