

SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE, SHARJAH
(St. Mary's group of schools)

STUDENT LEADER POLICY

At School of Knowledge we aim to develop in the school opportunities for leadership and service to the school community. Potential leaders are selected to participate in activities that will assist them in developing their leadership skills.

Students of grades 5 and 6 are given an opportunity to demonstrate and develop responsibility. The student council will contribute to the school in terms of:

- Assisting in suitable tasks that facilitate smoother day-to-day running of the school.
- Contributing a student's point of view in relation to school operation and procedures.
- Enjoying sport and helping to increase the level of sport activities.
- Being good role models for the other students.

STUDENT LEADERS- will be identified through a selection process. In their roles as student leaders they will contribute to the school and develop their personal character and leadership skills.

Being a Junior Leader involves:-

- Representing the views of their peers at meetings;
- Attending all meetings and making a commitment to the team for a whole school year - Junior Leaders have a responsibility to take this job very seriously;
- Encouraging other pupils to contribute by writing ideas / problems/ suggestions in their year group;
- Working collaboratively with one another;
- Taking part in meetings, discussions, putting forward opinions, listening and responding to other peers' views;

- Taking back what has been discussed at Junior Leadership Team meetings to their class;

- Organizing events or actions from the meetings;

Qualities of Good Leaders:

As role models, our student leaders will:

- Act with care, courtesy and reliability
- Show empathy towards others and act as good friends would
- Use good manners and restraint while dealing with other students and adults
- Treat others fairly and honestly
- Show self-discipline and control of their feelings and actions

Responsibilities of the student Council is

- Acting as tour guides for visitors to the school on important occasions.
- Representing SOk at special ceremonies
- Consulting with peers and reporting school based concerns to the Senior Leadership Team
- Planning for the improvement of school facilities
- Presenting student of the week certificates at whole school assemblies
- Host school assemblies

The following student leadership positions are elected annually and generally appointed within the first month of the year:

- Head boy/Girl (x 2)
- Asst. Head boy/ Head girl (x2)
- Sports captains (boy/ girl) (x 2)
- House captains (4 houses x 2 = 8)
- Asst. House captains (4 houses x 2= 8)
- Prefects (4 houses x 4 = 16)
- Environmental Prefects (x2)

Leadership roles are held in very high regard and a special assembly is held to present our student leaders with their badges. The ceremony is followed by a special morning tea for the student leaders and their parents.