



Community Service Projects The story so far...

"And whoever does good voluntarily, then surely Allah is grateful, knowing." [Sûrah al-Baqarah: 158]

At Eden, it is part of our mission give our students opportunities to provide services to our local communities. We want our girls to become outstanding British citizens who are proud of, and contribute to, the social prosperity and wellbeing of our country. We want our students to realise that volunteering is a "good deed", if done sincerely, and not to show off or to achieve personal benefit.

We arranged a three day community service programme, across the year, involving the girls planning and delivering five different community action projects through various organisations in and around Coventry. The projects involved:

- helping to renovate the garden of a local childrens' nursery;
- working with elderly citizens in a care home;
- creating a guidebook for new arrivals to the country;
- cleaning up Sutton Park in Sutton Coldfield;
- supporting a local refugee centre.

During a planning day on 22nd of March 2016, students were separated into teams of 10, each with a year 9 leader. They worked together to prepare for the delivery of their respective projects and met with people from the organisations that they were supporting.

The delivery of the Community Service Projects took place on a lovely sunny day on the 5th of May. The girls were amazing and the school could not be any prouder of them. The organisations that they supported were hugely impressed by their dedication and motivation. Feedback clearly illustrates this.

"Just to say what a pleasure it was to have the girls help out at the Centre and one of our houses yesterday. They were polite, well behaved, helpful and charming. They have done some wonderful work for us, which eases the burden on our staff and makes the place a more pleasant environment for our clients, those who visit our office and certainly for those who will be living at King Edward's Road."
Jackie, Coventry Refugee Centre.

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From the Principal...

"The believer for the believer is like a solid building, one part strengthens the other"
(Bukhari)

In the school year that is drawing to a close and my first year as Principal at Eden Girls' School Coventry, I've been privileged to oversee the move of the school from the Portacabins on the Foleshill Road to our new and magnificent home on Stoney Stanton Road. The new school building has undoubtedly added significantly not only to our curriculum offer but also to our Eden ethos.

So, in addition to being able to provide the girls with science practicals, proper PE facilities, a reflection hall for assemblies and prayers, a light and airy dining hall, a purpose built art room, cooking facilities for Eden creates and grass to sit out on when the sun occasionally shines, we also have a clean and calm environment in which to grow. One of my very favourite places in the school is the Dining Hall which acts as a central community hub. Whilst such 'community hubs' have become the 'must have' design feature in modern hotels and businesses, complete with a Costa or Starbucks, I was reminded by Bishop Christopher of Coventry when he recently joined us for breakfast, that this is a very ancient tradition. Think ... town square ... the Italian piazza ... the Spanish plaza or the courtyard. All designed to bring communities together into the heart of a place. Our Dining Hall is just that, a community hub that draws together students, staff and visitors ... it is usually full of the buzz of socialising.

Returning to the Hadeeth quoted above and moving on from physical to metaphorical buildings. Whilst the new school building has undoubtedly been a huge achievement this year I am even prouder of the way our girls, staff, governors and parents have come together in companionship and mutual support, in good times and when the going got tough. One of my best moments this year was watching the girls supporting each other with revision in the library ... looking out for their friends' interests as well as their own and reassuring each other in the face of anxiety.

Very well done to all our girls for achieving so much both academically and spiritually and to our parents for supporting your daughters on this journey. A personal thank you also from myself to our governors for their support, patience and wise words ... for being the foundations of Eden's 'solid building'.

Linda Thompson





From the Head Girl...

Asalaamu'alykum (May Peace be Upon You) and Eid Mubarak (Blessed Eid). In preparation for the advent of the holy month of Ramadhan, our families were constantly engaged with the tasks of making food or stocking up the freezers. Nevertheless, is this the true essence of Ramadan? Food and beverages only come as a part of it. Our main prioritized goals should be to better ourselves as Muslims, as humans and as members of society.

Young people today sometimes fail to realise the importance of this prominent month and thus are unable to make a viable alternation in their attitudes or routines. Countless years and countless Ramadhan may pass, whilst we have aged but not yet deepened our understanding of religion, society and most importantly ourselves.

