



**AL ISLAH**  
Girls' High School

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



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

Sept—Dec 2018

# The Messenger

Dear Al Islah Parents,

We have come to an end of another successful term. The first of the academic year 2018-2019. All thanks and gratitude belongs to the Almighty for the protection, guidance, grace and success all through the term. As always, we appreciate the patronage, commitment and love showered on us by our ever-cherished parents, staff and the governors. We are equally determined to exceed all your positive expectations of us.

The Christmas holidays officially began on Friday 21st December, 2018 but you may still contact the school via email for any enquiries and sundry information. You may contact the Admin or the Headteacher on the following email addresses.

**Headteacher:** [head@alislah.org.uk](mailto:head@alislah.org.uk)

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**We still have a number of places in our KS3 classes and for our September 2019 intake. Please contact the school office if you require any further information or if you know anyone who is interested in a school place.**

## The term in review...



### BREAKFAST CLUB



The school has introduced a Breakfast Club, which is open from 10.15am till 10.45am. After consultation with the students, the club now has started to offer snacks that are healthier and more nutritious.



On 2nd October, the students were visited by our school nurse, who came in to talk to the girls about healthy eating and living a healthy life-style.



### **IT WAS A WALK IN THE PARK!!**

Al Islah staff and students bravely took part in a '3 mile' sponsored walk on a cold and wintry afternoon to help raise funds for the school. The girls loved the afternoon walk and there were some very tired legs at the end! Jzk to all the staff and students who helped raise a significant amount of money which will be spent on school resources to help benefit the students. Well done to all!!



### **Macmillan Cancer**

The school and the parents held a chai and snacks event on 27th Sept to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer.

### **Remembrance Day**

To commemorate the 100 years of Armistice Day, students from different year groups all got together and created a video outlining the importance of Remembrance Sunday. You can watch the video on our Facebook page.

### **Ofsted October 2018**

The school were visited by Ofsted Inspectors in the first week of October. The School has ensured that all the Independent School Standards are met and the inspectors outlined that we have 'dealt with all the inadequacies which were identified from the previous inspection'.

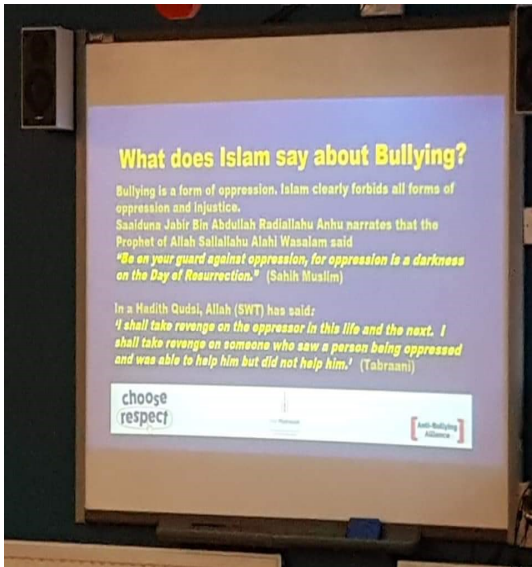
The Inspectors also commented that the teachers have excellent subject knowledge with a broad and balanced curriculum offered to our girls and our KS4 students gain above national average results in their GCSEs when they leave school at the age of 16. The Inspectors were also awed by our Safeguarding and Welfare for our girls and we were praised upon this and many other aspects too.

You can access the full report on the school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to say jzk to all the parents who came in to talk to the inspectors over the two days.



## Anti-Bullying Week



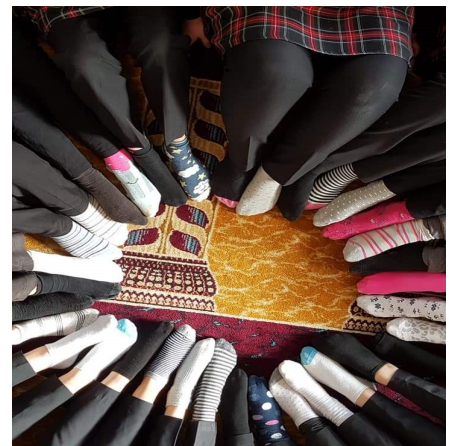
### Anti-Bullying Week (12th—16th November)

All the students were involved in a workshop presented by the IMO . The children wore odd socks to promote the 'Choose Respect' theme. All the girls thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and helped raise awareness of this important issue.

### Parents Evening

Parents Evening was held on 6th December. Jzk to all the parents for attending Parents Evening. It was great to share so many of your children's successes and discuss how learning can be improved further.

We will be holding a 2nd Parents Evening on 5th April.



### First Aid Training for all our students

Al Islah Girls' are proud to be qualified as first aiders. All our students completed the course on 11th December. With this first aid training, the students were taught many various skills such as basic life support (CPR), helping the injured party if unconscious, dealing with bleeding and shock, as well as burns, poisoning and choking





## **NHS Careers Event**

The KS4 students all attended the NHS Careers Workshop at Nelson & Colne College which was organized by the ELHT. The girls all enjoyed looking around the various careers that are open in the field of NHS and came back with lots of informative resources.



## **Annual Awards Ceremony**

Our Annual Awards Ceremony was held on the morning of Saturday 15th December at the school. Staff, students and parents were honoured to witness beautiful nasheeds and speeches by our students. We were then further privileged to listen to a few of our favourite nasheeds by our special guest of honour: Hafiz Ahsan Amin.

The girls received many awards and it was a joyful and pleasureable occasion for all the Al Islah family.

I would like to take this opportunity to say jzk to all the students (past and present), staff , parents and the Governing Body including Trustees who attended this event and made it even more special and elite for all of us.



# Upcoming Events in the Spring term...

## Key Dates

- Monday 7th January:** Staff Inset Day 8.30am till 3.00pm
- Tuesday 8th January :** School Reopens for all students at 8.30am.
- Tuesday 8th—Friday 11th Jan :** 1st Mock Exam Week for all KS4 students
- Thursday 17th January :** (Check Point 2) Parents to receive reports and results of examinations online.
- Friday 15th February:** Check Point 3
- Half Term Holidays :** February 18th—February 22nd
- 25th February:** School reopens for all students at 8.30am
- 25th—29th March:** 2nd Mock Exam Week for all Year 11 students
- 5th April :** Parents to receive Check Point 4 results and reports of Mock Exams.
- 5th April :** Parents Evening
- 5th April :** Last Day of Spring Term—School breaks for Easter Holidays
- 23rd April :** School Reopens for all students at 8.30am

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Trips provisionally booked for all year groups.
- ◆ Formation of the first Al Islah School Netball Team 2019
- ◆ Business Enterprise Programme for our Year 9 students.
- ◆ Year 10 Work Experience Programme.



## PUNCTUALITY

Good punctuality at school is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for students to form good habits for later life.

All students are expected to arrive punctually for school in the morning and to arrive punctually for each lesson. A register is taken at the start of the day and in the afternoon. Students arriving late are recorded as thus on the register.

According to DfE guidelines, registers must be closed after a certain time in the morning. Therefore, if a student arrives after 9.15am, they cannot receive a late mark but have to be marked as absent for the whole morning session. If the lateness is due to a legitimate reason e.g. a medical appointment, the absence can be authorised. Otherwise, the session is marked as an unauthorised absence.

Please could all parents try to make medical appointments outside of school hours.