

The Al-Hijrah Times



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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
As-salaamu' alaikumwarahmatullahiwabarakatuhu

The blessed month of Ramadhan is upon us and we look forward to welcoming it throughout Al-Hijrah school, Insha'Allah. Please, spend time with your children talking about the purpose and importance of this holy month. May Allah (SWT) grant us the ability and the opportunity to benefit from this blessed time, Ameen.

Today, we are saying goodbye to our Year 11 pupils as they prepare to take GCSE examinations. We wish them every success in the examinations and are here to support them throughout this challenging time. We would encourage their parents to provide a suitable study environment and help them keep calm and focussed during this period. Our pupils in Years 2 & 6 will also be starting their SATs next week. Staff and pupils have been working very hard in preparing for them including booster sessions over the weekend. I would like to thank all our staff for their tireless efforts in preparing the children. We make du'a that Allah (SWT) rewards their efforts and grant them success, Ameen. Please keep us in your du'as as we keep you in ours; may Allah (SWT) protect, guide and grant us His Mercy, Ameen.

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 Head's 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:

**Tuesday 12th June 2018 | Sunshine Room |
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.

Upcoming Exams 2018

Your child has already been provided with their individual timetable; a general reminder is below:

Date	Time	Subject	Unit	Duration
Monday 14 May	1:30 – 3:15	Religious Studies	1a-1c	1 hr 45 mins
Tuesday 15 May	1:30 – 3:15	Science - Biology	1SC0/1BF or 1SC0/1BH 1B10/1F or 1B10/1H	1 hr 10 mins 1 hr 45 mins
Wednesday 16 May	9:00 – 10:00	PE	J587/01	1 hr
Wednesday 16 May	9:00 – 9:35	Urdu Listening	5UR01	F=25 minsH=35 mins
Wednesday 16 May	9:45 – 10:35	Urdu Reading	5UR03	F=35 minsH=50 mins
Wednesday 16 May	10:45 – 11:45	PE Clash Candidates	J587/01	1 hr
Wednesday 16 May	2:00 – 2:50	Religious Studies	2a-2g	50 mins
Thursday 17 May	9:00 – 10:45	Science - Chemistry	1SC0/1CF or 1SC0/1CH 1CH0/1F or 1CH0/1H	1 hr 10 mins 1 hr 45 mins
Friday 18 May	9:00 – 10:00	PE	J587/02	1 hr
Monday 21 May	NO EXAMS – NO EXAMS – NO EXAMS			
Tuesday 22 May	9:00 – 11:00	English Literature	C720 U10-1 (Component 1)	2 hrs
Wednesday 23 May	1:30 – 3:15	Science - Physics	1SC0/1PF or 1SC0/1PH 1PH0/1F or 1PH0/1H	1 hr 10 mins 1 hr 45 mins
Thursday 24 May	9:00 – 10:30	Maths	1MA1 - P1F/H(Non-Calc)	1 hr 30 mins
Thursday 24 May	2:00 – 2:50	Religious Studies	3a-3c	50 mins
Friday 25 May	9:00 – 11:30	English Literature	C720 U20-1 (Component 2)	2 hrs 30mins

Please note that if the exam is AM/All Day, students must be in by 8:30 am prompt, Insha'Allah. We have also included some tips – see previous Newsletter for the details. See also GCSE Exam Timetable above, for the next 2 weeks. Ensure you arrive at least 30 minutes **BEFORE** the start of **EACH** exam.

Primary Dismissal Arrangements During Exam Period

Due to the GCSE Exams starting for our Year 11 students, the Main Hall will be out of use from **Tuesday 8th May 2018 to Wednesday 20th June 2018**. As a result, there will be some changes to the KS2 dismissal arrangements. If your child is in Years 3 –6 please familiarise yourself with the following details. The Early Years and KS1 arrangements will remain the same.

Year 3: 3a and 3b will be dismissed from the gated Reception play area next to the Portacabins. Parents will **not** be allowed to enter beyond the gate. Pupils will be lined up and dismissed to the designated person.

(In the event of adverse weather conditions e.g. heavy rain, snow or other situations which may cause a danger to pupils or staff outside, Year 3 pupils will be dismissed from the sister's hall).




PLEASE NOTE: Years 4-6 Parents will enter the Main Building via the Girl's Entrance and Exit via the two entrances near the Main Corridor. This will be a one-way system.

Year 4: 4a and 4b will be dismissed from **their classrooms**. Parents are **not** allowed to enter the classroom. Person responsible for the class will release the children to the designated person from the door.

Year 5: 5a and 5b will be dismissed from **Room 16** opposite the Sisters Hall. Parents are **not** allowed to enter the classroom. Class Teacher will release the children to the designated person from the door.

Year 6: BY6 and GY6 will be dismissed from **Room 15** opposite the Sisters Hall. Parents are **not** allowed to enter the classroom. Class Teacher will release the children to the designated person from the door.

Morning Sports Clubs for Primary Students will run from **8.30am – 9.30am** from **Wednesday 16th May – Friday 15th June 2018** in the Sisters Hall.

Attendance & Punctuality	 Parking 	Riddle of the Week!
<p>Attendance is very important, and all schools are judged on this. The national target is 95%. During Ramadhan gates open from 9:20 am, Insha'Allah. Gates close at 9:30 am and pupils are late if they arrive after this time. Secondary students are issued with a break time detention for lateness.</p> <p>Ramadhan Club starts at 8:30 am prompt – pupils must register to attend.</p>	<p>A reminder: Please park safely when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please be conscious of the safety of our children and park conveniently. Help us to help you keep your child safe, Insha'Allah.</p>	<p>Last week's answer: A penny</p> <p>Last week's winners:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>QUESTION: What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?</p> <p>PRIZE: First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat will be rewarded!</p>



Important Dates!

