

7<sup>th</sup> Ramadan, 1443 – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Assalaamu Alaikum - 'Peace be upon you'

Dear Parents/Guardians

## **RE: Principal's End of Term Letter**

So, we have come to the end of another very busy term.

The Spring Term has seen education return to some semblance of normality, with Covid-19 restrictions being eased/lifted, and the need for Covid-19 infected individuals to isolate for significant periods of time being removed.

Schools have started to 'open up' and resume 'normal service' and EGSC is no exception. Whilst the school has maintained its 'zoning model' which has been so successful in helping to control Covid-19, along with staggered lunches and breaks that have minimised cross contamination across year groups, the school has also started to look to September 2022, and a return to a 'normal' school operations, with students moving room to room, and staff having their own classrooms/bases.

One welcome return to normality was the Year 11 Iftar Event that took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. It was a real pleasure to welcome the students to an after school event again, after them missing out on these for the past 2 years. We look forward to more face to face events and opportunities in the coming months.

The start of the Spring term saw Year 11 students receive their mock GCSE results from the December mock examination series. As anticipated, results were promising, reiterating the school's view that teaching and learning across the last two years of the pandemic has been highly effective and caused minimal disruption to student progress. This will stand EGSC students in good stead for the coming summer examination series, which again is a step towards normality.

Selected Year 11 students will have been invited to a number of Easter intervention sessions and attendance will be important to ensure that students achieve the best results possible. The school's summer outcomes are forecast to ensure that the school remains in the top 1% of schools nationally for all performance measures. This is testimony to the efforts and work of the school staff, teaching and support, in ensuring that all students at the school continue to receive a world class education. However, parents should look to ensuring that their daughters are working hard every day and revising every evening. For Year 11, and those Year 10s who are sitting exams, every minute now counts.





Of course, April saw the start of Ramadan, and the holy month of fasting. The school have a comprehensive planned programme of events and sessions to help the girls make the most of this important time. Please look out for the full programme of events and activities on the school website.

In the summer term, our expectations for behaviour and conduct will remain high and an indicator of this will be uniform. Please ensure that all students have full uniform and school PE kit. Our suppliers, Stevenson's, assure us that all uniform items are now in stock.

The school has continued to receive accolades from a range of forums, including visiting HMIs, and Dr Jo Saxton, the Chief Regulator for Ofqual. Students have continued to raise the profile and reputation of the school in the local and national community through participation in a range of events, forums, and competitions.

I continue to be proud to be considered capable of leading EGSC and we, as a school, continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and restful break and we look forward to welcoming all students back on the **25**<sup>th</sup> of **April**, **2022**, at **8:15am**.

Regards

**Anand Patel** 

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