



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.

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

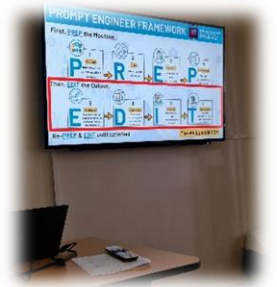
A SHORT BUT A SUBSTANTIAL WEEK!



Pupils and staff had to quickly adjust from their previous week off and get back into gear to continue the important learning journey. After a week's pause, and an Inset day, all of us felt the weight of retuning, and rebuilding the momentum we had prior to our half-term holiday.

We began our week in the Masjid, reminding all the pupils and staff of our purpose in life, our intentions being in such an institute, the importance of knowledge, our ambitions going forward and how we will be succeeding, Insha'Allah.

Our teachers attended an Inset day on Monday with other Islamic schools organised by the Association of Muslim Schools. We were able to network with other teachers, understand good practices in education, and attend workshops by professionals. Our staff left the training day better understanding how to use tech tools to support teaching and how pupils can best learn using the concept of metacognition.



We pray our staff can improve teaching and learning in our school as a result of attending these Inset days, positively benefitting our pupils.

NASIHAH

Wednesday's nasihah was delivered by our assistant head, Ustaadh Hasnain Ali. He explained the dangers of vaping, the reasons why it is not permissible as a Muslim, and how to stay away from such things, so our pupils do not fall into this awful practice.

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



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, Ustaadh Abir, Moulana Shahidullah, Moulana Ibrahim, and Ustaadh Azharul are on hand to discuss any worries. Call us or simply email!

CLUBS & BOOSTERS

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

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

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

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!

PIONEERS RESIDENTIAL TRIP



We are excited to announce our residential trip to the Pioneers Centre has been booked **from 8 December to 10 December** located in Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster DY14 8JG.

There will be a number of activities pupils can take part in while at the centre, such as abseiling, big bounce, high ropes, caving, challenge courses and much more. Furthermore, hot food will be provided during the stay.

We plan to leave after Jummah on **Friday 8 December** getting to the location by 4pm. We plan to return early afternoon on **Sunday 10 December** so pupils can rest before coming back to school on Monday.

The total cost is **£115**, which includes travel, food, activities and accommodation. Let us know if you would like your son to attend. As payment was due last week, it will need to be paid as soon as possible.

KHUTBAH



Our Year 11 pupil Wakil Rahman delivered a powerful khutbah on Friday highlighting the superb characteristics of the Prophet ﷺ, which made him the best of da'ees. Our Year 7 pupil, Saleh Aldayel wonderfully called 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.



VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT

As part of our reading drive, our Year 7 & 8 joined a live virtual author event run by the Book Trust on Friday. The author was the world-renowned S.F Said, with books like Varjak Paw and his award-winning new book, Tyger.



He was able to inspire our pupils to want to read and write more, as pupils were able to relate to him being a Muslim. He explained his own journey and struggles, the challenges he overcame coming from a Muslim family and having a background of non-writers. He shared how it took him 5 years to complete one of his books, how amazing!

We pray our pupils can become strong readers and writers, so they can be successful in their studies and the future beyond school, Insha'Allah.

PARENT CONFERENCE



We were very happy to have had 21 participants for our online parent conference on Thursday. May Allah Azzawajal bless you all for attending and taking part. However, we would like this number to grow over the coming year, Insha'Allah. Our parent conferences help the school and parents communicate better with one another, Alhamdulillah.



We discussed a number of areas including: the current trend of vaping amongst 11-17-year olds, how to correctly use our homework diaries, the increase to our school fees next academic year, the concern about Labour's VAT on school fees proposal, the importance of strong attendance/punctuality, our homework expectations, current boosters we have on offer, over reading drive, our new year 7 spaces remaining/open day and the JMJC's Jamiah programme for over 16s.

We were able to answer many parent questions too, regarding the upcoming parent day, the clubs we offer and much more. A summary of the event was sent out to all parents, please have a read in your spare time.

CAREERS EVENT – VIRTUAL VISIT FROM A MEDICAL DOCTOR / RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR



Our careers education allows pupils to understand the fantastic opportunities that await them beyond school. To develop their knowledge around careers, the school arranged a live meeting between a qualified and experienced medical doctor, Dr Omar Taha and our eager pupils.

Dr Omar is not just a medical doctor, but he also has knowledge of Islamic scholarship being a serving Imam, making him a brilliant role model, demonstrating how one can learn about Islam and teach/practice it, alongside being successful in one's career.

He spoke about his journey in becoming a medical doctor, his experiences, his challenges, and how he balances his Islamic commitments with his demanding career. He was able to show our pupils they can achieve the highest levels in both Islamic and secular education.

May Allah subhanawatalah bless Dr Omar, reward him for giving us some of his invaluable time, and keep him steadfast, Ameen.

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

Pupils were taught last week about how democracy works in the UK, the system of our parliament and how to utilise this knowledge to help themselves and others.

Our pupils took the opportunity to write a letter to their local MPs, expressing their concerns and dismay to the news reports/footage of the killing of thousands of innocent Palestinians. They asked their MPs to influence the Government to help put a stop this situation immediately.

We pray for all the deceased, that Allah Azzawajal gives them Jannahtul Firdous, that He gives strength, Sabr and hope to all those suffering in this time of extreme difficulty.



THE TWO HOUSES

Explore who's who in the two Houses and what they do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spelling Competition – Monday 13 November
Year 7/8 Football Match against Madinatul Uloom - Tuesday 14 November
Homework Club – Wednesday 15 November
Reading Club – Friday 17 November



DAR UPDATE

Term 1.2 has started with a bang! The house points are as follows:

1524	1322	1360	1281	1624	1498

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