

**CIRCULAR (Gr. 4 & Gr. 8)**

Dear Parents,

**Sub: TIMSS-2023**

This is to inform you that our school has been selected to participate in the **Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study** (TIMSS-2023), as announced by the Sharjah Private Education Authority (SPEA). TIMSS is a research-based study sponsored by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA).

The TIMSS assessment includes multiple-choice and extended-response questions in a variety of formats in a dynamic on-screen environment. Every student in the selected classes will also be asked to complete a Student Questionnaire where the students respond to questions about their backgrounds and learning experiences. Parents of the selected Gr. 4 / 8 classes will be requested to respond to an Online Home Questionnaire.

SPEA has randomly selected 2 sections each from **Grade 4 (4-B & 4-E )** and **Grade 8 (8-A & 8-E)** to participate in this assessment.

- **Date of the test** : Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **Test Timings** : From 8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

All students from the two selected Grade 4 sections and Grade 8 sections (i.e. **Grade 4B, 4E, 8A and 8E**) are required to participate in the TIMSS assessment. **Students will reach school as usual in the morning and leave by 12.30 p.m.** Buses will ply accordingly.

Our teachers will prepare the students by giving practice questions in Mathematics and Science, which will help reinforce concepts and make them confident learners. Students will stay back up to 2.30 p.m. during their school exam days for the training.

SPEA views this as an extremely important assessment and urges all parents to encourage their students to perform to the best of their ability for this assessment.

Kindly note that attendance is mandatory. Looking forward to your support and cooperation as always.

Yours sincerely,

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**Rafia Zafar Ali**  
**Principal**