# 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.

# STUDENT COUNCIL MEET



Our student councillors held their first meeting last week, focusing on how to ensure fair use of the playground, particularly the football pitch, for everyone. They proposed a rota system for all to follow, along with some ground rules to promote a peaceful and enjoyable playground experience for all students.

The pupils also discussed potential school trips and ways to encourage greater involvement from their peers. We pray that these young leaders will make a positive impact within the school and become strong advocates for their classes.

May Allah 44 guide them to become the future leaders that our Ummah so desperately needs.

# 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.

#### YEAR 10/11 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Our pupils proudly represented Darul Uloom in the ISA football tournament, competing against 19 other independent schools, including Highclare, Heathfield Knoll, Quinton House, Twycross House, Bowbrook House, and St. Dominic's Grammar. Our boys showcased true Muslim sportsmanship—playing with fairness, respect, and strength! Although we didn't make it to the finals, we gave each school a tough match and held our heads high.

Our students also forged friendships with pupils from other schools and represented Darul Uloom with excellence, Alhamdulillah.

This Wednesday, our Year 8 and Year 9 teams will take on new challenges in the Under-14s category, Insha'Allah.

We pray that Allah 4 keeps them safe and well, Ameen. We look forward to celebrating their success, 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!



## **GOLDEN TICKETS**

Last week's Golden Ticket winners are: Ikram (Year 9), Talha (Year 10), Adnan x2 (Year 9), Muawiyah x2 (Year 9), Zeid (Year 7), Kazi (Year 10), Ukamis (Year 8), Sinan (Year 11), Muntasir (Year 9), and Yunus (Year 10), Allahummah Barik lahum.

Congratulations to all those who earned a Golden Ticket, Masha'Allah! Keep up the hard work!

#### NASIHAH



Our pupils were blessed to receive invaluable guidance from our respected Head of Hifdh, Moulana Abdullah Al-Mamun. Drawing from his deep knowledge, he delivered a powerful nasihah session on cultivating the right intentions when learning the Qur'an, while also sharing proven, effective memorisation techniques. It was an inspiring reminder for all in attendance.

May Allah 4 shower His blessings upon our scholars and teachers, and grant them eternal success in the Hereafter. Ameen.

# darul uloom islamic high school OPEN DAYS

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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%
- Learn about our school
  Ask questions to the SLT
  See the premises

Bring you son

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#### 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.

#### ADHAAN COMPETITION



It was a superb event where our pupils showcased their beautiful voices, calling out the best of words, 'Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar.' Each house proudly brought forward three representatives, and after listening to their melodious recitations and powerful words, we crowned a winner.

Masha'Allah, the first-place winner was Zeid from Dar Nuh (Year 7), followed by Yusuf from Dar Sulaiman (Year 7) in second place, and Saeed from Dar Ibrahim (Year 9) taking third.

May Allah 3<sup>th</sup> reward them abundantly and make them among the great *muazzins* of our Ummah, with raised necks on the Day of Judgement, recognised for their merit and honour in calling the *Adhaan*, Ameen.

#### **KHUTBAH**



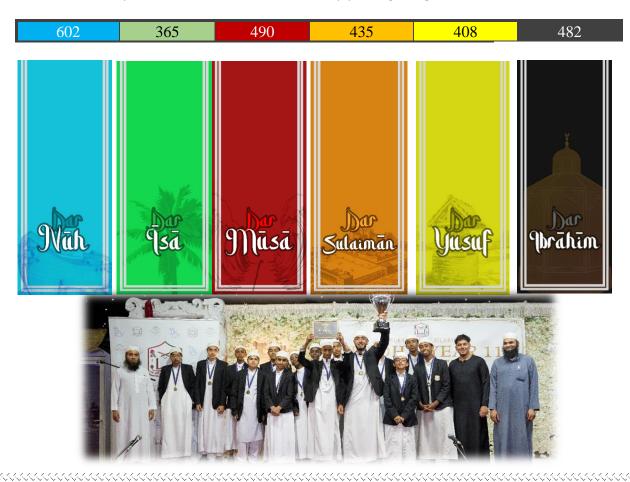
Our Year 9 pupil, Cusman, delivered an excellent Khutbah on 'the significance of following the sunnah of the Prophet ", Alhamdulillah. He articulately reminded us of the importance of the Prophet's teachings and following them throughout our lifetime. "Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah ", you have a good example to follow for him who hopes for Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much." (Quran; 33: 21)

The adhaan was melodiously called by Soheyb (Year 8), Alhamdulilah.

May Allah 4 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.

#### DAR SCORES

Dar Nuh has established a strong lead after the recent competition – well done to them! They've had an impressive start and are shaping up to be a tough team to catch. However, with five weeks remaining until the end of the half-term, there's still plenty of time for the other Dars to close the gap. It will take a collective effort and consistent performance to turn the tables. Keep pushing and go for it!



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Culture Day: 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### General Knowledge Competition: 9th October

While Islamic education one of our core focuses, it is essential for Darul Uloom pupils to gain knowledge about the wider world. Our yearly general knowledge competition encourages learning about various subjects like science, history, geography, and current events, helping pupils become well-rounded individuals.

#### Wellbeing Week: 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> October

Our wellbeing focus raises awareness about mental health, which is often overlooked in Muslim boys. It helps break down the stigma around discussing emotions and mental health challenges, encouraging pupils to be open and seek support when needed, in line with Islamic teachings on caring for oneself and others.

#### Careers – Virtual Work Experience: 16th -17th October

KS4 pupils will be given an opportunity to explore the world of work and life beyond school, engaging with real-world professional environments without the need to travel.

#### Mid-term Assessments: 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> October

These assessments will help provide a snapshot of how well our pupils are grasping the material taught so far. Teachers can use the results to gauge each student's understanding of key topics and concepts, allowing for early identification of those who may be struggling and need additional support. Please ensure your son is going over his classwork at home and revising for the mid-term assessments.

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