Regardless of this, we always have a chance to progress and advance to the results of a successful Ramadhan. Here are 3 easy tips that will, Inshallah (God willing), give you the feeling of triumph and victory at the end of Ramadhan:

1. Set one or two goals that you'd want to complete by the end of month. For instance, completing a Quran or learning a new hadith every day. Set allotted times throughout the day to do a bit of work towards this goal. For example, at lunch times or between cooking you could sit down and read a few pages of the Quran.
2. Alongside school, works or household chores try and give back to the community and help others out. You may get involved in charity fairs in the day or collecting money for the poor to have at Iftar.
3. Pass some of your Islamic knowledge onto those around you. You can hold religious circles or activities at break times or lunch times to further enrich the knowledge of others. This is not only rewarding but it also allows mastering some topics of Islam as well. Inshallah (God willing), these steps will help you to improve your Ramadan, each year more productive and full of rewarding and fulfilling events.

Wassalam we hope you had a beautiful Ramadan.

Rabiah Khan

Parent Workshop: 'Keeping Our Daughters Safe'

"The workshop was very informative and transparent about issues that can affect youngsters today. The presentations and videos illustrated the issues quite well."

"I have new knowledge on how to protect my daughter. This workshop has opened my mind to realising that there are many ways that people can harm our children."

"I feel that this is a good idea for us parents to work together with different organisations to help our children. I look forward to meeting again for more information to help us to help our children, so that we can all improve our lives."

These are just a few of the comments made by parents following our first ever parent class: 'Keeping Our Daughters Safe' in April 2016. This workshop was held in collaboration with CRASAC, Coventry Haven, Dr Abdullahi Shehu (Governor) and our local PCSOs. These individuals and bodies have been instrumental in tackling issues that are in society today, such as Online Safety, Female Genital Mutilation and Child Sexual Exploitation.

This workshop informed parents about some of the dangers that face their daughters and provided details of where they can go to for support.

Twenty families attended and we are confident that the popularity of these will grow in future as more parents become aware of the value of these sessions.

Thank you to all those parents who attended. Your cooperation is what will make the difference to our future - our children.

Our next Parenting Workshop is scheduled for Monday 28th November 2016, with an additional Safeguarding Parenting Workshop scheduled for Monday 27th March 2017.

Educational Excellence

The Learning Journey - A day in the life of Eden students

Life at Eden is both challenging and rewarding.
Here's a flavour of what life is like in Years 8 and 9.

Life in Year 9

Before I go to bed on Tuesday nights I prepare for the upcoming school-day by ensuring I have everything I need including books, equipment, any homework due and most importantly, food. The following morning I wake up at 6am looking forward to the highlight of the day – breakfast. I travel to school via car but my dad always drops me off at a reasonably short walking distance to “get some fresh air and stimulate the brain” in preparation for the morning classes.

My first lesson is mathematics – which is why I needed to clear my mind in the morning! I really enjoy this subject as it tests my logical thinking, application of theory and problem-solving skills. This systematic approach is quickly transitioned to an analytical and thought-provoking one in English. In English we are given the opportunity to study the classic novel ‘Pride and Prejudice’ by Jane Austen which has really made me grasp 19th century etiquette and decorum. And then... break time!

The next two lessons are much less demanding. I look forward to PSHE as we are studying a leadership course which ensures my growth and self-development as an aspiring future leader. Following this I have an art class where I'm given the chance to sit back and express my creative finesse - or lack of, as my peers would say. Although I do enjoy art, I am much more suited to subjects that are 'by the book'.

Lunch! I don't think I need to expand on this topic – I get to eat!

Lastly, we top the day off with humanities. The study of Geography and History have expanded my knowledge through interesting topics such as ‘medicine through time’ and ‘modern-day developments’ such as globalisation and tourism. Finally: Ding ding ding – we're saved by the bell.

Yomna Shebani – 9A

Life in Year 8

It's 6:45am and my alarm is ringing. I stir from my sleep and remember that it is the best day of the week: Tuesday. I prepare for my school day by having a boosting breakfast, putting on my uniform with pride and dignity, and walk to school, thinking of how grateful I am to have a school with awesome teachers to learn from.

