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JSS PRIVATE SCHOOL

KG 1 to Grade 8

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Subject: Junior Duke Circular

Dear Parents,

Greetings from JSS Private School!

In a fast-moving world it is imperative we train children in a community to take basic responsibilities and duties to a whole new level. We sometimes find it difficult to remember to give children the time and space to develop their independence through simple life skills - sometimes we are too busy and just need to get things done!

The Junior Duke Award program give the children time and space to explore and develop their independence. There has been positive feedback from countless parents about the award challenges. Often, they are pleasantly surprised when they realize that their children are old enough to understand the intricacies of chess or to wash their sheets or to hike up a hill, and they feel that their eyes have been opened. Furthermore, parents have seen there is now much more scope for exciting family activities and adventures ! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YbtDn7fBbA

The program designed for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 to encourage the development of valuable life skills. It includes the Nano Duke, Micro Duke, Mini Duke, Junior Duke, and Senior Duke levels, providing students with opportunities to learn and practice a wide range of important life skills.

Each of these levels has a selection of challenges and, to complete a level, the children need to finish a pre-determined number of these successfully**.** The challenges will require a good deal of time and effort out with friends and family.

Following are the various categories of the awards being offered for various grades.

Category Wise challenges

Program	Grades	Head teachers	Email Id	
Nano Duke	KG1	Ms. Tini Danny	tini@jsspsdubai.com	The head teachers of the respective sections will be the first point of contact for assessing student work
Micro Duke	KG2	Ms. Anshu Vakil	anshu@jsspsdubai.com	
Silver Mini Duke	Grade 1	Ms. Shahnaz Yasmeen	shahnazyasmin@jsspsdubai.com	
Gold Mini Duke	Grade 2	Ms. Caroline	caroline@jsspsdubai.com	
Bronze Junior Duke	Grade 3	Ms. Roohina	roohina@jsspsdubai.com	
Silver Junior Duke	Grade 4	Ms. Indu Tyagi	indutyagi@jsspsdubai.com	
Gold Junior Duke	Grade 5	Ms. Sonia Khan	Sonia.j@jsspsdubai.com	
Platinum Junior Duke	Grade 6	Ms. Sreelakshmi Sreeraj	sreelakshmi.s@jsspsdubai.com	
Silver Senior Duke	Grade 7	Ms. Prajakta Rabade	prajakta@jsspsdubai.com	
Gold Senior Duke	Grade 8	Ms. Nazneen Moidoo	nazneen@jsspsdubai.com	

Nano Duke

Challenges - KG1 - •Helping out sorting, matching and organising •Get dressed by yourself •Make your bed every morning •Recognise new fruits and vegetables •Wash things like your hands and hair etc •Phone an older member of the family for a chat •Become more able in water •Use a saw, a hammer and nails, a screw driver and screws•Get creative with a large cardboard box •Reading and rhyming

Participants must complete 7 challenges of their choice

Micro Duke Challenges - KG2 - •Use a mobile phone •Know how to call the Emergency Services •Get dressed for school fully within an agreed, challenging time•Brush your teeth •Put all of your clothes away properly •Learn to scoot, cycle, skate or skateboard. •Skip with a rope•Cut out shapes and straight lines on paper with sharp, metal Scissors•Draw detailed people •Wrap a present for someone •Put the shopping away •Wash your own dishes •Pack your school bag and carry it to school •Remember important facts •Change a flower's colour

Participants must complete7 challenges of their choice

Silver Mini Duke Challenges - Grade 1 - •Make hot breakfast. •Build a den!•Vacuum •Polish shoes •Show good sportsmanship by following the rules of a game•Learn to tie three knots•Read tongue twisters •Go on a long walk •Discover and retell a story about an older member of your family •Know how to stay safe by learning vital information •Plant bulbs or seeds •Cope with getting lost. •Recycle and upcycle •Have a nature watch •Find your favourite foreign music.

