

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.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST BRIEFING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR!

Every Monday, we'll keep you updated on the past week's exciting events, filled with learning, fun, and personal growth. We'll also provide a glimpse of what lies ahead in the coming week.



Today, we were thrilled to welcome back all our pupils during the opening assembly held in the Masjid. It was a moment of reflection, as we shared important reminders and concluded with teachers and students exchanging warm greetings of peace, *Assalamualaikum*, with a handshake. The atmosphere was filled with joy as everyone reconnected with friends and adjusted to the madrasah routines, marking a wonderful start to the academic year.

We are committed to keeping the lines of communication open and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

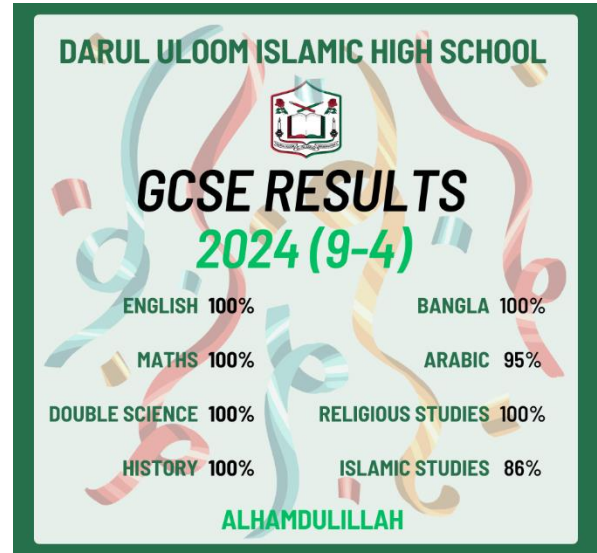
SAFEGUARDING

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

CELEBRATING OUR 2024 GCSE RESULTS

This summer, we had the privilege of celebrating the exceptional GCSE results of our Year 11 pupils, and we couldn't be more thrilled, Alhamdulillah. We give our deepest praise to Allah Azzawajjal for blessing our pupils with such remarkable success.



Notably, 78% of our Year 11 pupils earned at least one grade 9 or 8 and 52% of pupils achieved grade 9/8 in double science. Furthermore, every single pupil achieved grades 9-4 in at least five GCSEs, including both English and Maths.

These achievements are particularly inspiring given the high deprivation factor in our area, limited funds especially in comparison with

state schools, and the significantly lower amount of teaching time for secular subjects as we dedicate 50% of the school's time learning Quran and Islamic studies. Despite this, our pupils have not only excelled academically but have also managed to memorise the Quran alongside their studies.

This dual accomplishment underscores the incredible work ethic and dedication of our pupils, supported by their families, the community, the trustees of the Jami Mosque and Islamic Centre, and all of the school staff. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, whose relentless efforts motivated our pupils to strive for excellence, and to the parents who made significant sacrifices to support their children's education.

Our pupils' success is a powerful testament to the fact that with commitment to Islamic principles, solidarity with the ummah, and the right environment, pupils can overcome adversity, build resilience and achieve outstanding results.

We are proud of our pupils who leave with outstanding achievements, like Wakil, with four grade 8s, four grade 9s and has also memorised the entire Quran. Habib, with one grade 9, four grade 8s, two grade 7s and one grade 5. Adrar with two grade 9s, three grade 8s, one grade 7, one grade 6 and one grade 5. Arham, with one grade 9, three grade 8s, two grade 7s, two grade 6s. Saaim, with one grade 9, two grade 8s, three grade 7s and two grade 6s. And Bilaal, with four grade 8s, the grade 6s and one grade 4, Allahumah Barik.

As these incredible pupils embark on the next stage of their educational journey, we pray for their continued success and piety. They will be dearly missed. May Allah Azzawajjal accept all our efforts, Ameen.

