



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Assalaamu Alaikum / May Peace Be Upon You

I pray that you and your family are safe and well. Aameen.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all your support throughout the year.

During the course of this year – through the amazing support of all of our parents - we have been able to:

- Prepare students fully to complete all the full year internal and external examinations this summer.
- Raise funds for charity through our fundraising and gift-giving throughout the year.
- Prepare and deliver weekly food packs to vulnerable families across our community.

By the Grace of the Almighty, we would not have been able to do any of this without the loyalty, support and commitment of our parents. We are grateful for everything you do for us and with us. We are also proud of each of our students – who continue to strive to learn from each mistake, be the very best version of themselves and achieve the amazing potential that the Lord has set for them.

# **Summer Holidays Work**

To reinforce her learning in English, Maths and Science – and prepare for studies next year - your daughter's teachers have set her a small amount of **homework** to complete over the summer. This should take a few hours each week and will ensure that she is ready for the new academic year. Please find your daughter's summer work on the school's Microsoft Teams classes.

## **School Opening for the new Academic Year**

Following the summer holidays, school will re-open for all students on **Monday 4 September** per below:

• Year 7 & 8: Pupils to be on-site **before 8.15am** 

Year 9, 10 & 11: Pupils to be on-site from 10am onwards.

If your daughter is in Year 9, 10 or 11, then please ensure she does not arrive before 10am.

#### Term Dates 2023-2024, Attendance & Holidays During Term Time

Please find enclosed a copy of the term dates for the new academic year.

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school, and to establish positive life habits that are necessary for future success. To support this effort, it is vital that all students aim for **100% attendance next year**.



The school is not allowed to authorise any **trips abroad** during term time unless there are exceptional (emergency) circumstances specifically for the student. A trip abroad during term time will cause considerable **harm to learning** and may result in a penalty notice. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **School Uniform**

You can purchase uniform from the Stevensons website <a href="www.stevensons.co.uk">www.stevensons.co.uk</a>. I also shared details of our second hand 'pre-loved' uniform scheme. Details are available on our school website (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2raz4k3f">https://tinyurl.com/2raz4k3f</a>)

I want to remind all students and parents about the need for **correct uniform** at all times. In particular, students:

- Must wear their full uniform at all times, including on the day when they have PE lessons.
- Must wear blue blazer, navy skirt, and white shirt every day.
- Must wear plain, black shoes at all times. Trainers are not permitted.
- Must only wear school-approved PE 'hoodies'. All other hoodies must be removed on entering school.
- If not wearing tights, wear **black socks** that cover ankles fully.
- Are not permitted to wear jewellery (unless otherwise agreed on grounds of faith) or smart watches.
- Are not permitted to wear any makeup (including nails and lashes)
- Are not permitted to have any piercings.
- Should wear the school-branded navy Hijab.

#### And finally...

I am deeply grateful to have had the privilege to serve a wonderful community of vibrant students, loyal parents, and selfless staff over the past year. I have always felt supported by the amazing effort and teamwork of each of our students, teachers and support staff, and parents. I ask forgiveness for any shortcomings and thank you for your patience and understanding.

May our Lord protect our school and its community, grant wisdom and sincerity to those who serve it, and commit all of us to give everything of ourselves to its continued success. Ameen.

If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please email or call the school.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable break during the summer.

Yours faithfully,

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Shazia Akram Principal





# SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023 - 2024

(All dates are inclusive)

## **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Staff Inset Day - 1 Friday 1st September 2023

Re-open (for students) on Monday 4th September 2023

Mid Term Closure Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023

Closure after school on Friday 22nd December 2023

Christmas Holiday Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January 2024

## **SPRING TERM 2024**

Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024

Mid Term Closure Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

Closure after school on Friday 22nd March 2024

Easter Holiday Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April 2024

## **SUMMER TERM 2024**

Re-open on Monday 8th April 2024

'Eid ul Fitr 1445\* holiday Wednesday 10th April and Thursday 11th April 2024

May Day Closure Monday 6th May 2024

Mid Term Closure Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

'Eid ul Adha 1445\* holiday Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th June 2024

Closure after school on Friday 19th July 2024

<sup>\*</sup>Please note – 'Eid holidays may be revised slightly depending upon sighting of the new moon