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Dear GISC community,

As Term 2 unfolds and we welcome the month of February, and the Holy Month of Ramadan, I am very pleased to share with you several critical updates for our school.

As many of you are aware, GISC has led international schools in our installation of CCTV cameras throughout our campus. Prior to any new MOE requirements, GISC had 191 cameras deployed in both classrooms, recreational, and public areas. We have recently installed an additional 40 cameras, completing all classrooms, offices, stairwells through to the roof, and any blind spots as audited. All cameras will be fully operational within the next two weeks. We are truly proud to make this important safety and security adjustment on behalf of our students and staff.

Additionally, housekeeping and security staff have been reassigned to minimize any possibility of inappropriate student interactions.

Campus opening hours have been adjusted so that students are always supervised by campus staff. Members of the senior leadership team remain on campus until all students are accounted for, and we do request your cooperation with a timely pick up of your children no later than 3 PM, or 4 PM during ASAs.

Last week you should have received the GEMS Family Survey (check your SPAM folder!) and we welcome and encourage you to participate in our efforts to refine and improve GEMS International School Cairo. The survey remains open through February 13, and we will carefully monitor your responses and provide feedback as needed.

Intent Letters have gone out to you concerning enrollment for the 2026-27 school year. We will have a very small intake as we reach full capacity next year. Already, classes PreK through Grade 3, as well as DP11 and 12, are waitlist only, so we highly recommend that you secure your seat immediately.

This week GISC hosts seven review team members from the GEMS organization who will be thoroughly reviewing our education and safeguarding provisions in line with GEMS quality standards. We are very excited to showcase the day-to-day learning and safeguarding operations that set GISC apart as an extraordinary school that values students' success and wellbeing above all else. We look forward to sharing their comments with our community.

The Holy Month of Ramadan commences mid-month after a short mid-term break from ½ day February 12 through February 16. We anticipate that the Ramadan hours for students will be 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM and we will communicate the official timings upon receipt. Please help us to ensure that all our staff have ample opportunity to prepare for each evening's Iftar by promptly picking up your children no later than 1:45. ASAs will not run during Ramadan.

Ramadan Kareem!

Warm regards,

Catherine Spencer
Head of School

