# Darul Uloom ISLAMIC HIGH SCHOOL BIRMINGHAM





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# **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.

#### **HOUSE ALLOCATIONS**

All our new pupils have been allocated to one of the six Dars (houses) at Darul Uloom: Dar Nuh, Dar Musa, Dar Isa, Dar Sulaiman, Dar Ibrahim, and Dar Yusuf. It was an exciting moment for both the pupils and their Dars, as they will remain part of their assigned Dar throughout their time at Darul Uloom.



Each Dar is made up of teachers and a mix of pupils from all year groups. The Dars meet weekly, offer support to one another, and participate in various competitions together. Pupils earn points for their Dar, all with the goal of winning the Dar race and ultimately the house cup at the end of the year. At the end of each half-term, we will tally up the points earned by pupils for their Dars and present the highest-scoring Dar member with an end-of-term Dar Winners Certificate. Each Dar's position in the rankings is important, as points are awarded based on their standing on the leaderboard. Throughout the year, we will track the termly performances of each Dar. The Dar that consistently performs the best and earns the most points will be awarded the prestigious Winners' Cup at the end-of-year graduation ceremony, Insha'Allah.

#### **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!

#### **NASIHAH**

Our pupils were blessed to receive invaluable guidance from our respected Head Imam and Head of Madrasah, Moulana Shahidullah Al-Azhari. With deep conviction, he delivered a nasihah session on the importance of becoming an Alim (Islamic scholar). He made us all aware of the significance of becoming an inheritor of the Prophets. Drawing from the Quran and the teachings of the Prophet (peace be upon him), he emphasised the fundamental role that ilm (Islamic knowledge) plays in shaping our lives.



May Allah Azzawajal shower His blessings on our scholars and teachers, and grant them eternal success in the hereafter, Ameen.

# Work Experience Scheme: 24th-26th February 2025

We are pleased to announce that our Work Experience Scheme will take place from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 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 OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**

We are pleased to announce that on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025, and Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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, Alhamdulilah.

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.

#### CAREERS MEETINGS BEGIN

Careers guidance for Year 11 pupils has started! We believe it is essential as it helps them make informed decisions about their future by providing clarity on available pathways, such as A-levels, Alimiyah, apprenticeships, or vocational training.

Our pupils also had the chance to talk and ask questions, better understanding their future options, boosting their confidence in their long-term plans. Additionally, pupils discussed the importance of key employability skills, the vast career opportunities, and the relevance of their studies to their future success. This will continue throughout the year until all pupils from Year 7-11 have had a meeting regarding careers, Insha'Allah!



#### **KHUTBAH**



Our Year 10 pupil, Ismail Alum, delivered an excellent Khutbah on 'the significance of Rabbi Al-Awwal' Alhamdulillah. He eloquently reminded us of the importance of the Prophet teachings and following them throughout our lifetime, rather than just celebrating his birthday for a day or month. Pupils understood that the companions (radiaAllahuanhum) did not do such things. Additionally, Kazi Sinan, recited the Adhaan beautifully, Masha'Allah.

May Allah abundantly reward our pupils, granting them steadfastness in their worship, nurturing them into great scholars and da'ees, and guiding all of us along the straight path. Ameen.

# **GOLDEN TICKETS**

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Last week, pupils were rewarded for their excellent efforts with our new Golden Ticket scheme. Each Golden Ticket is worth a substantial 10 house points. This term, we will be presenting awards and prizes to pupils who collect the most Golden Tickets, Insha'Allah.

The winners from last week include Moutasim (Year 10), Muawiyah (Year 9), Mohammad P (Year 7), Ibrahim (Year 7), Kazi Sinan (Year 10), Humza Islam (Year 8), and Yaqub (Year 7). Congratulations to all those who earned a Golden Ticket, Masha'Allah! Keep up the hard work!

#### **DAR SCORES**

Dar Musa has had an incredible start, taking the lead after just one week. If they can maintain this momentum, they'll be a tough team to catch! But remember, it's still early days—anything can happen! The other Dars are just as capable of catching up, and with hard work, determination, and teamwork, the leaderboard can shift quickly. Keep pushing forward, stay focused, and may the best Dar claim victory at the end, Insha'Allah!



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **Student Council Elections: 10<sup>th</sup> September**

On 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Seerah Week: 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September

Pupils will be learning about the significance of the Prophet's life (peace be upon him) and taking part in activities centred around this theme.

# **Adhaan Competition: 17<sup>th</sup> September**

The Dars will get together with their representatives competing in delivering a great adhaan, Insha'Allah. The judges will look at factors such as clarity, tone, melody, pronunciation and confidence.

## Culture Day: 25th September

Pupils are encouraged to come dressed in their traditional cultural attire, showcasing the rich diversity within our school community. The day will be filled with a variety of activities designed to make it both enjoyable and meaningful. Celebrating our different cultures is a brilliant way to promote understanding and unity.

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

