



Secondary Schools' Friday Bulletin



An illustration by Ben Jennings on the coronavirus outbreak - The Guardian

Headteacher's Message

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatulahi wa barakatuhu,

I hope this message finds you in the best of eman. Alhamdulillah these are interesting times and at the school we continue to carry on with positivity and are gearing up to the exams ahead. Next week the exams will formally begin on Tuesday and finish on Friday. Please ensure your children have correct uniform and exam equipment. Year 11s are expected to attend as usual but will have a reduced timetable. Details for these arrangements have been emailed. Until then, do ensure your children are staying safe and preparing for the challenges ahead with lots of dua and plenty of effort.

Ma'Asalaama

Hadith of the Week:

Wondrous is the affair of the believer for there is good for him in every matter and this is not the case with anyone except the believer. If he is happy, then he thanks Allah and thus there is good for him, and if he is harmed, then he shows patience and thus there is good for him. (Sahih Muslim)

Upcoming Events

**Monday 24th
Feb to 27th
March**

**Y^etenner
challenge**

Year 8B &
8G's Four-Week
Tenner Challenge

**Tuesday 17th
March to
Friday 20th
March**

Exam Week (Year
7- Year 10)

**Monday 23th -
Friday 27th
March**

Careers Week
(postponed)

**Monday 23rd
March**

Y7G and Y8G -
Extract DNA
Workshop Trip

**Thursday 26th
March**

Y9G - High
Velocity/Crash
Testing. Workshop
Trip

Friday 3rd April

Last day of Term
(Half Day, 1:30pm
end)





Study Skills - creating independent learners

With the likelihood of schools closing in the coming weeks (see below), it's never been more important for students to learn how to study and revise independently. However, this is a skill that students need to learn and train themselves to do, so it becomes a habit.

- ▶ Read actively: You will need to be an active reader, paying close attention to the words you are reading and their meaning. Remember to annotate, highlight and clarify any ambiguity as you go along.
- ▶ Skim read: Speed read or skim material before reading it in detail and then summarising the text in your notes.
- ▶ Go solo: Practice working on your own for long periods of time without seeking the help of an adult.
- ▶ Different sources: When doing research, try to draw from a variety of different sources.
- ▶ Be persistent: If a task is challenging, don't give up. Keep at it until you understand what you need to do.
- ▶ Seek help where necessary: Asking for support and advice is an important part of independent learning. If you need help, ask for it! Your teachers can be contacted by email or through show my homework.
- ▶ Discussions: If you want to expand an argument but are stuck for ideas, get a debate going with friends or peers. This could help you think about an element you hadn't considered before.
- ▶ Set goals: A good way to keep your motivation up is to think what you want to get out of your work and remind yourself next time you're flagging.
- ▶ Effective time management: With school work, you're more than likely to have several pieces of work to juggle at any one time. Break each project down into the relevant tasks, work out how long you will need to spend on each part, then allocate time in your diary in order or priority. If you're revising, create a timetable to split your revision into bite-size chunks.



Study Tips

- 1 **GET ENOUGH SLEEP**

 so that your brain has the opportunity to consolidate new knowledge.
- 2 **BREAK STUDY TIME INTO SMALL CHUNKS**

 Space your learning over multiple days.
- 3 **Know Your Body. Study when you are at your MOST ALERT.**
- 4 **TURN HEADINGS INTO QUESTIONS**

 and read paragraph by paragraph for comprehension.
- 5 **TEST YOURSELF FREQUENTLY**
 when you study, so you can practice retrieving information. 

IN THE EVENT OF CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

In view of measures taken by our European neighbours, it is now highly likely that schools will have to close in the coming weeks. In these unprecedented circumstances, we at Al-Khair School, like other schools around the country, are making contingency plans to ensure that we are ready, when and if this happens.

We are planning to ensure that there is as little disruption to your child's education as possible and if the school shuts down, we will provide remote access to resources and worksheets via the internet so your child can continue to learn. More details will be shared in the coming days so please check your emails and the school website for more details.

We are also offering all parents and carers free access to all high quality twinkl educational resources. To take advantage of this offer, please [visit www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) - enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

