



WEEKLY BRIEFING

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Assalamualaikum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakatu. We make du'a In-sha'Allāh this briefing reaches you all in good health and emaan.

ASSESSMENT WEEK IS OVER



Assessment week has now come to an end, and we are entering the final three weeks of the term. This is a crucial time for pupils to consolidate their learning, reflect on their progress, and prepare for the upcoming holidays. KS4 pupils, in particular, should focus on their GCSE revision to ensure they are well-prepared for the challenges ahead and our Hifdh pupils should take advantage by making greater strides in their memorisation.

We also encourage parents to attend the scheduled Parent Day on the last two days of term to gain a deeper understanding of their sons' progress and discuss ways to support their learning journey. Let us all work together to ensure a strong and positive finish to the term, Insha'Allah.

Work Experience Scheme: 24th-26th February 2025



We are pleased to announce that our Work Experience Scheme will take place from **24th to 26th February 2025**. Your son will participate in a three-day work experience placement away from the school during this time. This is a fantastic opportunity for every pupil to develop valuable employability skills, gain practical knowledge, and secure a work reference that will be invaluable for future studies or job applications. We strongly encourage all pupils to take part in this experience.

Please help your son find a meaningful work placement that aligns with his interests and aspirations.

SAFEGUARDING

Have you considered the risks your child faces in school, out of school and at home? Have you noticed any change in their behaviour? Talk to us about it – even if it seems small.

The wellbeing officer, Moulana Junaid and DSLs, Ustaadh Azmol, Moulana Shahidullah, Moulana Abir, Moulana Ibrahim, and Ustaadh Azharul are on hand to discuss any worries.

Call us or simply email!

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL MATCH



Year 10 recently played a football match against Small Heath Leadership Academy, showcasing great determination and effort throughout the game. Despite a strong performance, particularly in the second half where they displayed improved teamwork and strategy, they were unable to secure a victory. The match was a valuable learning experience, and we commend the pupils for their sportsmanship and commitment. We pray that they are successful in their upcoming games, Insha'Allah.

NASIHAH



Our Head of Madrasah and Head Imam delivered this week's nasihah, Alhamdulillah, offering invaluable reminders about responsibility, fulfilling our amanah, and being accountable for our actions. He emphasised how our good deeds and the rewards they bring should not be diminished by bad actions, urging us to remain mindful of our behaviour.

The nasihah also highlighted the importance of keeping promises, including respecting and caring for school property and the belongings of others. This timely reminder comes as we approach the final weeks of Term 1, encouraging us to finish the term with integrity and a strong sense of responsibility

May Allah ﷻ shower His blessings upon our scholars and teachers, reward them for their dedication, and grant them eternal success in the Hereafter, Ameen.



GOLDEN TICKETS

Last week's Golden Ticket winners are:
Abu Bakr Year 7, Yaseen Year 9, Muawiyah Year 9, Shahriar Year 10, Subuer Year 9,
Anas Year 9, Zarif Year 9 x2, and Mustafa M Year 7.
Masha'Allah! Keep up the hard work!

TERM 1 PRIZES FOR GOLDEN TICKETS

5 tickets =	Art Brushes or Box of Chocolates
8 tickets =	Box of high-quality colour pens
10 tickets =	Calligraphy Set
12 tickets =	Table Tennis Bats & Ball or Remote-Control Car
15 tickets =	Nike Football or Cricket Bat

KHUTBAH



Our Year 7 pupil, Md Mahmoudi, delivered a truly inspiring khutbah this week, Masha'Allah, captivating both pupils and staff alike. In his amazing speech, he eloquently highlighted the numerous virtues and benefits of engaging in the remembrance of Allah, reminding us of its importance in our daily lives.

Adding to the Jummah atmosphere, the Adhaan was beautifully called by Mustapha from Year 8, Alhamdulillah.

May Allah ﷻ abundantly reward our pupils, granting them steadfastness in their worship, nurturing them into great scholars and da'ees, and guiding all of us along the straight path, Ameen.