My Morning begins with 2 lessons of PE with Miss Chen and Mrs Marshall. I enjoy PE because it is fun and active. In PE we always

have a warm up activity and then we do drills. In the drills we always learn a new skill, like different ways to pass a ball in basketball. After we complete the drills we play a tournament in teams, which is what I enjoy the most because it involves teamwork and tactics.

After break I have English. I dislike English because it requires looking at text and searching for hidden meanings, giving reasons, and looking for evidence. However, recently we have begun reading one of Shakespeare's most action packed plays: Macbeth. It's great. Every lesson we read a few scenes of the play, and then answer questions to secure our understanding of the text. I hate the reading but I enjoy the content of the play.

Art with Miss Rushton is next on my timetable. I like art as it is a way of expressing yourself through a few strokes of a pencil or brush. I enjoy this more than the Art lessons where we have to analyse the theory of an artist's work.

In the afternoon I have Science with Dr Rahman. Science is so complicated but I usually understand it in the end. We always start the lesson we have already learned and then expand on it. In Science we cover Physics, Biology, and Chemistry. I always learn something new.



And finally I have Maths with Miss Chen which is my all-time favourite subject. I used to hate maths but now I enjoy it because Miss Chen always explains the methods. It is impossible to forget them. The reason why I like maths is because all of the numbers are in front of you. You just need to use formulae to work things out.

Finally, it's home time. I walk home feeling that I have enjoyed the day and I have learnt many things. Of course, I have homework but that is all part of being an Edinite.

Umamah Shaikh – 8B



Activities Week - 11th -15th July 2016

With the end of the academic year looming, and final assessments completed, the school implemented its annual activities week. This is a week where pupils get the opportunity to take part in trips and activities that add enrichment to their educational experiences at Eden. Activities for 2016 included:

- Poetry Reading by nationally recognised poet Jon Agard
- Day Trip to Warwick Castle (Year 7)
- Day Trip to London Museums and the Jack the Ripper Tour (Year 8)
- Day Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon and Shakespeare Tour (Year 9)
- Trip to Coventry Cathedral
- Tomorrow's Engineers Workshop
- Sports Tournament
- 3D Maths Puzzles and Problem Solving
- Cycling Safety/Proficiency Training
- Basic Computer Programming Workshop
- Desk Top Publishing Workshop
- Art in Nature Workshop
- Basic Mandarin Workshop
- Mosaic Making Workshop

Top Performers

At Eden, the girls sit assessments at the end of every half term. These show how well each student is doing, where they need to improve, and whether they are on track to get good GCSE grades at the end of year 11. Even for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, the assessments tell us how far pupils have progressed on their learning journeys.

Congratulations to the following pupils for their excellent progress this year. They have exceeded their target levels in all three core subjects: English, Maths, and Science.

Year 7		Year 8				Year 9	
Faduma AHMED	7A	Amira AANAM	8B	Iqra KADOOS	8D	Rumaysa ALI	9A
Oliwia BANASZEWSKA	7C	Asiya ABUKAR	8D	Saba KHAN	8D	Sara JABARKAHYL	9B
Iffat JABEEN	7B	Haiqa ADREES	8D	Fahima KHATUN	8C	Khadeeja KHAN	9A
Aisha KHAN	7D	Hadiza AHMED	8A	Iman NAEEM	8A	Rabiah KHAN	9B
Safa KHAN	7C	Munira AHMED	8B	Zakia NUUR	8D	Humairah NAVSARKA	9A
Aisha MAQSOOD	7A	Lamees AHMEDABADI	8A	Maram RAHAL	8B	Samra Abubakar OMAR	9B
Fatima NAVSARKA	7C	Muminat AKINWALE	8B	Umaymah RAZWAN	8C	Muna OSMAN	9A
Farah SAFDAR	7A	Umayah ALI	8D	Najah SAALIM	8D	Yomna SHEBANI	9A
Maidah SHEIKH NAZ	7D	Areeba ARIF	8D	Umamah SHAIKH	8B	Atqiya TASNIMA	9B
		Manahil JAMIL	8C	Safah YOUNIS	8A	Rumaysah YUSUF	9B
				Aaisha ZAHID	8C		

Curricular Enrichment

Earlier this year pupils entered an annual poetry competition with the organisation "Never Such Innocence" which invited 9-16 year olds from across the British Isles to send poems inspired by the events of the First World War. Whilst none of our students won we were hugely impressed by their talents as poets. Here is just one of our entries.

