



**WEEKLY BRIEFING**  
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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.

**TERM 2.1 ENDS**

We wrapped up the half-term in the blink of an eye! In this short span, our pupils have shown remarkable progress across all areas of their schooling. This achievement is attributed to our focused approach this term, where we ensured constant assessment of learning and provided ample opportunities for information recall. Additionally, we encouraged the development of a diverse set of skills through engaging activities such as house competitions, school trips, and guest speaker sessions.

As we enter the holiday period, we urge all our pupils to utilize their time wisely. Prioritise timely prayers, complete homework diligently, and maintain a regular revision schedule. Make the most of this break by spending quality time with family, engaging in meaningful discussions, enjoying board games, and reflecting on Islamic teachings. Your dedication will undoubtedly have a profoundly positive impact on your child's life, and we pray that Allah Azzawajjal rewards all our parents abundantly. Ameen.

**NASIHAH**

On Wednesday, we were blessed to have Shaikh Said Abdurahman lead the nasihah session, Alhamdulillah. He emphasised the immense rewards awaiting those who remain steadfast in their faith and engage in righteous deeds, ultimately earning the shade of Allah Azzawajjal on the Day of Judgment. Shaikh Said passionately encouraged the pupils to dedicate themselves to striving for the sake of Allah Azzawajjal.

In addition to this powerful message, Shaikh Said provided valuable insights into the significance of the month of Sha'ban, advising everyone to begin preparing for Ramadan. His words served as a timely reminder for us all to make the most of this sacred time and to embark on our spiritual preparations for the blessed month ahead.



## 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!**

## HANDBALL COMPETITION



Our handball competition did not disappoint exceeding all expectations. It was a fast-paced and entertaining game offering a thrilling experience for both the players and spectators. The media team did a fantastic job of organising the sound systems and the recording of the games, allowing us to capture and cherish every memorable moment. In a display of skill and determination, Dar Musa emerged victorious in the KS3 category, while Dar Isa triumphed in the KS4 division. Masha'Allah, their successes reflect not only their prowess in the sport but also their dedication and teamwork.

## WELLBEING FOCUS



On Monday, our students engaged in a session focused on well-being, during which they watched insightful videos and learned the practice of belly breathing. This simple yet powerful technique aids in relaxation and clearing the mind, providing an easy and effective method to feel rejuvenated. Encouraging them to incorporate this practice into their daily routine fosters a sense of upliftment that can be accessed anytime, anywhere.

## 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!

## FRIDAY FUNDRAISER



From the proceeds of our non-uniform day, as well as our successful cake and samosa sale, we were able to raise an impressive £200. However, the generosity didn't stop there. Through the additional contributions from our parents, an incredible £600 was added, bringing the total raised for our playground initiative to a staggering £800. This achievement brings us within touching distance of our target, as we now stand only £500 away from acquiring new playground markings. Let us know if you can help!

May Allah Azzawajal accept the donations of every individual involved and multiply their blessings manifold.

## PRECIOUS LIVES WORKSHOP – ORGANISED BY WEST MIDLANDS POLICE



Pupils were privileged to hear a powerful message about the significance of making informed life choices to steer clear of the perils of crime, knife violence, and incarceration. Gary Williams, a reformed offender who has experienced firsthand the consequences of his actions, courageously shared his journey with our students as part of the Precious Lives program, organised by West Midlands Police.



With candor and bravery, Gary recounted his life experiences, including his life sentence and the regrettable violations of various laws. He explained the laws around joint enterprise, why pupils should not use social media to show off knives, and the importance of making the right choices. Pupils left the session understanding the consequences of their actions can affect not just themselves but so many others.



We ask Allah subhanawataalah to keep all our children safe and away from harm, Ameen.

