



11th May 2018 – 26th Sha'baan1439H

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Assalaamu Alaikum (Peace Be Upon You)

I hope that this letter finds you in good health.

Please note the following important messages about arrangements for the forthcoming blessed month of Ramadhaan.

School Timings During Ramadhaan

Ramadhaan will start next week.

School timings will be unchanged during Ramadhaan.

We recognise that a later start during Ramadhaan would make things easier for students and our staff if they are fasting.

However, it is not possible to start the school later. This is because we need to:

- Start school in time for GCSE exams which have fixed timings.
- Avoid traffic congestion around the school in the morning and afternoons. The area around the school gets very busy after 8.00am and after 3.30pm.
- Avoid working parents and staff at the school having to change childcare arrangements in the morning.
- Allow students who attend Mosque, or other enrichment activities, in the evening to do so.

Attendance During Ramadhaan

Fasting during the months of May and June will be challenging for our learners and our teachers will be sensitive to this when planning activities during lessons.

For example, in Physical Education, students will need to bring their full PE kit. However, PE activities are planned which will be less strenuous and more rest breaks will be incorporated into the lessons.

I would appeal to all parents to ensure that your **daughter attends school on time every day** during this crucial period. There will be important lessons with serious learning in each subject, especially for the preparation of internal and external exams. I am very grateful to all parents for their support in helping us to deliver a normal school during Ramadhaan.

Catering During Ramadhaan

Students who are not fasting will be able to buy a meal from the school canteen at lunchtime. Students who normally receive a 'Free School Meal' can collect a sandwich from the canteen to take home (if they are fasting).

Faith Activities During Ramadhaan



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During Ramadhaan, there will be a number of optional activities offered by the school to encourage students to get the most out of this holy month. This includes:

- Activities to pray, listen to, and reflect on the stories from the Qur'an.
- Special Assemblies and Spiritual Daily Circles at lunchtime.
- Activities and competitions to learn more about Ramadhan and its importance.
- Live broadcasts from Makkah and Madeenah.
- Fundraising for charity. Further details are provided below.
- Activities to learn about the blessings of the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, which will mark the end of Ramadhaan.
- An opportunity for students to prepare and give an Eid gift pack to another student.
- Annual Ramadhan Iftar on Friday 8th or Saturday 9th June – Date will be confirmed shortly and a letter sent to parents.
- Weekly Ramadhaan Bulletins with key reminders.

Charity Programme 2018 (Ramadhaan 1439H)

In addition to the activities outlined above, we will also have an official Ramadhan Charity Programme to raise funds for orphans and donate Eid Gifts for children affected by the conflict in Syria as well as support efforts to tackle poverty in the UK.

Ramadhaan is a time to be grateful for the countless bounties with which we have been bestowed. It is a time for giving and gaining extra reward as each good action is multiplied during this noble month. It is also an opportunity to remember those in our communities and around the world who are in great need and are not as fortunate as ourselves.

We are keen for our students to learn about charitable giving during this blessed time, so would really appreciate your support with this.

Details of the Ramadhan Charity Programme have been provided in the accompanying letter.

We hope that you will encourage your daughter to participate in these activities fully. Thank you, for your vital support with this – we sincerely appreciate it.

Finally, with Sha'baan coming to an end and Ramadhaan starting soon, I would like to ask for your prayers for the school over the next few weeks. I pray that the Almighty grants us all the ability to value every single moment of the coming days and to undertake only those actions which please Him and refrain from those that displease Him. Aameen.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Thompson

(Principal)