

# The Al-Hijrah Times



Tuesday 18 September 2018

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## Head Teacher's Message

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

Welcome back! I wish you all a happy new year and pray that Allah (SWT) continues to bless us all with peace, happiness and prosperity, Ameen. Let me begin by congratulating everyone for the excellent results we achieved last year in all key stages. Our GCSE students did amazingly well yet again, and I wish them all the best in the next stage of their education. For the past three years our school has ranked amongst the best schools in West Midlands for progress. Last year our pupils did exceptionally well in that the progress figures were double that of the previous year. Our current examination classes have a tough challenge ahead and I pray that Allah (SWT) helps them all in their journey, Ameen.

I pray you are all rested and ready for another fantastic year. This academic year started with a short week and I am pleased that our pupils have settled well and made an excellent start to their studies. We look forward to working with all our parents to ensure our children progress and develop well in both character and their education. Pupils have felt a great deal of excitement around the school experiencing external facilitators delivering workshops around different civilisations. We endeavour to work in collaboration with other external partners to continue bringing a vibrant learning experience to all our pupils.

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:

<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

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 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018 | 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.

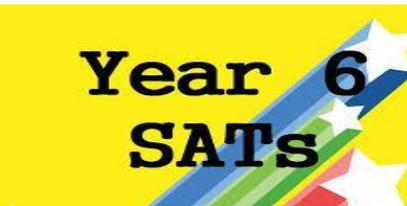
**NO NUTS!** For the safety of all our pupils, please do NOT send any nuts into school. A lot of our children are allergic to nuts and this measure will help to prevent cross contamination, Insha'Allah. Jazak'Allah hu khayrun for your support in this.

<b>School Website &amp; Social Media</b>	<b>Free School Meals (FSM)</b>
<p>Please find below the links on our website for social media forums:</p> <p> Facebook – <a href="https://www.facebook.com/alhijrahschool/">https://www.facebook.com/alhijrahschool/</a></p> <p> Instagram – <a href="https://instagram.com/schoolalhijrah/">https://instagram.com/schoolalhijrah/</a></p> <p> Twitter – <a href="https://twitter.com/SchoolAlHijrah">https://twitter.com/SchoolAlHijrah</a></p> <p> – <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/">https://www.youtube.com/channel/</a> 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>

<b>Things to Do!</b>	<b>Parental Email</b>
<p>Many of the city’s top attractions and <b>museums</b> are offering free admission as part of Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week.</p> <p>It means you can visit places like Aston Hall, Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Sarehole Mill for free.</p> <p>There's also the chance to discover <b>hidden places</b> not normally open to the public like the old Curzon Street Station terminus, Moseley Park Ice House and the Secret Gardens of Handsworth.</p> <p>So, why not be a tourist in your own city?</p> <p>Be sure to check the <b>Heritage Open Days</b> website for pre-booking details to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>Please visit: <a href="http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/birmingham-attractions-free-heritage-weekend-15060489">www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/birmingham-attractions-free-heritage-weekend-15060489</a> for more details.</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.</p>

 <b>Important Dates!</b>	<b>Riddle of the Week!</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hijrah New Islamic Year Muharram 1440AH:</b> Tue 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</li> <li>• <b>Reading Workshop-</b> Year 5, Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018   9:00 – 10:00 am,</li> <li>• <b>E- Safety Workshop-</b> Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018, Parents Only, Sr Hall   9:00 – 10:00 am,</li> <li>• <b>Reading Workshop-</b> Year 4, Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018   9:00 – 10:00 am,</li> <li>• <b>SATs Workshops:</b> KS1 Y2 – Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018  9:00 – 10:00 am, Main Hall, Parents Invited.</li> <li>• <b>Parents &amp; Head Teacher Coffee Afternoon:</b> Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018, 2.30-3.30pm</li> <li>• <b>Term Dates:</b> Fri 26<sup>st</sup> Oct 2018 School Closes 3:30 pm   Mon 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 School Reopens 8:30 am.</li> </ul>	<p><b>QUESTION:</b> What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?</p>  <p><b>PRIZE:</b> First 3 correct answers to Br Shawkat C will be rewarded!</p>

 <b>Parking</b> 	<b>Healthy Food – NO Fast Food!</b>
<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> 	<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>

