



Secondary Schools' Friday Bulletin



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaikum

With less than 100 days till Ramadan we have displayed our Ramadan countdown calendar (pictured above). Not only will this build awareness of the need to prepare for Ramadan but alongside it we have launched our '99 Names of Allah SWT' challenge. We will learn one name per school day and students who manage to learn all of the names by the end of Ramadan will be rewarded inshaAllah.

Please do remember my invitation to join us at our 'parent focus group' on the morning of Friday 24th January (10 am - 11 am). This is an opportunity to share your views with us and possibly collaborate on some upcoming ventures. I look forward to seeing you then.

Hadith of the Week

'Umar Ibn Khattab said, "I heard the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, say, 'If you were to rely on Allah as He should be relied on, He would provide for you as He provides for the birds. They go out early in the morning hungry and return in the evening full.'"
- Narrated by Tirmidhi

Upcoming Events

Thursday 23rd Jan

GCSE Citizenship
Trip to Houses of Parliament

Mon 27th Jan - Wed 5th Feb

Year 11 Mock Exams (off-site)

Friday 31st Jan

Y8B & Y8G PSHE
Trip to Houses of Parliament

Entire month of February

Shakespearefest

Thursday 6th February

Intermediate UKMT Challenge

Sunday 9th Feb

Deadline for Young Mayor nominations

Fri 14th Feb

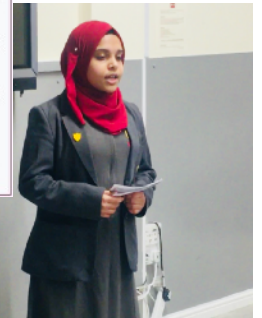
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 24th February to Friday 8th March

Fairtrade Fortnight

Pupil-led assemblies - developing oracy

This week, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme has come up with a checklist of essential activities for teenagers designed to cut through apathy and 'build character' (pictured). No 19 on the list is speaking in public/in front of school.



Fittingly, here at Al-Khair, we're increasing pupil-led assemblies. This week was the turn of the girls' school where we had two pupil-led assemblies.

On Monday, we had two of our Year 7 students, Izma and Zaynab R demonstrated their excellent oracy skills in our weekly assembly on Tuesday morning. Both girls are contestants for the National Children's Competition in which students deliver speeches and perform qiraat. Izma's recitation of the Qur'an moved some teachers to tears, MashaAllah, and Zaynab delivered a very valuable lesson from a hadith.



On Thursday, Year 9G delivered a brilliant interactive assembly based on their PSHE lessons on Digital Citizenship where they talked about cyberbullying, data privacy, digital footprint and fake information on the internet as well as giving top tips.

May Allah swt grant all our students every success in this life and the next and continue to help them use their obvious talents for the betterment of society.

Merit Roll of Honour

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| Boys' School | Girls' School |
| Saifullah Gulzar Year 7 | Zainab Din Year 8 |
| Shakell Mohammed Year 7 | Izma Soobratty Year 7 |
| Sufyaan Chaudhry Year 8 | Sahlah Abubacker Year 9 |
| Mohammed Adam Year 7 | Zainaa Farouk Year 8 |

YOUNG MAYOR LAUNCH

On Thursday 9th January, Boris Rupnik from Croydon Council visited the school and delivered an assembly encouraging the students from the boys' and girls' schools to run for Young Mayor of Croydon.

The Croydon Young Mayor is elected to represent the views of young people and encourage them to create opportunities around issues that matter to them and their communities. Croydon is home to more young people than any other London borough and the Croydon Young Mayor represents over 37,000 young people - that's 1 in 20 young people living in London - so it's really important that these young people are represented in the borough.

To stand, you must be aged 12 to 17 on 31 August 2020 and live in Croydon. The deadline for submitting nominations is Monday 29th February. There are also drop-in sessions if you would like some advice or support (pictured). For more information, visit www.croydon.gov.uk/youngmayor



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| Wed 22 nd Jan | Prospective candidate/parent Teacher drop in | 18.00 - 20.00 | Room 1.10 (1 st Floor) Bernard Weatherill House, 8 mint walk, Croydon CR0 1EA |
| Wed 29 th Jan | Prospective candidate/parent Teacher drop in | 18.00 - 20.00 | Room 1.10 (1 st Floor) Bernard Weatherill House, 8 mint walk, Croydon CR0 1EA |
| Sat 8 th Feb | Prospective candidate/parent Teacher drop in | 13.30 - 18.00 | Legacy Youth zone, 125 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon CR0 2LG |
| Sat 15 th Feb | Prospective candidate/parent Teacher drop in | 11.00 - 15.00 | Fairfield Halls Park Ln, Croydon, CR9 1DG |