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# WEEKLY BRIEFING 05 FEBRUARY 2024 | 26 RAJAB 1445

Assalamualaikum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakatu. We make du'a In-sha'Allāh this briefing reaches you all in good health and emaan.

Please read about our eventful week full of learning, fun and personal development, Alhamdulilāh.

# JUST ONE WEEK LEFT

It's great to see the emphasis on revision and mock exams for Year 10s and 11s as they prepare for their GCSEs. Indeed, this period leading up to exams is crucial for focused study and preparation. Parents need to be actively involved in supporting their children during this time.

Setting up study timetables and ensuring adherence to them is an excellent strategy to maintain discipline and focus. Limiting gaming during weekdays and weekends is also a wise decision, as it helps prioritize academic responsibilities over leisure activities. Encouraging alternative activities like board games, walks, and dialogue fosters both mental stimulation and family bonding, contributing positively to overall well-being.

Supporting children with their studies at home, even if it requires sacrifices, is essential for their academic success. Providing this kind of tough love demonstrates a commitment to their education and sets the expectation that effort and dedication are necessary for achievement.

Ultimately, maintaining a balance between academic rigour and personal well-being is key. By instilling discipline and support now, parents can help their children build strong study habits and work ethic that will serve them well in the future.

#### NASIHAH



On Wednesday, the nasihah session was postponed due to two-year groups being away on a career education trip. However, on Thursday, our assistant head, Ustaadh Azmol, spoke to all the pupils about the dangers of radicalisation. He taught pupils how to recognise extremism and radical ideas and views, along with the importance of communication, including talking to parents and teachers about concerns or worries. We prayed that Allah Azzawajjal protects all our pupils, Ameen.

## ZOO VISITS US!









It was quite an exciting and educational experience for the Year 7 class, Alhamdulilah. Exposing pupils to a variety of animals from different parts of the world was a fascinating way to learn about biodiversity and animal behaviour.

Encounters with animals like the Asian Burmese

python, the Australian stick insect, and the Mexican red rump tarantula sparked curiosity and provided valuable insights into the unique characteristics of each species. While some pupils might have been initially apprehensive, these encounters often led to memorable learning experiences and could even have helped overcome fears or misconceptions about certain animals.

Additionally, having the opportunity to see animals like the Mongolian rabbit, Hermanns tortoise, African bullfrog, barn owl, chinchilla, and giant centipede up close allowed pupils to appreciate Allah's amazing creation, the diversity of life on Earth and gain a deeper understanding of ecosystems and habitats around the world.

Overall, hands-on experiences with animals enriched classroom learning and fostered a sense of wonder and appreciation for the natural world. It was great to hear that the students had such a memorable and educational encounter with these unfamiliar visitors!



Our Work Experience Scheme takes place on **4-8 March 2024** and will involve your son undertaking a one-week work experience placement. We expect that every pupil will take part in this excellent opportunity to gain valuable employability skills, knowledge, and a work reference for further studies/job applications.

#### Please assist your son in securing a great work placement!

#### SAFEGUARDING

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 10

Have you considered your child's risks in school, out of school and at home? Have you noticed any change in their behaviour? Talk to us about it – even if it seems small.

The well-being officer, Moulana Junaid and DSLs, Ustaadh Azmol, Ustaadh Abir, Moulana Shahidullah, Moulana Ibrahim, and Ustaadh Azharul are on hand to discuss any worries. Call us or email us!

### APPRENTICESHIP SHOW



Year 10 and 11 pupils attended the apprenticeship show in Coventry's Building Society area. They met representatives from the RAF, Army, Police, and many other organisations that offer apprenticeships and training for post-16 education. The pupils learned about the various opportunities available and gained insight into potential career paths through apprenticeships. The pupils were outstanding in their conduct and behaviour coming away with some extremely valuable information to help them better understand their future options, Alhamdulilah.

#### **CLUBS & BOOSTERS**

Football: Monday Homework: Wednesday Basketball: Thursday Reading: Friday

#### КНИТВАН



Our Year 9 pupil, Moutasim Hossain, delivered a remarkable Khutbah on the topic of Sabr (patience), Alhamdulillah. And our Year 7 pupil, Mustafa Khan, gave a beautiful Adhaan, Masha'Allah.



May Allah <sup>4</sup>/<sub>2</sub> reward them both in abundance, keep them steadfast in their Ibaadah, make them both great scholars and da'ees and guide all of us to the straight path, Ameen. Handball Competition 5 February Police 'Precious Lives' workshop 8 February Friday Fundraiser for the school 9 February End-of-term assembly 9 February Half-term Holiday 12-16 February School re-opens 19 February

# DAR UPDATE

The Dar points are as follows:



This term, being so short, has made the competition between the Dars very close and competitive. We anticipate some possible changes to the top after our handball competition, and then we'll end the week with certificates. It will be interesting to see if the other Dars push themselves to get to the top. That will only be possible if the Dar works as a team and ensures they get as many house points as possible. Go for it boys!



Thank you for taking out some time to read our briefing – JazakumAllāhukhairan