

WEEKLY BRIEFING

11 DECEMBER 2023 | 29 JUMADA AL-ULA 1445

Dear Respected Parents and Carers,

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, Alhamdulillah.

KEEPING FOCUS

Pupils have been advised this week to keep their focus, and not relax as assessments are over, but rather advance and take benefit of lessons being back in full flow. Also, pupils were reminded to bring their jackets and the correct clothes as it is essential to keep warm, when the weather drops to very cold temperatures.

With the last two weeks remaining, we are all very excited to end the term on a positive. We plan to finish the year demonstrating that strong progress has been made, and by celebrating our successes, Insha'Allah.

NASIHAH



Wednesday's nasihah was delivered by our head of Alimi & senior scholar, Moulana Dr Abdul Matin on the topic of respecting our teachers. He reminded pupils of many famous stories of the Sahaba (*May Allah be pleased with them*), the Tabbe'ee and Tabba Tabbe'ee on how they behaved towards their teachers. Pupils were able to reflect on interactions with their teachers and how they may perhaps improve this.

We ask Allah ﷻ to reward our teachers for their efforts, and give them an abundance of barakah in all that they do. May Allah ﷻ bless our pupils, scholars, and teachers, our ulema, Moulana Dr Abdul Matin, the staff and our beloved pupils, and give them all jazaa/khair in this world and the hereafter.

SAFEGUARDING

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!

CLUBS & BOOSTERS

Football and Basketball club has restarted for KS3 & KS4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Football club is every Tuesday, and Basketball is on Thursdays, both 4:15 pm to 5 pm for KS3, and 5 pm to 5:45 pm for KS4.

English & Maths boosters have restarted for both KS3 and KS4. Homework club continues every Wednesday from 4:30 pm until 6 pm for pupils struggling to complete homework regularly.

Reading club for KS3 pupils continues every Friday from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm.

PIONEERS RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed our school trip to the Pioneer's centre, even though they were staying a full two nights away from home. We believe these unique experiences develop our pupils' characters, resilience and communication skills, as they navigate themselves in a new location, interact with new people, their peers and teachers, and try out challenging tasks – while overcoming their fears.

We were impressed with our pupils' behaviour and conduct throughout and everyone seemed to enjoy the activities and food on offer. Pupils prayed together and read Qur'an together with the intention of strengthening their relationship with Allah ﷻ, and to encourage one another in performing good actions and deeds consistently.



Pupils demonstrated their courage when attempting the high ropes challenge and zip-lining, along with their accuracy and focus when taking part in the laser tag session.

Football dominated the free-time resulting in some tired pupils and some unfortunately with muscle aches and pains. Others had fun mastering table tennis and pool, or playing board games with their teachers.

We ask Allah ﷻ to keep them safe and protect them from any types of harm, Ameen.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 10



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!

VISIT TO A LOCAL MANDIR



The Year 8 pupils visited a local Mandir, a place of worship for Hindus, and they spoke to one of their faith leaders. He explained their core beliefs and important practices, ending with allowing pupils to ask questions.

Pupils initially were surprised, not having been to such a place before, but they very quickly settled after listening to the charismatic speaker. Pupils asked many questions to further understand their beliefs, such as 'why do Hindus make idols if they have not seen God?', to which they replied, 'we gave it a form, to help us better focus'. The speaker also highlighted how Sikhism is very much intertwined with some of their concepts of life after death, such as reincarnation.

Our pupils left better understanding another faith community, interacting with other faith leaders and seeing a local place of worship for Hindus. We believe it is vital to allow pupils to gain these experiences, as it encourages dialogue between different faith communities and builds a sense of community, and cohesion.

Our pupils also left, feeling enormously motivated to practice their own faith, as they find comfort knowing that Islam is their belief, which they are truly grateful for. We ask Allah ﷻ to guide us all to the straight path, and give us a good ending, Ameen.

TRIP TO BOSNIA

We have the opportunity to travel to Bosnia & Herzegovina in February 2024. The proposed dates are **Sunday 4 - Thursday 8 February 2024**, flying from London to Sarajevo and return. The total cost is only **£525** per pupil.

The trip includes:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">✈ Flights from London to Sarajevo and return🏠 Accommodation in the heart of Sarajevo🚌 Transport all around Bosnia🎿 2 Full days of skiing in the mountains🌃 An experience of skiing in the night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🛡 All safety equipment📖 Learning the Islamic history of Bosnia and Herzegovina through a guided tour🕊 Visiting and learning about the massacre of Muslims in Srebrenica.🕌 Visiting the many beautiful and historic mosques of the country🌊 Swimming under waterfalls (optional)
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This is a fantastic opportunity for all to enjoy some time in a Muslim country and to learn about the history of Bosnia. We require a minimum of 6 pupils to make this trip a possibility. Contact us to register your interest.

KHUTBAH

Our Year 8 pupil, Ibrahim Shire, delivered a commandingly confident khutbah on Friday reminding all about the importance of refraining from arrogance and practicing humility. He narrated the stories from the Prophet Adam (A.S), the incident with Shaitaan mentioned in the Qur'an and the reference of both traits by the last and final messenger, the Prophet ﷺ. Our Year 7 pupil, Muhammad Mustafa Khan beautifully recited the Adhaan, Masha'Allah, Allahumma Barik Lahuma.



May Allah ﷻ 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.



YEAR 10 FOOTBALL MATCH

Our Year 10 boys played against Madinatul Uloom on Monday. They gave it all they had, but came up short losing 4-2. The match was very competitive, and at 2-2 it was anybody's game. The next goal changed the game and as our team tried to claw back the goal, coming very close, and even missing out on getting a penalty decision, we conceded another goal towards the end. The final score line did not reflect the competitive nature of the game, and we are very proud of the pupils' efforts, manners and overall conduct. We would like to thank Ustaadh Sulaiman for his outstanding coaching and dedication, JazakAllahkhairan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 9 Football Match against Madinatul Uloom – Tuesday 12 December
Table Tennis Competition – Thursday 14 December
Football Competition – This week/Next week
Debate Competition – Postponed
Arabic Day – 18 December
Year 7 Parent Day – Wednesday 20 December, 9am – 11:30am
Year 8-11 Parent Day – Thursday 21 December, 8:30am-12:30pm



DAR UPDATE

Dar Ibrahim are racing ahead! With two weeks remaining and some fun competitions on the way, do they have any energy left or are they drained from a sprint? We wait to see if they paced themselves well as it can all change in a few weeks.

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