Year 4 Egyptian Workshop	Year 6 SAT's Workshop	Year 6 Mayan Workshop
<p>In Year 4 children have started learning about Ancient Egypt. In order to enhance their learning, they took part in a workshop about Ancient Egypt. The children had the opportunity to dress up and learn interesting facts.</p>  	 <p>Year 6 SATs workshop with parents took place on Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents that attended. The parents most definitely found the information provided useful and left with knowledge of what to expect and how to support their children. Inshallah the children will do well this year.</p>	 <p>A fantastic day spent in school exploring the Ancient Maya- amongst other things, the children learnt how the Maya language and people are on the brink of extinction! Our guest had the all the children engaged and interacting with Maya creation stories and Drama activities re-enacting the death ritual! Children tasted chocolate how the Maya people would have eaten it. Even the teachers became competitive during a knowledge quiz at the end of the day!</p>

### Autumn Term - Extra Curricular Clubs

Day	Activity	Time	Price	Ages
Monday	Fencing Club	3.30pm-4.30pm	£1.50 per session	Year 3 – Year 6
Tuesday	Football Club	3.30pm-4.30pm	£1.50 per session	Year 3 – Year 6
Wednesday	Gymnastics Club	8.00am-8.45am	£1.50 per session	All Years
Wednesday	Rugby Club	3.30pm-4.30pm	£1.50 per session	Year 3 – Year 6
Friday	Dodgeball Club	8.00am-8.45am	£1.50 per session	Reception – Year 2
Friday	Multi Skills Club	3.30pm-4.30pm	£1.50 per session	Reception – Year 2

\*\*All clubs run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September and finish Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December\*\*

To book your child's place follow these simple steps!

1. Visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)
2. Search your postcode in 'Find an activity' and your school will appear
3. Click 'Book Now' on the appropriate course and complete your details
4. Once booked, email confirmation will be automatically sent through!



### After - School Classes- Secondary

Teacher	Subject/ Class	Day	Teacher	Subject/ Class
Br. Nasim	Maths BY11	<b>Monday</b>	Sr. Susan	PE GY11
Br. Ozair	Arabic BY11	<b>Tuesday</b>	Sr. Saima	Maths GY11
Br. Zabar	Computer BY11	<b>Thursday</b>	Br. Ozair	Arabic GY11
Br. M Hassan	History BY11	<b>Friday</b>	Sr. Shazia	Science GY11.2

**Start from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September | 2018 3.30 – 4.30 pm**

## Primary Reading Workshops

Workshop	Time	Day	Venue
Reading	9:00 – 10:00 am	Wednesday's (Aut 1 2018)	Main Hall

Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6	Reception
19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov

## Uniform & PE

Pupils at Al-Hijrah School are required to wear full school uniform when attending school and when participating in school based/organised events outside normal school hours. It is essential that your child is always sent to school wearing appropriate uniform. If pupils are not in appropriate uniform **3 times**, parents/guardians will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the issue.

<b>Labelling Uniform</b>	It is suggested that parents/guardians write the name of their child and class on ALL uniform items to avoid them being lost. When the name starts to fade, it should be rewritten. Please always refer to the Uniform List (available on the school website) when preparing your child for school.
<b>Year 3 Uniform Changes</b>	Please kindly note that the uniform for girls in Year 3 changes as they are part of KS2 – they must wear ankle-length skirts; please refer to the Uniform List (see school website).
<b>Hoodies: BANNED</b>	<b>No hoodies are allowed in school at all.</b> This includes PE lessons for both boys and girls. If it is seen on it WILL be confiscated and school policy will be followed for its return. <i>A "hoody" is defined as "any jumper or sweater, with or without a zip, that has a hood/hat attached to it".</i>
<b>Coats &amp; Jackets – Outdoor Only</b>	Outdoor coats/jackets with hoods/hats are permitted and are strictly for <b>outdoor use only</b> , i.e. break/lunch times. Students must take coats/jackets off whilst in the school building and during any lessons, including PE.
<b>PE Uniform</b>	Please refer to the Uniform List - If pupils are not in appropriate PE uniform <b>3 times</b> , parents/guardians will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the issue.

## Focus of the Week

### The Superiority of Greeting

عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ

" إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ وَإِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ أَمْرٍ مَّا نَوَى "

Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al-'as (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: A man asked the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ): "Which act in Islam is the best?" He (ﷺ) replied, "To give food, and to greet everyone, whether you know, or you do not."

### Politeness of Speech & Kindness of meeting

وَعَنْ أَبِي ذَرٍّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَا تَحْقِرَنَّ مِنَ الْمَعْرُوفِ شَيْئاً، وَلَوْ أَنَّ تَلَقَّى أَخَاكَ بِوَجْهِ طَلْقَ "

Abu Dharr (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Do not disdain a good deed, (no matter how small it may seem) even if it is your meeting with your brother with a cheerful face."