What is Test4Good?

Test4Good is an initiative run by schools and students in Dubai. It gives parents the opportunity to revisit their school days by taking a test that is invigilated and marked by students. It's a fun way for parents and children to learn from each other while raising money for a good cause. Test4Good will run from February 23 to April 15. An awards ceremony will follow in May.

When will the Test4Good Awards be held?

The Test4Good Awards will take place at the final What Works event of this academic year, What Worked, on May 18 at Dubai Healthcare City. Winners will receive a prize and a certificate.

What is Dubai Autism Center?

Dubai Autism Center is a non-profit organisation serving children with autism and their carers. DAC relies on grants, donations and fundraising to serve its community. All donations from Test4Good will go to Dubai Autism Center.

What are international assessments?

International assessments are tests taken by students at specific points in their schooling. These tests are taken by students in many countries, allowing policy makers to compare the effectiveness of their education programmes with that of other nations.

In 2015, Dubai will participate in two international assessments – TIMSS (Trends in Mathematics and Science Study), which will test Grade 4 and Grade 8 students in Maths and Science, and PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) for 15-year-old students.

Why should I organise Test4Good at my school?

Imagine that you can be the teacher and watch over your parents as they take a test. They might not love the experience, but you definitely will! Running Test4Good is also a great opportunity for you to work together for a good cause with your friends and classmates in a team, to come up with creative ideas, and maybe even win an award!

What are the Test4Good Awards?

The Test4Good Awards will recognise teams of students in two categories: Most Creative Campaign, and Most Collaborative Campaign. The winners of the Most Creative Campaign will be a team that used fun, interesting or original ways to encourage parents and teachers to take Test4Good. Maybe you made videos, designed posters, or set Twitter on fire (not literally, of course)? Show us what you did and how you did it, and your team could win!

The winners of the Most Collaborative Campaign will show how they worked with organisations, companies, schools, and others in the community to promote Test4Good and encourage more people to take part.

Both awards will be given to teams rather than individuals.

Why Dubai Autism Center?

Dubai Autism Center currently caters to 53 students with autism, but has a waiting list of more than 200. The Center will be able to provide education and care to many more students and their parents when it opens its new premises in Garhoud.

Why are international assessments important?

According to the 2021 UAE National Agenda targets, the UAE aims to score in the top 20 countries in PISA and in the top 15 countries in TIMSS. These goals will be achieved when we all come together as a community of educators and parents working towards the continued improvement of teaching and learning.

How will Test4Good help Dubai in international assessments?

Research shows that parents' active involvement in their children's education is crucial to academic success. An essential part of successful test-taking lies in literacy – the ability to read and understand the questions being asked. In all countries that participated in PISA 2009, results found that students who read daily for enjoyment score the equivalent of one-and-a-half years of schooling better than those who do not.

When parents take part in Test4Good, they will better understand the process of taking a test and help their children to prepare.

I want to run Test4Good at my school. What are the first steps?

You've already taken the first step, well done! Now, you'll need to recruit your friends and classmates, because this is a team project. Once you've got your team together, it's time to get your teachers and principal on board.

With your team, you'll have to decide how and when you're going to run the test and how to promote it. Finally, your team will be responsible for making sure the test goes smoothly on the day, and that everyone has fun. Good luck!

How do I register my school to take the test?

First, go to www.test4good.ae. To log on, you'll need to sit with your school's administrator for their KHDA username and password. Once you've got this, you can then register the details of the event you're planning to run.

What information do I need before I register?

You'll need to know the date and time you want to run Test4Good, as well as the approximate number of people you expect to take the test. Remember to leave your contact details and email address so we can get in touch with you.

Do I have to register online to run the test?

Yes. We can only deliver the test papers to you once you have registered. Also, only schools which have registered online are eligible for the Test4Good Awards.

How will I get the test?

Once you've registered to run the test, the Test4Good team will contact you to arrange delivery of the test to you.

Can the dates of the test be changed after I've registered?

Yes, you can change the dates of the test. Please let us know at least 48 hours prior to your test date so we can deliver the test to you in good time.

Who will collect donations?

Dubai Autism Center will deliver donation boxes to your school before the test, and pick them up again afterwards. Donations can be made either in cash or by cheque.

How can I promote Test4Good at my school?

That's the exciting bit! How you promote Test4Good is entirely up to you and your team. On the Test4Good website you'll find posters and logos you can download. Ask your teachers how the school can support you in promoting Test4Good. If you're creative enough in your approach, you might even win an award! If you're into social media, make sure to use the #Test4Good hashtag.

How many times can I run Test4Good?

As many times as you like! Please remember to register each event on the Test4Good website separately.

How will I distribute the test to parents?

Our team will deliver a pack to you. Either you can choose which test to give to each parent, or you can let them choose – it's up to you!

How do I invigilate the test?

Here's your chance to be the teacher! Before parents begin the test, make sure to tell them how long they have to complete it (20 minutes). Five minutes before the time is up, remind parents that their time is nearly finished.

Cheating and mobile phones are not allowed. It's a good idea to keep an eye on parents as they're doing the test in case they have any questions for you.

How do I mark the test?

You'll receive an answer key for each test. After the parents have finished their tests, check their answers against the answer key, and write down how many questions they got right. (Just like your teachers do.) Then, check whether their score is Above, Around or Below the Dubai average, and circle the correct result on the last page of their question booklet.

How long does the test take to finish?

Parents are allowed a maximum of 20 minutes to finish the test.

What rules should parents follow during the test?

Parents are not allowed to talk, use their phones, or throw food at each other during the test.

What do I do if I see someone cheating during the test?

Tell them that you're going to write a note to their parents. That should stop them!

My parents want to take Test4Good. How can I help them to prepare?

There are lots of things you can do! Show them what you've been studying in maths and science at school. The Test4Good website has sample tests to do, and the TIMSS website also has a lot of practice tests. Encourage them to read as much as possible, because half the test is reading!

What if I have more questions?

Please send an email to info@test4good.ae and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.