



Secondary Schools' Friday Bulletin



Headteacher's Message

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatulaahi wa barakatuhu,

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last day of term is one which is usually joyful for it heralds the start of the annual winter break. Many of you will be going away on holiday and some will be staying put, spending time with friends and family at home. Today, we celebrated the end of the school term with Arabic Day and it was in itself a very joyful day. Pupils and teachers let down barriers and truly enjoyed each others' company - whether it be showing off Arab fashion on a catwalk or playing Fifa on Playstation! Indeed, it was with a tinge of sadness that we said goodbye to all of our pupils and on behalf of all the teachers, we hope that you have a productive and restful break.

Please remember us in your duas.

Hadith of the Week

Abu Huraira (radiyallahu anhu) reported:

A man came to the Prophet (SAW) and he said, **"Advise me."** The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, **"Do not be angry."** The man repeated his request many times but the Prophet kept saying, **"Do not be angry."** (Bukhari)

Upcoming Events

**Sat 14th Dec -
Mon 6th
January 2020**
Winter Holidays

**Mon 6th
January 2020**
Inset Day (1)

Tue 7th Jan



First day of Spring Term

Fri 10th Jan
Inset Day (2)

Fri 10th Jan
Year 7 & 8 Parents' Evening

**Mon 27th Jan -
31st Jan**
Year 11 Mock Exams

Fri 14th Feb
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Arabic Language Day

It is not known to many people but December 18th is UN Arabic Language Day, a day to celebrate when Arabic became a UN official language. We decided to celebrate on the last day of term to coincide with the end of term.

We had a packed half-day with lots of activities and experiences. Br Abu Talha led both schools with an informative and engaging assembly about Arabic language and how it's an important language religiously, culturally and economically. We also fitted in a bumper quiz on Arabic culture, an Arab fashion show, weather forecast performance in Arabic as well as Arabic nasheeds.

The students had a great time and all learnt something new, especially about the diversity and richness of Arab culture. It was really lovely to see how engaged the students were and to see some students dressed in Arab cultural dress.

Next year, we hope to have a more student-led Arabic Day and more performances to showcase the Arabic department, as well as extending an invitation for parents to attend insha Allah.



Merit Roll of Honour Boys' School Girls' School

Saifullah Gulzar
Year 7

Zainab Din
Year 8

Shakell Mohammed
Year 7

Izma Soobraty
Year 7

Sufyaan Chaudhry
Year 8

Sahlah Abubacker
Year 9

Mohammed Adam
Year 7

Zaynab Ahmed
Year 7

MOCK ELECTIONS AT AL-KHAIR

While the whole country was voting to decide on the future of the UK on the 12th December, we ran a mock election at Al-Khair School to see which political party the students and staff at Al-Khair felt was most aligned to their beliefs and values.

To avoid voter bias, the students were told to choose between the four manifestos but were not told which party each option represented. Our results showed that, in our school at least, Labour won by a landslide, gaining an impressive 65% of the vote, despite the students not being told they were voting for the party.

The students really enjoyed the experience and had a lot of questions and debates on policies, Brexit and voting age, amongst other things. It was very encouraging to see students engage positively with the political and democratic process.

We hope that the students continue this engagement despite the UK General Election not delivering the Labour majority they wanted!