HADITH

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"There are two words which are light on the tongue, heavy on the scale, and loved by the Most Merciful: SubhanAllahi wa bihamdi, SubhanAllahi al-azeem (Glorified is Allah and praised is He, Glorified is Allah the Most Great)." (Bukhari and Muslim)

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

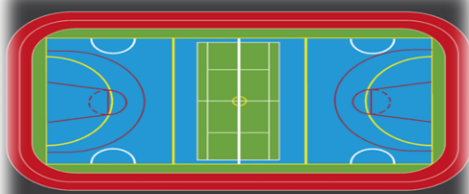


Congratulations to our Year 8 football team for their outstanding performance in a highly competitive tournament featuring schools such as Small Heath Academy, Yardley, Saint Albans, and several others. Despite being the smallest school in the competition, our players demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork, making it all the way to the finals.

The final match was intensely close, and although they narrowly lost on penalties, their effort and sportsmanship were truly commendable. Our pupils were awarded medals as finalists, a well-deserved recognition of their hard work and talent. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and look forward to their future successes, Insha'Allah!

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND APPEAL

To provide our pupils with the best possible facilities, we're fundraising to transform our school playground into a vibrant, safe, and engaging space. This includes installing non-slip sports markings, new goal and basketball posts, and comfortable benches.



Physical activity is crucial for the health and well-being of our young boys. The Prophet ﷺ encouraged a balanced life, including physical activities like swimming, archery, and horse riding.

We aim to create a safe, clean, and supportive environment where our boys can enjoy sports and recreation.

Please help us create a safer and more enjoyable playground for our pupils and local youth. The project costs just over £20,000. A fundraising link has already been sent to you. We ask that you share this with your friends and family, Insha'Allah.

The playground is shared by the Darul Uloom school pupils, local children from the maktab and the JMIC youth club. Your support is an investment in our young leaders and a great source of sadaqah jariyah for you and your family.



CLUBS FOR ALL

Encourage your son to join one of our after-school clubs. These clubs allow pupils to develop various skills, including communication, social interaction, hand-eye coordination, teamwork, and more. Insha'Allah, these activities are designed to enhance their personal development further.

Day	Club	Teacher	KS3	KS4
Monday	Football	Ustaadh Sulaiman	4.15pm-4.50pm	4.50pm -5.30pm
	Sports History	Ustaadh Abir/Azharul		
Tuesday	Anime	Ustaadh Hammaad	4.15pm-4.50pm	4.50pm -5.30pm
	Cricket/Table Tennis	Ustaadh Mohsin		
	Judo	Ustaadh Azharul	4.30pm-5.30pm	n/a
Wednesday	Breakfast Club	Moulana Salauddin / Ustaadh Usman	7.30am-7.55am	7.30am-7.55am
	Tech Club	Ustaadh Sayed	4.15pm-4.50pm	4.50pm -5.30pm
Thursday	Board Games Club	Dr Khan	4.15pm-4.50pm	4.50pm -5.30pm
	Creative Writing	Ustaadh Qasim		
	Basketball	Ustaadh Sulaiman		
	Judo	Ustaadh Azharul		
Friday	Reading Club	Ustaadh Azharul	4.15pm-4.50pm	4.50pm -5.30pm

READING COMPETITION



Last week, the school held an exciting Reading Competition where pupils showcased their creative writing skills. Each house submitted a single finalist, chosen from three candidates, who were tasked with writing a side chapter inspired by a character from their favourite novel. These chapters explored behind-the-scenes events in the novel's world, with pupils crafting compelling 120-word paragraphs. During the competition, the finalists dramatically presented their entries, making for a truly engaging event.

The winning piece, Masha'Allah, was written by Year 7 pupil Yad, representing Dar Nuh, who impressed everyone with his imaginative side chapter inspired by *Harry Potter*. The runner-up was Mustapha from Year 8, who also delivered an outstanding entry, creating a chapter inspired by *Artemis Fowl*. Congratulations to Yad and Mustapha for their fantastic efforts!

