

The Al-Hijrah Times



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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as-salaamu' alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

Welcome back! I pray you are all rested and ready for the year ahead. We started with a short week which was full of busy preparation and settling new and old pupils. As usual, we have important reminders for the start of the year which we hope you will find useful – read on for all the information.

As always, please keep us in your du'as as we keep you in ours; may Allah (SWT) protect, guide and grant us His Mercy, Aameen.

Br. Arshad Mohammed

Get in Contact/Parent Matters

Your first point of call is the Class/Form Tutor. After this, a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) or Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will deal with your query/concern. Please kindly note:

Br. Amjid Hussain	Pastoral Lead & DSL
Sr. Saima Khan	Assistant Head & DSL
Br. Shawkat Chowdhury	Deputy Head & DSL
Br. Arshad Mohammed	Head Teacher

Parents & Heads Coffee Afternoon

At Al-Hijrah we believe it is vital to know the thoughts of our parents. Following the success of previous years, we once again have dates for our Heads Coffee Afternoon (previously Morning). These will be held every second TUESDAY of the month. Parents are requested to email the school with topics which will Insha'Allah be addressed by Br Arshad Mohammed (Head Teacher) and Br Shawkat Chowdhury (Deputy Head Teacher). The next Coffee Afternoon is:

Tue 10th Oct 2017 | Main Hall | 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Entrance and exit will be from the Main Office (Burbidge Road) and parents must kindly sign in on arrival – please kindly note that parents will NOT be granted access to the main school building due to safeguarding and will be escorted at all times.

Attendance & Punctuality





Attendance is very important and all schools are judged on this. The national target is 95%. Gates open from **8:30 am** as usual, Insha'Allah. Please kindly continue to encourage children to arrive on time. School gates close at **8:45 am** and pupils are late if they arrive after this time. Secondary students are issued with a break time detention for lateness.

Medical Information






All parents/guardians please inform the school of any allergy/medical conditions your child may suffer from. This must be done in **WRITING to the school**. It is extremely vital to know your child's up to date medical condition so we can create a safe environment for them in school, Insha'Allah.




NO NUTS! For the safety of all our pupils, please do NOT send any nuts into school. A lot of our children are allergic to nuts and this measure will help to prevent cross contamination, Insha'Allah. Jazak'Allah hu khayrun for your support in this.

School Website & Social Media	Free School Meals (FSM)
<p>Please find below the links on our website for social media forums:</p> <p> Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/alhijrahschool/</p> <p> Instagram – https://instagram.com/schoolalhiijrah/</p> <p> Twitter – https://twitter.com/SchoolAlHijrah</p> <p> YouTube – https://www.youtube.com/channel/ Please logon and subscribe!</p>	<p>If you have not already done so, please register for FSM. Remember, even if your child is not having free school meals, it will still mean funding for the school so please take some time to check if you are eligible. The link is available on our website.</p>

Parent Volunteers	Book Donation	Parental Email
<p>We need your expertise and help! We are looking for parent volunteers to assist the school in the Library, book fairs, trips, fundraisers, events, or in any other way. If you can offer your help or know someone who can volunteer, please contact the Main Office with your details. A letter with further details has been issued and is also available on our website, Insha'Allah.</p>	<p>We kindly request parents to donate any books which are in good condition for reuse that you or your children will no longer be using. Books should not be ripped or marked and can be both fiction and nonfiction. They can be sent in with your child or can be left in the Main Office.</p>	<p>If you have access to email and would like to receive correspondence as well as the Newsletter via email, please register your email address with the school. If you wish to register more than one email address you can do so and any communications will be sent to each address on the form. Please complete the form (sent home) and return to school. Jazak'Allah in advance for your continued support.</p>

Important Dates!	Riddle of the Week!
<p> Y6 Mayan Workshop: Mon 18th Sep 2017, Pupils Only, School Day, £6.00.</p> <p>Photo Day: Secondary – Tue 19th Sep 2017 Primary & Sibling – Tue 10th Oct 2017, Sisters Hall.</p> <p>Hijrah New Islamic Year Muharram 1439AH: Thu 21st Sep 2017.</p> <p>SATs Workshops: KS2 Y6 – Wed 27th Sep 2017 KS1 Y2 – Wed 4th Oct 2017 9:00 – 10:00 am, Main Hall, Parents Invited.</p> <p>Parents & Head Teacher Coffee Afternoon: Mon 10th Oct 2016, 9:00 – 10:00 am, Main Hall.</p> <p>Term Dates: Fri 21st Oct 2017 School Closes 3:30 pm Mon 31st Oct 2016 School Reopens 8:30 am.</p>	<p>QUESTION: What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?</p> <p></p> <p>PRIZE: First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat C will be rewarded!</p>