Poetry

The Empires Call

Like a shotgun flare,
Into the mist of darkness,
We stand here bare,
While they articulate our oncoming journey;
Heartless.
With their heads held high,
Looking amidst the faded clouds,
Where the air carries fear, ear and power,
A sign of destruction,
Where the other side plan in conspiracy,
For defeat!

Clouds; a reflection of the slain angels,
Sharp winds on the cold nigh ushering forth,
Like blades embedded into the flesh of the innocent,
They stare unmoving,
Past our dull eyes into our shining souls,
With threatening power, a mysterious melody,
They make it our obligation, to record this calamity,
To protect the naivety of the loved one,
And the unborn child.

The incendiary bullet; a copy of our indignation.

So we set free like the caged bird,
The armaments our wings,
The feathers a glimmer of hope,
A debt to the graves of the perished,
Their voices a powerful ricochet of vengeance.

An army to protect our country and her clouds of ash,
Her fallen citizens and broken nature.

We will fall as martyrs,
To shield,
The love and intimacy with our chosen ones,
The unborn child from the monsters that crawl beneath their beds,
We will defeat, conquer and shine,
Claiming,
We will fly to light and they will fall to darkness,
A cave for their treachery.

Humairah Navsarka 9A



Interfaith Games

Eden Girls' were invited to participate in a competition for faith schools within the Midlands, which would allow the girls to compete in two tournaments, one for netball and one for football. Our girls trained very hard for both the netball and football competitions every Tuesday after school.

The netball team played against Birchfield Independent Girls' School in the finals at Warwick Athletics track on Tuesday 24th May. The end score was 6-4 to Eden Girls' School, Coventry. The girls were amazing, and kept on top the whole way through the match. Well done girls! The team consisted of: Zulaikhaa Nawaz, Maariyah Mohammed, Amilah Mohamed, Aminah Rafiq, Haajra Ahmed, Muminah Waseem, Aniyah Janjua and Ihsan Ibrahim.

The football team played Blue Coats Secondary School in the finals at Centre AT7 on Friday 27th May. The end score was 6-5 to Blue Coats. The girls played brilliantly but were outperformed by Blue Coats. The football team consisted of: Aaliah Kumar, Hana Mahmud, Dnya Mahmud, Ammarah Ali, Vaman Nerway and Aatikah Nawaz. Well done girls, we will get the trophy next time around!

Our girls thoroughly enjoyed meeting and competing against the other girls in the competition, who all showed great sportsmanship and did their schools proud!

All of the girls were presented with medals after competing and our netball team were awarded a trophy, securing the school's first sporting silverware! We are now looking to grow our collection!

Eden Creates

Last term saw the start of 'Eden Creates' an after school club that aims to provide an informal and friendly space where the girls can express their creative sides. We hope to develop their confidence and promote their leadership abilities through the learning of different life skills, creative arts, group discussions and team games.

So far the activities have included designing a logo, cooking, experimenting with natural ingredients to make body scrubs and face masks and discussing the challenges young women face in society.

Fatima Mangera, coordinator of 'Eden Creates' is delighted with the enthusiasm, co-operation and talents shown by the girls, and looks forward to building on our great start in the next academic year!

Since starting Eden Creates, Mrs Mangera has been appointed to the staff of Eden Girls' as Head of the new Year 7s arriving in September. Congratulations and good luck!