- **Year 11 Exams-** Monday 14th May 2018, Main Hall
- **Year 6 SAT's-** Monday 14th May 2018
- **Year 2 SAT's-** Tuesday 15th May 2018
- **Parent Teacher Association Meeting-** Fridays. 2.30pm-3.30pm, with Br Amran
- **End of Summer 1st Half-Term** - Friday 25th May 2018, 3.30pm (1 week)
- **Coffee Afternoon** - Tuesday 12th June 2018, 2.30-3.30 pm. Sunshine Room

Taqwa & Fasting

In the institution of fasting there are many benefits both for the individual and the society. In fact, the prescribed Islamic `ibadat, (acts of worship) are in man's own welfare, and not any benefit to Almighty Allah. Allah (SWT) is not like the so-called rulers and kings of the world who can be pleased just by a word of praise or an act of apparent obedience. He is not dependent on our service. His commands are not for His own gain but only in the interest of the believers themselves. The Qur'an says:

"We bestowed wisdom upon Luqman, (enjoining): 'Give thanks to Allah.' Whoso gives thanks to Allah, does so to his own good. And whoso disbelieves (let him know that) Allah is All-Sufficient, Immensely Praiseworthy." (Luqman, 31:12)

All glory belongs to Him whether anyone glorifies Him or not. He sends His commands to guide His servants so that they may succeed in this world and in the Hereafter. One of the prayers mentioned in the Qur'an is as follows:

"There are others who say: 'Our Lord, grant us what is good in this world and what is good in the World to Come, and protect us from the chastisement of the Fire.'" (Al-Baqarah 2:201)

The main purpose of fasting mentioned in the Qur'an is taqwa. It says:

"Believers! Fasting is enjoined upon you, as it was enjoined upon those before you, that you become God-fearing." (Al-Baqarah, 2:183)

The Qur'an also says:

"Neither their flesh reaches Allah nor their blood; it is your piety that reaches Him. He has subjected these animals (to you) that you may magnify Allah for the guidance He has bestowed upon you. Give glad tidings, (O Prophet), to those who do good." (Al-Hajj 22:37)

The word `taqwa` means fear, precaution and God consciousness. In the Shari'ah it means fear of God and avoidance of disobedience to Him. It includes sincerity and purity of one's heart from all evil, and intentional adoption of righteousness, piety and good conduct. May Allah (SWT) enable to develop taqwa through fasting and other acts of worship especially during the month of Ramadhan, Aameen.

Ramadhan 1439H

All Praise is due to Allah, the Most Great! Subhan'Allah, the Month of Mercy has arrived – we are truly blessed to have the opportunity to cleanse our souls, strengthen our imaan and increase our ibadah.

All parents/guardians are requested to monitor their children's tarbiyyah during this month, paying particular attention to prayers, Qur'an recitation, manners and spiritual development. Throughout this holy month, we wish to encourage our pupils to gain all the benefits of Ramadhan and spending their time in ibadah, Insha'Allah.

To assist in this, we have of course altered timetables and the school day to a later start. A reminder:

Time	Scheduled
8:30 am	Ramadhan Club – must be registered
9:20 am	Gates Open – all other pupils
9:30 am	Morning Registration
3:30 pm	Home-Time

Please note that a letter has already been distributed with details of the Ramadhan timings – please refer to this for further information, Insha'Allah.

We once again take this opportunity to wish you all a truly blessed Ramadhan for the remaining days – may Allah (SWT) accept our good deeds, du'as and ibadah, Aameen.



Poetry Club

The first session of the boys' and girls' poetry clubs (that will be student led) took place where students interested in poetry, expression, or the curious came together. The sessions were full of ambition, inspiration and passion!

Entry ticket to the poetry club is a poem based on your name.

Our first mission has come- The Poetry Games. A national competition where we aim to make our mark!

For more details, see Br Ismail or attend the poetry club on Mondays (boys- lunch time, girls- form time).

Year 8 & 10 Parents Eve

Year 8 and Year 10 Parents evening took place on Tuesday 8th May. We are delighted that parents showed their support towards their children who are completing their GCSEs as well as those who will be preparing for Year 9 early GCSE exposure. Parents were able to meet and discuss their child's progress and were provided further information on opportunities to attend booster sessions and identify useful resources to support their child in their studies.

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	Hajira N Izna S	3b	Nusaaybah S Zaynab K
R2	Summaiya M Abubaker B	4a	Ruzayna F Yusuf H
1a	Iman Fatima Abubaker yusuf	4b	Abdurrahman M Elias & Saifullah
1b	Aasmaa Ayesha	5a	Zakariya K Hamza C
2a	- -	5b	Esa Y Mustafa K
2b	Raihanul C Ubayd N	BY6	Ayuub M -
3a	Aaisha A Abdussalaam S	GY6	SaalihaHalwany Amina Nessa

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

Focus of the Week

30. Ramadan

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:
إِذَا دَخَلَ مَظَانُّ مَضَاتُ فَتَحَتْ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ
وَعُلِقَتْ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ وَسُلْسَلَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ

Qaalarasolullahisallallahualayhiwasallam: izadhakhaRamadhanafutihat

abwabuljannatiwaghulliqatabwabunnarewasulsilatishshayateen

The messenger of Allah, peace be upon him said:

When Ramadan begins, the doors of Paradise are opened, and the doors of Hell are closed, and the Satans are tied with chains (Bukhari& Muslim).

31. Fasting

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:
الصَّوْمُ جُنَّةٌ

Qaalarasolullahisallallahualayhiwasallam: Assawmujannah.

The messenger of Allah, peace be upon him said:

The Fasting is a shield (against all sins).