## KHUTBAH

Our Year 10 pupil, Abdur Rahman Ibna Hamid, delivered an amazing Khutbah on the topic of Rahmah (Mercy), Alhamdulillah. And our Year 7 pupils, Soheyb Jamil Ghama El Farsi and Mohammad Ismail, both gave a beautiful Adhaan, Masha'Allah.

May Allah ﷻ reward our pupils in abundance, keep them steadfast in their Ibaadah, make them great scholars and da'ees and guide all of us to the straight path, Ameen.



## SHA'BAN: the gateway to Ramadan

The month of Sha'ban is the gateway to the month of Ramadan. This is a very blessed month. The prophet (PBUH) has given much importance towards this month.

Usamah bin Zaid said:

*"I said: 'O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting any month as much as Shaban.' He said: 'That is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which the deeds are taken up to the Lord of the worlds, and I like that my deeds be taken up when I am fasting.'"*

(Sunan an-Nasa'i 2357)



As Muslims we need to utilise this month in useful way. Let us take advantage our free time and gain maximum benefit from the month of Sha'ban. The recommended actions are as follows:

1. Making up all the missed out fast in the last Ramadan for valid excuses. Specially women who have missed fast of Ramadan due to menstruation need to make up their fast before another Ramadan starts. It was the practice of Ayesha (RA).

It was narrated that Abu Salamah said: *"I heard 'Aishah say: 'I used to owe fasts from the month of Ramadan, and I would not make them up for until Sha'ban came.'"* (Ibn Majah)

2. Fasting more in the month of Sha'ban. There is no authentic hadith for just one day of fast on 15th of this month. Although rasulullah (SA) used to fast most of the days of Sha'ban we can at least fast the white days 14, 13 (أيام البيض) and 15 of Sha'ban.

'A'isha, the Mother of the Believers (Allah be pleased with her), reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ used to fast (so continuously) that we said that he would not break, and did not fast at all till we said that he would not fast. And I did not see the Messenger of Allah ﷺ completing the fast of a month, but that of Ramadan, and I did not see him fasting more in any other month than that of Sha'ban. (Sahih Muslim)

3. The middle night of Sha'ban has some significance as it is the night in which Allah forgives people except those who are mushrik and those who are in fight between them. So, the right manner would be to seek Allah's forgiveness in the 15th night of Sha'ban and be engaged in individual ibadah.
4. Donating to the poor people. The practice of the early generation of this ummah is that they used to donate to the poor more in Sha'ban so that they do not need to extend their hands to others in the month of Ramadan. This year Ramadan will be very difficult for many people because of loss of earning for lockdown. Taking this opportunity, we need to donate maximum for our parents, poor relatives, poor people in general. Let us make this month a month of giving.
5. Taking preparation physically and mentally for the great month of Ramadan. For that avoid fasting after mid Sha'ban. Also do not fill your house with extra shopping for Ramadan. This blessed month is coming for us to practice patience and increase our Taqwa not to increase our tommy.

May Allah give us tawfiq to be steadfast in this time of test and enable us to gain benefit from Sha'ban and prepare for the blessed month of Ramadan.

Mohammad Shahid Ullah Azhari

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday: 12-16 February  
School reopens: 19 February  
Yr 10/11 RAF Museum: 22 February

## CERTIFICATES AND TERM 2.1 DAR WINNERS

The Dar competition this term was very competitive considering the short half-term. Although we had Dar Yusuf and Dar Nuh leading most of the term, we had a surprise winner, Dar Sulaiman, Masha'Allah. Dar Sulaiman was consistent throughout the term, both earning points and ensuring they did not lose them – winning by 11 points.



We are very proud of Dar Sulaiman for getting this win and pray they can continue their winning ways into the second half of term 2, Insha'Allah. The final points for all the Dars were as follows:

625	390	603	636	611	514
					

We ended our term 2.1 celebrating the top merit/house point earners and teacher awards for the best in their subjects. These pupils all deserved recognition for their hard work and we pray Allah Azzawajal gives them success in both worlds, Ameen.



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