DARUL ULOOM ISLAMIC HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 16 October 2024, 5pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday 22 January 2025, 5pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday 09 April 2025, 5pm - 6:30pm

GCSE RESULTS 2024 (9-4)
English 100%
Maths 100%
Double Science 100%
History 100%
Islamic Studies 86%
Religious Studies 100%
Arabic 95%
Bangla 100%

ISLAMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
Hundreds of Huffadh
Hundreds of Alims
Leading Taraweeh
Leading Khutbahs
Excellent Adab/Akhlaak

- Learn about our school
- Ask questions to the SLT
- See the premises
- Bring you son

Register by calling: 0121 688 6507 or emailing us at: contact@darululoom.org.uk

511 Coventry Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, B10 0LL

UPCOMING OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

We are pleased to announce that on **Wednesday, 16th October**, we will be hosting an Open Day for prospective parents. The event will take place from **5:00pm to 6:30pm**, during which we will provide an overview of our school, highlighting what makes us unique.

Additionally, we have scheduled two more Open Days on **Wednesday, 22nd January 2025**, and **Wednesday, 9th April 2025**, both from **5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**.

Share with your contacts how we provide a holistic approach to education, which not only focuses on academic achievement but also fosters character development, spiritual growth, and a strong sense of community, Alhamdulillah.

If you know any friends or family members who may be interested in enrolling their son in an Islamic school, please share these dates with them and encourage them to contact us to register their interest.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE REMINDER

As we commence the new academic year, our pupils are looking exceptionally smart and well-presented. However, from past experience, we know that as the term progresses, standards can sometimes slip, with students arriving in incorrect uniform or not taking pride in their appearance.

We kindly ask for your support in maintaining these high standards throughout the year. Please ensure your child has at least two sets of uniform, kept clean and ironed, ready to wear each day. It's important that all clothing, especially items like blazers and hats, are clearly labelled with your child's name. Our school blazer logo is now available in the school office for £5 and can be easily ironed on.

Haircuts are also an essential part of our uniform policy. Please ensure that your son adheres to the school guidelines: all sides and the top must be of the same length, with acceptable grades ranging from zero to six. For example, if the sides are cut to a grade six, the top must also be a grade six.

For your convenience, the Al-Manor shop on Coventry Road stocks all Darul Uloom uniform items, should you have difficulty finding what you need.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the uniform, please don't hesitate to contact us. We appreciate your cooperation in helping our students maintain a smart and unified appearance.

Work Experience Scheme: 24th-26th February 2025

We are pleased to announce that our Work Experience Scheme will take place from 24th to 26th February 2025. During this time, your son will participate in a three-day work experience placement away from the school.



This is a fantastic opportunity for every pupil to develop valuable employability skills, gain practical knowledge, and secure a work reference that will be invaluable for future studies or job applications. We strongly encourage all students to take part in this experience.

Please support your son in finding a meaningful work placement that aligns with his interests and aspirations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dar Allocations: Tomorrow

Tomorrow, we look forward to our Dar Allocations, where all new pupils will be assigned to a Dar at random. This is always an exciting and enjoyable event, as both new and returning pupils come together to welcome one another into their teams for the remainder of their time at Darul Uloom. It's a wonderful opportunity to build camaraderie and school spirit.

Careers Meetings: Starting 4th September

From 4th September, Key Stage 4 pupils will have the opportunity to meet with our Careers Lead to discuss their future options and address any questions they may have about life after school. These meetings are an excellent chance for students to gain clarity and guidance on their next steps.

Student Council Elections: 10th September

On 10th September, pupils interested in becoming school councillors will have the chance to present their pitches to their class and request their votes. Voting will occur later in the afternoon, with the results announced the following day. This is a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their leadership skills and contribute to the school community.

Baseline Assessments: 11th to 13th September

From 11th to 13th September, the school will conduct baseline assessments to establish your son's starting points. This data will help us monitor and track his progress throughout the year.

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