Participants must complete 10 challenges of their choice

Gold Mini Duke Challenges - Grade 2 - •Make lunch.•Build with lego or Airfix etc•Wash something large like a car or a big window.•Play a strategic, tactical board game •Learn to play happy birthday •Write a letter of thanks •Choose, and lead an outdoor activity. •Make tea or coffee •Build a fire and toast a marshmallow •Weed a flowerbed •Read books from other countries •Make a bee garden •Pack an overnight bag •Do kind jobs for your neighbours

Participants must complete 10 challenges of their choice

Bronze Junior Duke Challenges - Grade 3 - •Bake •Create with paper maché •Swim •Mop •First Aid - danger procedure and recovery postio•Handwashing clothes •Try a new sport •Independent walk •Use less electricity or plant a tree •Be a news reader •Plan and use the satnav •Work out who you are •How far has your dinner travelled? •Recreate some flags

Participants must complete 10 challenges of their choice

Silver Junior Duke Challenges - Grade 4- •Swim•Cook eggs in 5 ways•First Aid - sling, recovery position, choking•Set the table •Get up and out on your own •Make a party invitation•Sew with a needle and thread •Save the world by going on a litter pick•Make soup •Read to a younger class - they'll love it! •Be strong…become stronger •Go on a scavenger hunt around your city •Be kind, thoughtful and selfless •Reduce your carbon footprint •Discover similarities and differences in other countries

Participants must complete 10 challenges of their choice

Gold Junior Duke challenges - Grade 5 - •Bake bread •Shop for food on a budget •Swim •Be a dishwasher •Prepare for a potential natural disaster •Risk assess •Fix a puncture •Grow something to eat •Create and present a PowerPoint •Research a composer •Perform a musical piece •Entertain an infant class with your favourite story•Keep vulnerable children and orphans warm •Decide on the top 10 tourist must-sees •Look after your house - help out! •Create less food waste •Create a worldly craft

Participants must complete 10 challenges of their choice

Platinum Junior Duke challenges - Grade 6 - Give your time to help others •Fix something locally for others •CPR •Follow a recipe to make a hot meal •Be fit, strong and skilled in a sport•Wash and dry your bed sheets •Know how to avert disaster in your home •Perform in a play •Use AI to write a picture book •Design a webpage •Work out what makes you happy •Go on a local trip using timetables •Plan a jam-packed holiday •Babysit •Dogsit •Work out your water consumption and use less •Plan how to celebrate according to someone else's beliefs

Participants must complete 10 challenges of their choice

Silver Senior Duke challenges - Grade 7 Creative Skills: •Flashcards & mind maps •Video Editing •Up your skill level Money Skills: •Compare prices •Make do and mend •Five Budget meals Home Skills: •Car and bike maintenance •Share your tech knowledge •Clean the bathroom First Aid: Complete the First Aid course. Physical Challenge: Run, walk, swim, row, cycle or stretch regularly over a set distance and set amount of time. Adventure Challenge: •Climb the same height

as Ben Nevis •Outdoor day trip •Go camping

Participants must complete 1 challenge in each section

Gold Senior Duke challenges Grade 8 Creative Skills: •Create your Brand •Trailer Making •Up your skill level Money Skills: •Live for Less •Coupons •Saving Home Skills: •Food Choices and Safety •Letter Writing •Spring Clean •Drink Choices First Aid: Complete the First Aid course. Physical Challenge: Run, walk, swim, row, cycle or stretch regularly over a set distance and set amount of time. Adventure Challenge: •Walking Tour / Quiz •Go camping •Map Reading, Adventure Day

Participants must complete 1 challenge in each section

On completion of a level, a well-earned certificate and badge will be awarded at the Junior Duke Award Ceremony in school. **Children should aim to finish all of their challenges by 1st March 2027**.

Nano Duke, Micro Duke, Mini Duke and Junior Duke programs will have booklets for students to record their completed tasks. After completion of each task, the student should submit his/her booklet to the class teacher, who will have the same verified.

The Senior Duke – (Silver and Gold) are done on the online portal there is no booklet for these programs.

The cost of each level of the award program is £20 with resource materials, badges and certificates.

If your child is interested in participating in the program, kindly register via the below link no later than November 6th 2026.

Kindly take note that the registration is done directly to the organizers and once the link is closed registration will not be possible at a later date.

Parents are requested to book their child's interest within the time period, as the resources are being shipped from the U.K. no second order can be placed by the school.

Payment once made cannot be canceled.

https://portal.juniorduke.com/parent-pay/PH4Y2?source=copied_link

QR code is as under

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Payment once made cannot be canceled.

We kindly encourage you to register with the program so that your child can benefit from the same.

All parents registering through the link should email the class teacher so that the school can have a record of the registration

Warm Regards

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Principal

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