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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.

WELLBEING DRIVE







Our wellbeing officer arranged an array of activities throughout last week, promoting wellness for pupils and staff. These included walks to the local park where pupils enjoyed some fresh air, while being reminded to ponder

over the magnificent creation of Allah Azzawajal as instructed in the Holy Qur'an.







Pupils enjoyed an additional daily five-minute break during lunchtime, using the time to talk to one another, play basketball or take part in Archery. Pupils and staff were encouraged to increase the spreading of 'salaam' and to engage in more discussions between one another during breaks.

We had a special message from the Imam of Central Mosque in Glasgow, Moulana Waliur, who is an expert in dealing with mental health, mindfulness and matters pertaining to counselling. He advised our pupils how to keep oneself healthy both physically and mentally. A visiting speaker, Shaikh Saleem Moola, a former Darul Uloom graduate spoke to our pupils about using spiritual methods to keep the mind strong, highlighting the importance of the pillars such as Salah, Zakat, Sawm etc. Some golden advice was shared by both speakers, helping our pupils understand the importance of staying well in Islam. Ustaadh Azmol delivered a topic relating to safeguarding so pupils can recognise abuse and understand the steps to take to report it.























Staff also positively benefitted from this excellent week, with teachers receiving ready-made tea, sandwiches and cakes giving all some oomph. Detentions miraculously disappeared! Staff were also treated to a short game of cricket allowing them to let out some steam on a poor yellow ball - take a look at these fabulous pictures.

We would like to thank Moulana Junaid for his care, his dedication and immense efforts, making the week a successful and memorable one, JazakAllahkhairan ahsanal Jazaa.

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.

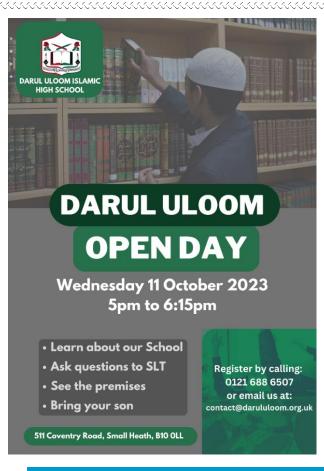
The wellbeing officer, Moulana Junaid and DSLs, Ustaadh Azmol, Ustaadh Abir, Moulana Shahidullah, Moulana Ibrahim, and Ustaadh Azharul are on hand to discuss any worries. Call us or simply email!

CLUBS & BOOSTERS

Football and Basketball club has started 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 started for both KS3 and KS4. Homework club is every Wednesday from 4:30pm until 6pm for pupils struggling to complete homework regularly.

This week we begin our reading club for KS3 pupils, taking place every Friday from 4:15pm to 5:15pm.



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.

As a Darul Uloom, our ambition is always to promote the acquisition of sacred knowledge & the Noble Qur'an alongside achieving great GCSE results.

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"Allah makes the way to Jannah easy for him who treads the path in search of knowledge." [Muslim]

Please assist us further by informing your contacts about our upcoming Open day. Tell your friends and family to attend, to bring their sons, let them know about what the Darul Uloom offers and how your child has benefitted.

May Allāh subhana wa ta'ala reward you for your efforts, Ameen.

NASIHAH



A former Darul Uloom graduate, university lecturer and Principal, Shaikh Saleem Moola delivered this week's weekly nasihah focusing on wellbeing. He shared his personal story, his journey, the significance of seeking help from the Creator and following the sunnah actions of the beloved messenger in times of difficulty. Pupils listened with focus and gained some valuable knowledge and advice, Alhamdulilah.

May Allah bless our pupils, scholars, and teachers, our guest Moulana Saleem Moola, the staff and pupils, and give them all jazaa/khair in this world and the hereafter.

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!

KHUTBAH

Our Year 9 pupil Kazi Sinan delivered a commanding khutbah on Friday reminding everyone of the importance of Salah. The adhaan was also beautifully recited by our Year 7 pupil Saleh Aldayel, Alhamdulilah.





May Allah sereward them both 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Culture Day has moved! Bring some traditional food to school and wear your traditional items of clothing!

This will take place on Thursday 19 October, Insha'Allah.

Our annual Adhaan and Speech Competition will take place from 9 to 12 October, Insha'Allah.

Assessments will take place within lessons towards the end of October just before the holidays.

Our half-term holidays will begin 30 October and end 3 November. We have an Inset day on Monday 6 November. The school reopens for pupils on Tuesday 7 November, Insha'Allah.

DAR UPDATE

After week five, the house points are as follows. Dar Nuh holds the number one spot, taking the lead from Dar Yusuf, who are now a close second. Dar Ibrahim is in third place, and Dar Musa is fourth. Dar Isa is in fifth place and Dar Sulaiman is currently last. The adhaan & speech competition ending on Thursday may change these scores drastically – let us all wait and see!



