



AL ISLAH
Girls' High School

.....respect, educate, achieve.....



Al Islah Girls High School, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 6TF

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Assalamualaikum and a warm welcome to all parents, staff and students!

Al Islah would like to introduce you The Messenger, which will be our newsletter. Our aim is to keep you updated on what is happening at the school.

Al Islah is now 22 years old and it is wonderful to continue this incredible journey as a school. We now have 70 pupils and 10 members of staff. It is great to welcome back the existing team and introduce new staff to Al Islah School. All our pupils have settled into their new classes really well and are certainly enjoying their topics of learning.

Al Islah also has the privilege of having a new leadership body. The school is honoured to accept Sabiha Patel as our new Headteacher and also our new governing body.

Inshallah, Allah will guide us to more success. Ameen

Year 10 Work Experience



At the end of this half term, our Year 10 students went out on Work Experience and we have received some glowing reports from both the employers and the students. This is an important experience for the students as it enables the children to learn about the different jobs and careers out there and also have a taster of

Here is one of the comments we received:

"Kainat has been extremely proactive and enthusiastic working with my team. Kainat is confident in the team environment and not afraid to ask questions and offer a viewpoint. She has been punctual, reliable and friendly – and generally a pleasure to have around. I wish her lots of luck and fun in her future career."

Student Comments

- ... a big opportunity to put this prestigious organisation on my CV. The placement was very challenging.
- The placement provided me with a valuable experience.
- ... an amazing placement with friendly and welcoming staff.
- The placement provided an excellent opportunity to work with professionals and learn from their considerable experience.
- The placement was awesome!
- What a great experience, well worth it and extremely recommended.

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Study Skills Session

On Friday 17th February, the school had a Study Skills Session. This was aimed at the KS4 students in order to help them prepare for their final GCSE exams. The school also invited parents to this session as some of the presentation was aimed at parents too. The session was highly successful and students felt confident and are highly optimistic about their exams. Inshallah, we hope you can support your daughters at home during this crucial period of their life.

Below are some ideas to support your child. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

- *Be patient! Help your child to become an independent learner. Explain how to look up information or find a word in a dictionary rather than simply giving them the answer in order to get the task finished.*
- *It's a good idea if your child has a break and something to eat before starting revision.*
- *Don't let working together become a chore. Make it a special time that you can both enjoy.*
- *Turn off the television while revision is underway, but do let your child work to music if they find it helpful.*
- *Agree a place and a time for help - listening while you do another chore can work too.*

School Uniform

We have noticed a number of students are coming into school with incorrect uniform. Please could you ensure that correct school uniform is worn at all times.

PE

The students have started having their PE Sessions at the Audley Sports and Leisure Centre. The school has received positive feedback from the students and they are very happy with the facilities provided.



HOUSES

All Islah are proud to introduce a pastoral system in which all pupils will be placed in houses. The four houses that we have chosen are the:

Fatima House

Zainab House

Ruqaiya House

Ume Kulthum House

Each pupil will be rewarded with points for various tasks, ranging from school work and tasks given by teachers. All points will be collated each month and the winning house at the end of each half term will be rewarded.

Key Dates

Friday 3rd March: OPEN EVENING

An invitation to all current and new parents to come and visit the school and see children's work, displays and enquire about any concerns you may have.

Thursday 2nd March: WORLD BOOK DAY

Staff and students to come into school in their pyjamas. All students will participate in discussing and sharing their favourite book with their peers.

Friday 24th March: RED NOSE DAY

Further information will be provided at a later date.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**THERE IS NO
ELEVATOR
TO SUCCESS.
YOU HAVE TO
TAKE THE
STAIRS**