

# The Al-Hijrah Times



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## Head Teacher's Message

**Br. Arshad Mohammed**

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

After making an excellent start to the New Year, we have received the GCSE progress figures for last year. Al-Hamdu Lillah, Al-Hijrah school, once again, is amongst the top performers in the city. This news was followed by a monitoring visit by OFSTED. The visit was a success as OFSTED recognised that school was making strong progress towards the removal of special measures. We were very happy that they recognised that all aspects of safeguarding were now complaint. They also recognised significant improvements in other areas. Finally, there is more good news for pupils at Al-Hijrah as the school has now parted company with the old catering company and we look forward to improvements in meals and a greater opportunity for pupils to participate in the creation of food menus.

Al-Hamdu Lilla, the school has made huge progress in such a short time. Insha'Allah, we will create opportunities for the school to work closely with our parents to the benefit of our children. 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.

## 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:

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

## Parents & Heads Coffee Afternoon



Al-Hamdu Lillah, we had our first parent meeting last Tuesday. The Headteacher gave feedback on our amazing GCSE results, Ofsted monitoring visit as well as discussing some issues raised by parents. Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting and we look forward to working in partnership with you all, Insha'Allah. The next Coffee Afternoon is:

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 | 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.

## Year 7 Transition - Settling in Evening with the Form Tutor

As part of the Year 7 transition programme, we would like to invite you to a settling in evening for our Year 7's on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 3:45pm**. The session will end at **4:45pm**. The evening will comprise of meeting the Form Tutors and having a round table discussion of any questions or issues. If you wish to individually speak to Form Tutors on a one to one basis, do let the Form Tutor know. The boys Form Tutors will be based in the Main Hall and the girls Form Tutors' will be based in the Sisters Hall.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parking</b></p> <p><b>A reminder:</b> 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>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Medical Information</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>All parents/guardians please inform the school of any allergy/medical conditions your child may suffer from. This must be done in <b>WRITING to the school</b>. 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.</p> <p><b>NO NUTS!</b> 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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Attendance &amp; Punctuality</b></p> <p>Attendance is very important and all schools are judged on this. The national target is 95%. Gates open from <b>8:30 am</b> as usual, Insha'Allah. Please kindly continue to encourage children to arrive on time. School gates close at <b>8:45 am</b> and pupils are late if they arrive after this time. Secondary students are issued with a break time detention for lateness.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Entrepreneur 2017 Competition</b></p> <p>We have started stage 2 of the competition where the pupils in secondary are working hard to promote their ideas and vision. To be successful, they will have to demonstrate excellent business planning, good communication skills and team work. We are looking forward to all the fantastic ideas and wish all the candidates best of luck Insha'Allah. We will keep you updated with this competition.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Riddle of the Week!</b></p> <p><b>PREVIOUS ANSWER:</b> Felix.</p> <p><b>WINNERS:</b>  <i>Abdurrahman 4B and Nabeel BY6</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>QUESTION:</b>          What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?</p> <p><b>PRIZE:</b> First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat will be rewarded!</p>



## Important Dates!

- **Parent Meeting – Y7 Wales Residential:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 3:45-4:30pm Main Hall
- **Phonics Parent Workshops:** Y1 – Wed 18<sup>th</sup> | Oct 2017, 9:00 – 10:00 am, Main Hall.
- **Parents Evening:** Primary – Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017, Main Hall, 4:00 – 7:00 pm.
- **Prospective DofE Students & Parents:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 3.45-4.30pm Sisters Hall
- **Term Dates:** Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2017 School Closes 3:30 pm | Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2016 School Re-opens 8:30 am.
- **Black History Month** (Whole of October)

## Workshops

E-Safety workshop took place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The turnout was a little disappointing however; we will put on further workshops throughout the year Insha'Allah.

The Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop took place last week, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Thank you to all the parents for attending we had a lot of positive feedback Masha'Allah

## Primary Play Leaders



Primary Play Leaders can be found at Play and lunch times carrying out their duties. The list shows, see opposite, our current Primary Play Leaders:

- FaizFarooqui - BY5
- Bilal Atal - BY5
- Mustafa Kiani - BY5
- Harith Tahir - BY5
- Harith Kadir - BY5
- Hafsa Ali - GY5
- Hafsa Abdullahi - GY5
- RumaisahBintikabeer - GY5
- Labiba Muhammed - GY5
- Khadeeja Ali - GY5
- Aishah Bint Mohammed - GY5
- SamihaAfroz - GY5

## Pupil of the Week

Well done to the following pupils for getting Pupil of the week:

Class	Pupil of the Week	Class	Pupil of the Week
R1	Ibrahim Hoday   Hajra Noor	3b	Azaan Yousaf   Unaise Naheem
R2	Abdurrahman Faysal   Abdullah Tamim	4a	Marwa Khan   Eshaal Sohail
1a	Ikram Takal   Hussain Ahmed	4b	Muhammad Bader   Alina Mubarik
1b	Hunaidah Hussain   Amatullah Khan	BY5	Faiz Farooqui   Abrar Faruki
2a	Habiba Arshad   Safa Omar	GY5	Maya Ali   Umaymah Riasat
2b	Mohammed Tahmid   Shumaila Rashid	BY6	Hamza Zamir   Ayuub Mohamed
3a	Summayyah Rehman   Safa Omar	GY6	Aaminah Siddique   Sundus Abdimire

Other pupils were also celebrated for Writing and Times-Tables – well done to everyone, Masha'Allah.

## Focus of the Week

## 7 - Beware of suspicion

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
إياكم والظن، فإن الظن أكذب الحديث

*Qaala rasolullahi sallallahualayhi wasallam:  
Iyyakumwazzanna, fa innazzannaakzabul hadith.*

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said, "**Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the worst of false tales.**" (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

## 8 - Honesty in Trade

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:  
لا يحل لأحدٍ يبيع ببيعاً إلا بين ما فيه ولا يحل لمن يعلم ذلك إلا بينه

*Qaala rasolullahi sallallahualayhi wasallam: La yahillu li  
ahadinyabee'ubay'anillabayynea ma fihiwa la  
yahillulimanya'lamuzalikailaabayyinahu.*

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said, "**It is not lawful for somebody to sell something without revealing its defect; moreover, it is not lawful for anybody to know its defect and then does not reveal it.**" (Authenticated by Al-Albani in Ghaiat Al-Maram)