Fidget Spinners/Cubes – Banned!	Healthy Food – NO Fast Food!
<p></p> <p>We are aware that many pupils are bringing Fidget Spinners/Cubes to school – these are BANNED and will be CONFISCATED if found in school. They will NOT be returned to pupils or older siblings and parents must come into to school to collect them.</p>	<p>At Al-Hijrah, the health and wellbeing of your child is an extremely important part of school life; this includes a healthy and well-balanced diet. We understand that parents are very busy and sometimes we forget things such as lunch – the school is here to support you. If your child has forgotten their lunch, they will be provided with a school meal – parents can pay for this on the following day. Parents can drop off packed lunches in the MORNING ONLY but this must NOT be fast food/fizzy drinks/chocolates/sweets/crisps/etc. Packed lunches from home will be checked and returned if they are not suitable.</p>

Uniform Contribution	School Nurse Drop-In	 Parking 
<p>We kindly request parents to donate any Al-Hijrah uniforms which are in good condition for reuse that your children will no longer be using. These will be used to help raise funds for the school which will benefit the learning of your children. Uniforms should be washed before donating and can be left in the Main Office, Insha'Allah.</p>	<p>The Drop-In Clinic takes place every Thursday from 9:30 – 11:30 am. The School Nurse will contact parents who need to be seen. If you wish to book an appointment contact Sr Ruth Glackin (Family Liaison Officer) through our school email:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">enquiry@al-hijrah.bham.sch.uk</p>	<p>A reminder: please park safely when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please be conscious of our children and park safely. Help us to help you keep your child safe, Insha'Allah.</p> 

Trips

Year 10 Visit to House of Parliament

Observation and Engagement in
'Debating and Laws making' Workshops...



Q&A with MPs: ranging from job(s) and role of MPs to issues near to their hearts and minds...

#britishvalues #democracy #alhijrahpupils #liberty #law #faith #respect #tolerance

Tuesday 12th September saw the first trip of this academic year for Year 10 to the Houses of Parliament and Natural History Museum in London. It was a stupendous day, indeed!

We have some very bright, confident, concerned and developing pupils. At Parliament, after visiting both Chambers and observing the debates in both Houses, students took part in 'Debating' and 'Law Making' workshops where they chose the topic, discussed it, debated and then voted for or against it.

Students exhibited their developing abilities very well when MP, Mrs Shabana Mahmood, was ushered into the debating Chamber to face questions from our children. Questions ranged from jobs and the roles of MPs to issues near to their hearts and minds. One of the questions was about the 'refuse collection' issue in Birmingham and the other about Al-Hijrah School; one student asked, "Respected MP, we are very hardworking students. Our grades are better than most of the schools across the country; however, we have a very small site. Could you please help us to get a bigger and better site?" Mrs Mahmood responded, "If you know of any site. let your leadership inform me and I will try to secure one as I did in 2011 – 2012 by getting the school in becoming a through school. I have not visited the school myself and no one has told me about this issue."

This amazing trip would not have happened without the dedication of all staff involved, particularly Br Ozair Akhtar for organising the trip. Well done to all the boys and girls for their exemplary conduct. May Allah (SWT) guide them to great success in both worlds, Aameen.

Focus of the Week

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Sep 2017

Hadith 3: Forbidding Evil

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:
أَمْرُكَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهْيُكَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ صَدَقَةٌ

Qaala rasolullahi sallallahu alayhi wa sallam:
Amruka bilma'roofi wa nahyuka 'anil munkari sadaqah.

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said:
**"Your commanding good and forbidding evil is charity."
 (At-Tirmidhi)**

Mon 25th – Fri 29th Sep 2017

Hadith 4: Modesty

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:
الحياء والايمن قرناء جميعا، فاذا رفع احدهما رفع الاخر

Qaala rasolullahi sallallahu alayhi wa sallam:
**Al-hayaa'o wal imaano quranaa'o jma'eeaa, fa iza rufi'a
 ahaduhumaa rufi al aakhar.**

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said:
**"Modesty and faith are inter-related together; if one of
 them is removed the other is also removed." (Haakim)**