Spanish Club

This Spring Term, a group of Year 7 and 8 students joined the Spanish club led by Raadia Sharif, every Tuesday after school. The girls were able to learn conversational Spanish and have showed real flair for the language in a series of role plays. The girls have not only learned the language but have also researched the Spanish culture and Islamic legacy. Term finished with the girls having a small Spanish party where they had a go at tasting some lovely food. The girls have enjoyed it thoroughly.



Collage by Aamilah Noor - 7D

Character Development

Spirituality Day

On Friday 27th May Eden Girls' School enjoyed a special day - Spirituality Day. The theme for this day was to understand the connection between the Quran and Ramadhan.

The day started off spiritually with a collective Surah Kahf recitation in the reflection hall. Thereafter, teachers and pupils alike, enjoyed the collapsed timetable. They enjoyed having teachers out of their normal roles, embarking on this spiritual journey together.

The atmosphere throughout the day was calm, without the usual bustling of lesson changeover.

The first workshop was understanding the basics of Ramadhan and fasting. Students were the teaching forces in the class rooms-taking the lead on the activities. They were given the opportunity to explore what Ramadhan means to them personally and to think about their own goals for this Ramadhan. Pupils enjoyed the hands on approach to the workshop on Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. Pupils were very creative in showing their peers the right foods to eat to prolong their energy levels for the full day fasting and what to steer clear of to stay healthy.

The last workshop of the day focused on the meaning and dialogue of Surah faatiha - the opening of the Quran. In each ayah-sentence- we ask the Almighty for direction. The second part of this workshop was the discovery of the stories of Surah Kahf. This workshop gave a glimpse into the stories of the Quran with their morals. Pupils then enjoyed having fun with creating their own storyboards from the stories contained in Surah Kahf. This will hopefully encourage pupils to have greater respect for the Quran and open their own curiosity into further knowledge of the stories and wisdom in the Quran.



Bishop Christopher's Visit

We were delighted to be able to welcome Bishop Christopher of Coventry to our school before the spring half term break. All the staff, students and some of our governors enjoyed the company of the Bishop and joined him for breakfast before the school day. We had a special welcome assembly for the Bishop, where the year 9 Nasheed Choir sang and the Head Girl- Rabiah Khan, presented him with a gift on behalf of the school.

The Bishop talked in assembly about his commitment to all the people of Coventry, irrespective of their faiths, and spoke very movingly about some of the difficult decisions he has had to make in his time as Bishop. Both staff and students found his views interesting and thought provoking.

This visit was only possible through the support of our Governor, Ghulam Vohra. Through his efforts we have been fortunate to have such a high profile guest at our school.



Attendance and Punctuality

At Eden Girls' School we recognise that attending school regularly and on time has a positive impact on learning, progress and therefore the best life chances for our students. Therefore, we must ensure that attendance and punctuality are the highest they possibly can be in order to prepare our students for their future adult life. It is the responsibility of everyone in our school community – parents, staff, students and governors to ensure we achieve this.

A huge congratulations to Miss Mushtaq and 8B for being the highest attending form group at 98.71%, and well done to the whole of Year 9 for having the highest attendance so far with 98.27%. Unfortunately, Year 7 have the highest level of absences. We would like to see our girls and their parents working together to improve attendance, as we see in the end of the academic year and move into the coming year.

Parents are respectfully reminded that holidays must not be booked during term time and doctors and dentists appointments should be arranged outside of school hours.

Celebrating Behaviour

Well done to Mariam Khan for having the highest number of merits in the whole school with a massive 196 positive behaviour points!

Another special mention to Aminah Rafiq 7D for having 190 merits, Aaliyah Ali 7A for having 166 merits, Umayah Ali 8D for collecting 154 Merit points and Hafsa Waseem 9A for collecting 141 merit points. Well done to all of you.

Well done to Year 7 overall for collecting a total of 7,963 cumulative Merit points so far. A great achievement. Finally a special well done to Mrs Chen and 7A for collecting the highest number of merit points with 2,581 points.



