# Darul Uloom ISLAMIC HIGH SCHOOL BIRMINGHAM





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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.

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

## SPELLING COMPETITION SUCCESS

We began last Monday with our annual spelling competition for our Key Stage Three pupils. These competitions always enhance our pupils' vocabulary due to the diverse range of words being discussed, Alhamdulilah. The competition helps pupils improve spelling accuracy through their focused practice, and it boosts memory and cognitive skills. The competition promoted not only academic excellence but also valuable social and teamwork skills among our KS3 pupils.

From among our Dar representatives put forward by their Dars, the participating pupils are known to be generally shy and of quiet nature, but the competition boosted their confidence and highlighted their positive attitude towards learning. Our English teachers did a great job in fostering a healthy sense of competition that motivated our pupils to excel.

The winners were Dar Ibrahim, represented by Rafid Mahabub, with Dar Isa taking second place represented by Mohammed Yousaf Khan, and third place going to Dar Nuh represented by Raihan Hussain.

We pray our pupils can improve their attention to detail, and hone their writing skills to prepare themselves for the future academic challenges they will face, and that this experience lays the groundwork for a lifelong love of language, Insha'Allah. May Allah Azzawajjal bless them all in abundance.







## 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.

#### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK FOCUS**



Wednesday's nasihah was delivered by our wellbeing officer Moulana Junaid, regarding our anti-bullying week. He held a conference along with the nasihah, giving opportunities to our pupils to share with others past negative experiences and challenges, that they have managed, sought help for and have now overcome.

Our anti-bullying week raised awareness about bullying, educated our pupils on different forms of bullying, increased pupils' knowledge of the Islamic teachings about bullying, and wonderfully promoted the concept of empathy.

The week emphasised prevention and intervention strategies, contributing to the school's safe and inclusive culture. We also addressed cyberbullying, empowering our pupils with knowledge and skills to stand up against bullying, fostering a sense of agency. Our focus on long-term behavioural change and emotional wellbeing creates an environment where pupils feel supported and valued, Alhamdulilah. Ultimately, the week played a key role in shaping a positive school culture that actively discourages bullying and prioritises respectful behaviour.





To continue with this drive throughout the year, Moulana Junaid trained ten pupils to become anti-bullying ambassadors. The ambassadors made themselves known to the pupils, offering to help their classmates if they are experiencing any forms of bullying, and they also vowed to work hard to stop all forms of bullying.

May Allah 4 bless our pupils, scholars, and teachers, our ulema, Moulana Junaid, the staff and our beloved pupils, and give them all jazaa/khair in this world and the hereafter.

## **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!



## YEAR 7/8 FOOTBALL MATCH

We had a super game against Madinatul Uloom on Tuesday. Our Year 7/8 team were able to secure a well-earned win, heroically holding on to a 4-3 lead until the last seconds of the game.

Ustaadh Sulaiman trained them very well, coaching and guiding them throughout the game, and when his instructions were being followed, our boys were untouchable!

BarakAllahfeekum to all the parents who came to cheer on their sons as it created a fun but competitive atmosphere.

May Allah Azzawajal bless all our pupils, our incredible teacher Ustaadh Sulaiman and all the parents that attended, keeping everyone in good health and with strong emaan, Ameen.



## SAFEGUARDING ASSEMBLY



Pupils were taught the dangers of nitrous oxide, better known as laughing gas or balloons in the street.

Pupils were educated about the serious damaging health consequences when taking this drug, the current laws around this trend, and the Islamic teachings of refraining from harmful substances such as drugs.

They heard an account of a young man from Birmingham who was regularly inhaling the gas, which led to him becoming paralysed. He also explained how inhaling the gas directly led to his friend suffering oxygen deprivation, asphyxiation leading to his death.

We ask all parents to remain vigilant, looking out for small metal cannisters and report any issues, worries or concerns to us immediately. May Allah subhanawatalah protect our youth, Ameen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fiqh and Shaksiyat competition 22/23 November End of term exams, 27-30 November

### DAR UPDATE

## The house points at the start of this week are as follows:





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