



Al-Khair Secondary Schools Friday Bulletin

Hadith of the week

Abu Huraira narrated that the Prophet said: *A time will come upon the people when one will not care how one gains one's money, legally or illegally.* (Bukhari)

This week Year 11 in both the boys' and girls' schools conducted an assembly explaining the meaning of this hadith and demonstrated how the hadith applied to career choices and how it is important to ensure our money is halal

Head Teacher's Message

Assalamu Alaikum wa rahmatulaahi wa barakatuhu, It was lovely to see so many of you during the course of the last half term, whether you came in for appointments or we met at drop off or pick up times, or at hosted events such as the Macmillan coffee morning.

I also hope you join us on Monday when our local MP, Sarah Jones, will be hosting a clinic providing advice or assistance with case work. If not then, at the upcoming Parents Evenings following our termly examinations.

I'm a firm believer in parent school partnership and I am interested in hearing about how you feel so for those of you I haven't met yet, as well as those I have, please look out for a survey towards the end of term which I hope you will take the time to fill in, as your feedback is very important.

May Allah help all of us entrusted with the guardianship of children to help them realise the unique God given potential within each of them.

School News

It's been a busy time in the school and a great start to the new academic year, with lots of changes and excitement.

First of all we welcomed our new Years 7s and are confident that they are all enjoying the fast pace of Secondary School life. So far we have held two House Competitions, a number of educational trips, commemorated both Internet Safety Week and Black History Month and also had an inspection from Ofsted. The report can be found here <https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50115553>

We hope you enjoy reading that as well as about what we are up to in school so far.

Banksy's Gross Domestic Product Trip

When we found out that the elusive Banksy was opening his pop-up shop "Gross Domestic Product" on our doorstep in Croydon, we couldn't resist organising impromptu trips to see this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Students from Year 7 -10 in both schools had the privilege to see his thought-provoking and controversial pieces of art. The school groups were also lucky enough to receive a freebie of an exclusive print that they were able to take home. Particular thanks goes to Ms Rifka and Mr Amin for arranging these trips in such a short amount of time.



Internet Safety Week

The week commencing Monday 14th October 2019 was Internet Safety Week and at both schools we have been informing the pupils about the importance of internet safety and the responsible use of social media in particular.

Social media, smartphones and the internet are a fact of life and are here to stay but it's important to equip our young people with the tools, knowledge and strategies to manage their online worlds and digital footprints. We talked about the dangers as well as the Islamic implications of improper use.



Keeping Muslims Safe Online Facebook Competition—the results.

As part of our extracurricular programme, our schools were lucky enough to be given 10 tickets to attend a Keeping Muslims Safe Online conference at Facebook Headquarters in London. As we knew the demand for the trip would be high, a competition was held to all students aged 13-15 to determine who would go. We whittled the entries down based on their answers to why they wanted to come and how they would spread what they learnt on the trip.

The following 10 students have been selected. Congratulations!

Boys' School

- Ayaan - Y8
- Aarez - Y9
- Ibraheem M - Y9
- Abdel Aziz - Y10
- Akram - Y11

Girls' School

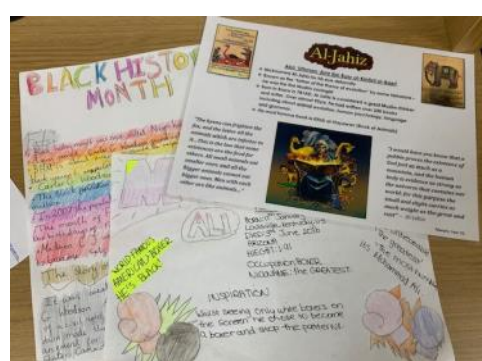
- Fizza - Y8
- Sahlah - Y9
- Hannah K - Y9
- Izza - Y10
- Shukriyah - Y11



Black History Month

The month of October was Black History Month and at the school we've been looking at the contribution that black and minority ethnic (BME) people made to enrich our society and culture.

During form time, students were asked to research important figures, both well-known and lesser-known. Some of the girls have also designed displays to show how BME figures have contributed to the subjects in the school curriculum, some of which are pictured below. We also conducted a House Competition quiz in the girls' school. The winner of the quiz was Muslim, well done to them. Entries for the posters are still coming in, so we'll let you know the outcome in the next newsletter insha Allah.



Merit List Roll of Honour

Girls

- Izma Soobratty
Year 7
- Zainab Din
Year 8
- Sahlah Abubacker
Year 9
- Salma Dimbil
Year 7



Boys

- Mohammed Adam
Year 7
- Shakell Mohammed
Year 7
- Ismaeel Khan
Year 7
- Jibriel Rahman
Year 7

Upcoming Events

Friday 1st November

Open Evening

Tuesday 5th Nov:

Visit from Sarah Jones MP

Thursday 7th November

Senior UKMT Challenge

Wednesday 13th Nov:

Keeping Young Muslims Safe Online Facebook

Trip—selected pupils

House Cup Competitions

Macmillan Coffee Morning

In the first House Competition of the year, the houses were tasked with setting up a coffee morning on Friday 27th September to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

There was a great turnout by parents and a lovely atmosphere, where there was a great spirit of teamwork working towards a common goal.

After all the money was counted, The Boys' School made a total for £406.24 for Macmillan and the Girls' School slightly less amount of £393.57. An extra of £35.20 was made in extra donations - raising a total of £835.01 - an amazing amount!

The houses were given success criteria and judged on criteria such as organisation, customer service and healthy options as well as money made. In the end, the house competition was won by Tirmidhi in the Boys' School and the Girl's School. Well done Tirmidhi!