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WEEKLY BRIEFING

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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.

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Welcome to our first weekly briefing of this academic year. Every Monday we will inform you about our previous eventful week full of learning, fun and personal development as well as highlight what is to come ahead!

Last week all staff focused on training pupils to understand our systems and policies. We held extra assemblies, teacher and pupil time and some additional breaks. Everyone enjoyed the gorgeous weather, alongside catching up with friends and making new ones.



All pupils have been given their timetables, homework diaries and writing/text books to get started. We also had some baseline tests to inform our staff of what your son already knows! We will use this information to track progress, Insha'Allah.

We will try our best to communicate with you and you are always welcome to contact us if you have any queries.

SAFEGUARDING

Have you considered the risks your child faces 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 wellbeing officer, Moulana Junaid and DSLs, Ustaadh Azmol, Moulana Shahidullah, Moulana Ibrahim, and Ustaadh Azharul are on hand to discuss any worries. Call us or simply email!

OPEN DAY

On **Wednesday 11 October** we will hold an Open Day for prospective parents. The event will take place from **5pm to 6:30pm**, where we will explain how our school works and how we differ from others.

If you know anyone from friends and family who may be interested in sending their son to an Islamic school, let them know about us. Inform them of the date, and instruct them to contact us to register their interest.

HOUSE ALLOCATIONS FOR NEW PUPILS

Our second day was extremely significant as new pupils' were allocated to their new Houses/Dars. Once chosen to represent a house, pupils met with their house members consisting of pupils from all the different year groups. It was a fun event as they will remain in their Dars until their school journey ends. We have six Houses/Dars – Dar Nuh, Dar Musa, Dar Isa, Dar Yusuf, Dar Ibrahim & Dar Sulaiman.



NASIHAH



The first whole school nasihah session taught and explained to pupils how they should be developing into young men, what behaviours are expected of them and how to go about accomplishing this in their lives. Pupils were intrigued and left with some important insights and ideas. We pray these sessions benefit them immensely and change their behaviour towards practicing the sunnah in all that they do.

May Allah 48 bless our scholars and teachers, Ustaadh Hasnain, the staff and pupils, and give them all jazaa/khair in this world and the hereafter.



KHUTBAH

Our Year 11 pupil Wakil Rahman delivered a sensational khutbah on Friday talking about Ihsan, and how to attain the rank of a Muhsin. His speech was constantly motivating pupils instructing them to aim high in all areas of life especially the after-life. He then led the prayers with some heart-soothing recitation, Alhamdulilah.

The adhaan was also beautifully recited by our Year 9 pupil, Kazi Sinan.

May Allah 4 reward them both in abundance, make them great scholars and da'ees and guide all of us to the straight path, Ameen.



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION

Next week, Monday 18 September we will kick off our house competitions by holding a general knowledge competition. During this event, pupils will be selected by their houses to represent them. Teachers will be asking participants tricky questions related to all types of worldly topics. We believe this competition gives our pupils the opportunity to understand the wider world and then explore areas of interest typically not found in National Curriculum subjects. A really fun but educational event, Alhamdulilah.



Abu Hurairah (RA) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Allah makes the way to Jannah easy for him who treads the path in search of knowledge." [Muslim].

Inauguration Program

Chief guest Shaykh Salim Nawab Shaykhul Hadith, Madani Girls Madrasah, London

Sunday 17 September 2023

@2:00pm (after zuhar)

Venue: Jami Mosque & Islamic centre 521-527 Coventry Road, Birmingham B10 0LL

Qur'an recitation, Nasheed, Speech and Sabaq Inauguration * Brothers and sisters welcome * Food will be served



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SABAQ PROGRAM

All pupils are requested to attend our Sabaq inauguration program this coming Sunday from 2pm onwards. Zuhur prayers are at 1:45pm, so this is the best time to attend. We will have Quran recitals, nasheeds and speeches along with a special guest, Shaykh Salim Nawab.

As this is an important part of the school's vision to create future scholars and to pursue Islamic knowledge, we ask all parents to attend and most importantly to bring your sons. **Pupils should attend in uniform.**

After the event, food will be served, Insha'Allah.

We pray you can attend this auspicious event, but if not, let us know anyway to help us plan. It would be great if you can manage to rearrange your busy schedule to attend this one-off yearly event.

Insha'Allah we will see you soon.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS





This week we have our student council elections. All pupils interested in becoming a school councillor will need to prepare a two-minute speech and deliver it on Thursday to their classes, aiming to persuade their fellow classmates to vote for them and elect them as a councillor.

Help your son prepare so they have the best chance of winning. Last year, student councillors initiated many new practices and systems like the football timetable/rota, school fun day activities, staggered breaks, planning school trips just to name some, playing a pivotal role in representing the voices of their classes.

There are two positions available for every year group. The elections will take place on Friday, Insha'Allah.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils are currently looking extraordinary and smart as this is the start of the school academic year. But from our experience, as the days go by, pupils start to let go of their appearance, often coming in with incorrect uniform and simply not taking pride in how they present themselves.

We ask you support them by ensuring they possess two sets of uniform that are kept clean and ironed,



for pupils to wear when arriving to school. Ensure they have their names on their clothes, especially on items such as blazers and hats. Our logo for the blazer is now available in the school office for ± 5 – it will need to be ironed on.

Haircuts are part of our uniform policy, so do not allow your son to attend school with the incorrect haircut. All sides and top must be of same length, and the grades can be from zero to six, so a grade six on the sides will require a grade six on the top.

The AlManor shop on Coventry Road has all the Darul Uloom uniform you need. If you are finding it difficult to find something suitable, visit them as soon as possible and let them know you are after Darul Uloom uniform – they will sort you out! Please let us know if you have any questions regarding uniform.

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 to secure a great work placement!**





Over the summer, we celebrated our GCSE exam results 2023. We were absolutely thrilled with the outstanding results and achievements of all our Year 11 pupils, Alhamdulilah. We achieved 100% grade 9-4 in many subjects, even with our pupils having to study both the national curriculum and madrasah curriculum. We would like to give praise to Allah Azzawajal for granting our pupils such success, and thanks to the staff who drove these pupils to work hard and lastly to all the parents who sacrificed so much to send them here.

We pray these amazing pupils can now continue onto the next stage of their education journey with success and piety. All of them will be dearly missed.

DAR UPDATE

After week one, the house points collated from hard work, effort, good manners etc are as follows. A strong start for Dar Yusuf and Dar Ibrahim. Remember, a great start will help build momentum, so go for it all!

