THE WINCHESTER SCHOOL, JEBEL ALI

Date: 29th October 2026	**Audience:** Year 12 and 13	**Venue:** New Sixth form S47

Title: Parent Engagement- Cancer Awareness

Presenters / Conductors: Ms. Mary Sharmen Ferdinand (Parent of Julianna 13E)

Aims & Objective: To highlight the importance of community initiatives and global campaigns in supporting cancer research and awareness.

Summary: KS5 girls attended an insightful assembly delivered by Mary Sharmen Ferdinand, parent of Julianna (13E) and a breast cancer survivor. Sharing her personal journey, she emphasised the importance of breast cancer awareness, early detection, and taking responsibility for one's health. She highlighted the vital role of family support as a source of strength during challenging times and encouraged students to value and seek support from their loved ones when needed. Mrs. Ferdinand stressed the importance of attending yearly check-ups at reputable healthcare centres, carrying out regular self-checks, and being proactive about any health concerns. Most importantly, she inspired students with a message of resilience, encouraging them never to give up in the face of adversity and to approach challenges with courage, determination, and hope.

Pictures / Flyers:

Student Feedback:

The assembly was inspiring and informative. Hearing a real-life survivor's story helped me understand the importance of health awareness and not taking my wellbeing for granted. - Kyra, 13F

Teacher Feedback:

The assembly was a powerful and insightful session that raised awareness about breast cancer while promoting the importance of health, resilience, and self-care. Mrs. Ferdinand's personal experiences made the message authentic and impactful, encouraging students to recognise the value of early detection, regular health check-ups, and strong family support during difficult times. – Amrita. HOY Y12

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