Artwork by Atqiya Tasnima - 9B

Prefects at Eden Girls' School

In April the school launched its first group of Prefects to aid and support staff in the school during break and lunch times. The appointment process involved a formal application for the position and a personal statement of interest from students who wanted to apply. Students were then shortlisted by the Senior Leadership Team and a formal interview was conducted by a panel including the Principal and Heads of Year. It was quite a nerve-racking experience!

"When the school announced that they were looking for Prefects I decided to apply. There were many aspects to the application form that included questions such as 'why I wanted to become Prefect and what skills that I had which would be useful for the role of a prefect?' When I finished the application I handed it in hoping for a chance to become one of the first Prefects at Eden Girls' School, Coventry.

In the Easter holidays I received a letter telling me that I was short listed – wow! I was informed that I would have to attend an interview once I got back to school! I was very nervous not knowing what to expect.

When in the interview I answered the questions to the best that I could, silently hoping that the answers I gave were the answers the panel had wanted.

Shortly after that I received a letter confirming that I had been given the role as a Prefect on a probationary period and I am looking forward to being the best type of Prefect I can be."

Maryam Malik in Year 9

The successful students are listed below. They are now getting to grips with their role and have made an excellent start.

Prefects support staff on duty in the Dining Hall and corridors at break and lunch times, as well as outside on the main grounds. This leadership role in the school also includes librarian duties in the Learning Resource Centre; Reflection Hall support for fellow students; as well as Administration Support for the Office team. All Prefects have received induction training led by Mrs Begum and Head Girl Rabiah Khan. Well done to all the Prefects!

Haseena MALIK	7A	Rumaysah ALI	9A
Sana APABHAI	7B	Maryam MALIK	9A
Aniya JANJUA	7C	Leyla ABDURAHMAN	9A
Javaria IQBAL	8A	Khadeeja KHAN	9A
Maariyah MOHAMMED	8A	Aaliah AZIZ	9A
Hadiza AHMED	8A	Esha AANAM	9A
Israt TAI	8B	Asmaa SHAIKH	9B
Asna VARUSAI	8B	Nuha MALIK	9B
Umayah ALI	8D	Hana ABDURAHMAN	9B
Sabar MAHOMED	8D	Safiyyah ESMAIL	9B

Service to Communities

Eden lends a hand

The following articles were written by Year 9 student leaders for each of this year's five Community Service projects.

Hillfields Nursery Renovation Project

Our team worked excessively hard putting together alphabet posters and stained glass bugs for the Hillfields Nursery, to decorate one of the rooms. Some girls also came up with ideas for fundraisers, to raise money for new outdoor wear for the Nursery students and also made bug hotels and bird tables using: wood, crates, paints, twigs, branches and many other outdoor materials, which they all enjoyed searching for as we learned that the nursery children are fascinated by bugs, insect and birds. On Thursday 5th May 2016 we went to the Nursery in our groups, accompanied by teachers. We met many of the young and cute Nursery children and the children enjoyed meeting the Eden Girls! Overall, the groups had a blast creating the different decorations for the nursery; showing off our artistic skills and planning fundraisers for the nursery.



Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre Project

On Thursday 5th May a group of leadership students (Safiya, Sakinah, Fatimah and Ummarah Yr9) from Eden Girls' School led a refugee centre project helping refugees settle in to their new life. We went to a refugee centre to help clean up for a new refugee family in their future home. In the home we picked up all the rubbish in the garden and pulled out all the dead weeds so we could plant beautiful flowers and grow lots of vegetables. We took turns shovelling the dirt into bin bags. We helped to prepare the planting areas by using our hands to pick out rocks from the soil.

This project was an amazing chance to not only help people who have suffered in other parts of the world but show us how to work together and how to communicate with each other to bring a project to fruition. Working on this project taught us courage and determination as well as an appreciation of all the things we have. This project helped us interact with students from different years which was fun.

Sutton Park Environmental Project

The four Year 9 leaders had to sort out all the details such as the coach transport; letters home to parents; the directions for how to get there; lunch arrangements and also maps of the Park as it was a massive 2,000 acres in size. We were the teachers that day while the real teachers swapped jobs with us and it wasn't easy! We all realised how much work and effort teachers put in and we respect them for that.

