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Girls' High School

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

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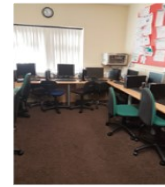
**The Messenger**

### Brand New ICT Suite

In the previous newsletter, we humbly requested your help into raising funds for our ICT suite and by the grace of the Almighty, a brother in Islam has generously donated a complete suite of 17 computers.

**May Allah accept this kind donation and make this a means of sadaqa jariyah for him.**

All the computers have been upgraded to the latest specification and we have regular weekly visits from an external company who maintains them.



We are still collecting donations to purchase 10 brand new laptops for the school. We therefore, request your kind help and support in this venture by supporting us and making a donation.

Please contact Apa Sameerah in the school office to make a donation or you could make a transfer into the Al Islah bank account, using the reference: Donation for School Laptops.

**School Account Details: Sort Code: 40-12-04 Account Number: 81783122**

Jzk in advance for your continuous support. May Allah (SWT) accept your duas! Ameen

### Parents Evening

The school held its Parents Evening on the 5th February and the staff were delighted to see a really good turnout. Jzk to all parents and guardians who attended. It was great to be able to share so many of your children's successes and discuss how their learning can be improved further!

We hope you continue to work together and support us throughout your child's academic journey.

### Mid and Mock Exams

The Mid Year and Mock Exams were also held in the week commencing 15th January for all students.

**The staff were very disappointed with the performance of the students and have therefore agreed to hold a second Exam Week.**

**Please encourage your child to revise thoroughly at home and manage their time effectively for these exams. Many of the KS3 students failed to take their examinations seriously and displayed a poor attitude with many careless written errors. These tests are highly important as it gives an indication to the teachers as to how your child is progressing academically and whether they need extra intervention to help them further.**

The Year 10 students will be having their Mock Exam in the week commencing 26th Feb and the rest of the school will be having their examinations in the following week: 5th March.

## Work Experience

It is a rite of passage in the lives of teenagers across the country: the day they leave behind the security of the classroom to dip their toes into an unfamiliar world in the time-honoured custom of work experience.

This term, from the 5<sup>th</sup> till the 16<sup>th</sup> March our Year 10 students will be heading into workplaces, ranging from pharmacies to hair salons, primary schools to nurseries. Some will be excited at the prospect of sampling life beyond school, while others will be nervous at stepping out of their comfort zone.

But it does not have to be an ordeal. Work experience can provide an insight into a different environment. It can help these girls' decide if a career is for them. And it can be very handy when it comes to getting a job.

Although most students have a firm career plan but for those still in the dark, a placement can be useful. It is helping them discover the types of careers that are out there and the pathways to get there, so they can think about what they want to do and the qualifications they will need.

A good placement makes students more realistic and able to make informed career choices. It also provides concrete evidence of interest in a particular career to both university admissions officers and future employers. Students grow up and become noticeably more mature, it helps them see what they have to do and think about the long term.

### **Students – How to get the most out of work experience**

- Act professionally. Turn up on time, follow the dress code if there is one, stick to prescribed breaks, do not complain of being bored and expect to stay until the end of the working day.
- Be realistic about what you will be doing. There is likely to be an amount of routine involved and not all of the tasks you do will be scintillating.
- If you finish one task, instead of waiting until you are given another one, ask what else you can do.
- Ask employees how they got where they are and what qualifications they needed.
- If you have any concerns, talk to your supervisor, or contact the school or placement organiser to sort it out.

**We wish all our Year 10 students the very best in their chosen work placements and we look forward to hearing their success stories when they come back!**

## GCSE Exams

We are very closely approaching the Final GCSE Examinations. These exams begin on the 15th May 2018. On behalf of all the staff, governors and parents, I would like to wish all the students the very best in their upcoming exams and hope they achieve the very best. Inshallah.

There is an information advice sheet posted on our website specially for our Year 11 students on how to cope with exams during Ramadhan.

### Key Dates:

26th Feb— 2nd March : Year 10 Exam Week

1st March : World Book Day

5th March—9th March : Exam week for the  
whole school

5th—16th March : Work Experience for Year 10  
students.

### Quote of the Month

“I’m a great  
believer in  
*luck*, and I  
find the  
harder I  
work, the  
more *luck* I  
have.”

Thomas Jefferson