

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Dear new GISC families,

As Head of School, and on behalf of the entire Gems International School Cairo team, I extend to you the warmest welcome for the coming school year 2025-26.

The educational choices in Cairo are enormous, and we truly appreciate the trust you put in us as your choice for your child. I absolutely believe you have made an excellent decision with GISC! In just three short years, we have established ourselves as a premier international school in Egypt, competing on all measures with legacy schools twenty and thirty years' old.

We have developed a reputation for a strong yet inclusive academic program that values each child's special gifts. Our classrooms are highly active learning environments celebrating creativity and individuality. As an International Baccalaureate continuum school, our commitment to an inquiry-based learning experience extends from PreK through Grade 11, with Grade 12 opening in 2026-27.

As well, our students are being recognized locally, regionally, and even internationally for their achievements in robotics, social entrepreneurship, sports, and the arts. We have really just begun to launch our extraordinary students on the world stage!

As we enter year 4 at GISC, we will welcome 1250 students and 175 education staff, along with an outstanding group of support personnel to uphold not only education excellence, but to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of each child.

Please note the following important dates as we open the new school year:

Meet the Teacher –

New Parent Orientation –

First Day of School KG2 – G11

Early Years staggered entry –

I am thrilled to meet you and your family as we journey together on an outstanding learning adventure!

Warm regards,

**Catherine Spencer
Head of School**



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Welcoming New Leaders to the GISC Family

This year, our GISC family grows stronger as we welcome two new Heads of levels and our new PYP Coordinator. Each brings a wealth of experience, fresh perspectives, and a shared passion for empowering our students to reach their fullest potential. We are excited for the positive impact they will bring to our classrooms, our community, and our journey of excellence.



Important Dates You need to know

	EY	PYP	MYP
Orientation day	Tuesday 2 nd of Sept.	Monday 1 st of Sept.	Tuesday 2 nd of Sept.
First Day of School	Sunday 7 th of Sept. (staggered entry)	Sunday 7 th of Sept.	Sunday 7 th of Sept.

 **Up coming Events** Supply fair on the 2nd & 3rd of September



Useful Links

GISC Policies

- [Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Attendance policy](#)
- [GISC Family Handbook](#)
- [Parent's user guide](#)
- [Calendar](#)
- [Supply list](#)
- [Bring your own device](#)

Communication

- [Finance email](#)
- [Admissions email](#)
- [EY communication chart](#)
- [PYP communication chart](#)
- [MYP communication chart](#)
- [MLT communication chart](#)
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- [Uniform](#)
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- [Unaccompanied Leaver](#)

WELCOME
To GISC!



Ms. Ghada Adel , PYP Coordinator

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Ghada Adel as GISC's new PYP Coordinator. With a strong background in the International Baccalaureate framework and a passion for educational excellence, Ms. Ghada brings valuable expertise in guiding both teachers and students through the IB philosophy. Her vision is to ensure that our programmes not only meet but exceed global IB standards, empowering students to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and responsible global citizens.



Ms. Hoda Negm, Head of Early Years

Hoda Negm, a founding member of GISC, steps into her new role as Head of Early Years after years of shaping the program as an Early Years Lead Teacher. With 15 years of teaching experience, including over a decade in IB schools and eight years in leadership, she brings a wealth of expertise in creating nurturing, engaging learning environments. Having taught in the United States, Indonesia, China, and Egypt, Hoda's global perspective enriches her work as she leads the Early Years program with passion, dedication, and a vision to give every child an inspiring start to their education.



Ms. Barie Pinsker ,Head of PYP

Ms. Barie Pinsker, originally from Long Island, New York, brings nearly 20 years of teaching and educational leadership experience both in the U.S. and internationally. Holding a Master's in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, a Bachelor's in Special Education, and an Educational Leadership Certification. She has taught in Philadelphia, served as a Special Education Coordinator and teacher in Germany, and spent over a decade in Qatar as Early Years and Lower Elementary School Principal. Passionate about international education and deeply connected to the Middle East, Ms. Pinsker is excited to make Cairo her home, bringing with her a love for travel, culture, and creating enriching learning environments for young learners.