We divided up so that some of the groups picked up litter and the others weeded out a plant called Himalayan Balsam that is invading the Park.

I think overall, the day went well and we had fun exploring the Country Park and the weather reached up to 27 degrees so that was good! No one realised how much rubbish there was as the Park was spotless but as we went deeper into the woods there were mountains of rubbish and we managed to clean most of it up. We even managed to get some ice cream afterwards.



Elderly Care Home Project

We were given the opportunity to give back to the community by visiting an elderly care home. The girls had many ideas and propositions for things to do at the care home; from nail painting, makeovers and board games to a tea party and collecting memories. Many of the elderly had dementia which caused them to have memory disorders, personality changes and impaired reasoning. As a result, they sometimes forgot many things ranging from their own past to doing daily activities such as eating. We found this quite upsetting so it was really good to be able to help in a small way.

We had the chance to put our artistic talents and creative ideas to the test by creating a large "Welcome" banner for an upcoming summer fair where a number of students will have the opportunity to sell home-made goodies such as cakes, cards, bookmarks, signs and many more. This exciting event, that will take place at the end of July, will be yet another significantly memorable experience where we will have yet another chance to interact with the elderly and to hopefully make a difference.

New Arrivals in the UK Booklet Project

Our group made booklets for people that arrive new to the UK and don't understand English so that they can come to places of interest. This was slightly challenging because we had to communicate information such as where the club takes place and what time activities begin without using difficult language. As a group we were able to meet new people and work together as a team and share our ideas. We also went to Positive Youth Centre and we asked questions to help us understand our role more. The first day was about preparing and planning our ideas and coming up with how the pages will look like and how we will present the information. The second day was actually making the booklet and putting the booklet together and making it colourful and interesting for the new arrivals to see. We had a wonderful day.

Our third and final Community Service day took place on Thursday 14th July and involved planning for and delivery of a celebration of all that had been achieved to our various stakeholders.

Useful Information



First Day of Autumn Term 2017

Please note that new Year 7 students should arrive at school for 8:15am on **Thursday 1st September 2016**, which is the first day back after the Summer Holidays. All other students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should arrive for a 10:00am start on this day only. We return earlier than other schools locally to allow for our additional Eid holidays.

New Staff Appointments

In September 2016 we will increase our student numbers by 120.

We are delighted, as a consequence, to be able to welcome the following staff to the Eden family:

- Sami Hajbi:** Teacher of Arabic (started April 2016)
- Amanda Waugh:** Director of learning of Computer Science (started May 2016)
- Kim Caren:** Business Support Officer (started May 2016)
- Karen Taylor:** Head of Finance and Resources (started May 2016)
- Fatima Mangera:** Pastoral Head of Year (started June 2016)
- Lorraine Wordsworth:** SENDCo Assistant Principal (from September 2016)
- Zubair Khalifa –** Faith, Values and Ethos Coordinator (from September 2016)
- Kevan Faulkner –** Teacher of Geography (from September 2016)
- Shabana Baz –** Teacher of English (from September 2016)
- Faizaa Museji –** Teacher of Science (from September 2016)
- Paige Williams –** Teacher of PE (from September 2016)
- Siddiqah Khalifa:** Pastoral Head of Year (from September 2016)
- Sabera Bhagatte:** Higher Level Special Support Assistant (from September 2016)
- Zulekha Takoliya:** Special Support Assistant (from September 2016)

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2016

School Re-opens	Thursday 1 st September
Eid ul Adha 1437*	Monday 12 th & Tuesday 13 th September
Half Term Closure	Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October
Christmas Holiday	19 th December 2016 - 2 nd January 2017

Spring Term 2017

School Re-opens	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term Closure	Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th February
Easter Holiday	Monday 10 th - Friday 21 st April

Summer Term 2017

School Re-opens	Monday 24 th April
May Day Closure	Monday 1 st May
Half Term Closure	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Eid ul Fitr 1438*	Monday 26 th & Tuesday 27 th June
Start of summer break	Friday 21 st July

* Eid holidays may be revised slightly according to the sighting of the moon.

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