RESIDENTIAL TRIP IN JUNE/JULY



We are excited to announce that we are provisionally organising a four-day residential trip to Dolgellau, Wales! This adventure will take place either at the end of June or the beginning of July, and we are fortunate to have secured a provisional booking at this extremely popular venue for school groups. Our school will enjoy exclusive use of the facilities, ensuring a unique and tailored experience for our students. To secure this trip, we need at least 30 pupils to sign up, so we encourage you to show your interest by the deadline of 18 November.

Residential courses like this are invaluable to the National Curriculum and align perfectly with our school's vision of fostering personal development and self-esteem. Students will benefit immensely from this educational and social experience, with opportunities to enhance their learning in Geography and Science while enjoying the beauty of the natural surroundings.



This year's program promises to be both enjoyable and worthwhile. It features mini treks, treasure hunts, indoor games, a waterfall trek, a seaside visit, and an optional summit climb to Cader Idris. Additionally, there will be Islamic nasihah sessions designed to uplift students spiritually throughout the trip.

This opportunity is limited to 32 students from Years 7 to 11 on a first-come, first-served basis. It costs only £180, which includes transport, accommodation, and food. Up to six places are also available for parents who wish to accompany their child, at a cost of £140.

To confirm your booking, an initial non-refundable deposit of £40 will be required to secure your child's place. The remaining £140 can be split into three monthly payments of approximately £46.67 each. We look forward to an unforgettable trip filled with learning and adventure!





DARUL ULOOM ISLAMIC HIGH SCHOOL

THE PLAYGROUND APPEAL

WE AIM TO RAISE £20,000 TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE NON-SLIP MARKINGS, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, AND BENCHES.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN CREATE A LASTING IMPROVEMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL, ENSURING THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS BENEFIT FROM IT, INSHA'ALLAH.

THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) SAID: **"WHOEVER REMOVES A WORLDLY HARDSHIP FROM A BELIEVER, ALLAH WILL REMOVE A HARDSHIP FROM HIM ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION."** [MUSLIM]

SUPPORTING THIS INITIATIVE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE A HARDSHIP AND PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH A SPACE THAT BRINGS THEM JOY, COMFORT, AND GROWTH INSHA'ALLAH.

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SCHOOL IFTAAR



Alhamdulillah, we are thrilled to celebrate the participation of 36 pupils who fasted on Thursday and joined the school for a wonderful iftar. Their dedication and commitment not only inspired their peers but also encouraged staff to join in fasting. After a full day of refraining from food and drink while continuing their usual school activities, they enjoyed a delicious iftar meal together in a joyous and uplifting atmosphere, Alhamdulillah.

We pray that our pupils are able to continue observing the sunnah fasts on Mondays and Thursdays, Insha'Allah, and that their efforts are rewarded abundantly.

STUDENT COUNCIL STREET CLEAN AND CAMPAIGN INITIATIVE



The school's Student Council has launched an inspiring initiative to promote cleaner streets and a healthier environment in our community. Their campaign began last week with a hands-on litter-picking activity along Coventry Road, where they demonstrated their commitment to making a positive difference.

Building on this effort, the councillors have been actively designing educational posters to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness, both within the school and in the wider community. Additionally, they have reached out to local businesses, encouraging them to support the campaign by informing their customers about responsible waste disposal.

This initiative reflects the values of responsibility and care for the environment, instilling a sense of community service among the pupils.

We ask Allah ﷻ to reward them abundantly for their sincere efforts and excellent intentions, Ameen.



WINTER HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

We encourage all pupils to join the Community Foundation's exciting Winter Holiday Program, where they can participate in various fun and engaging activities throughout the winter holidays. This programme is an excellent way for pupils to stay active, develop new skills, and make lasting memories with their friends in a supportive and enjoyable environment. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of this fantastic experience – we look forward to seeing you there!



WINTER HOLIDAY Scheme

DEC 2024: MON 23, TUE 24, MON 30 & TUE 31

ACTIVITIES

- Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Energiser activities

DAY TRIP

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM & LONDON TOUR



SCAN ME TO ENROL

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS

5-9 YEAR OLDS
9am - 12.45pm

10-16 YEAR OLDS
1:15pm - 5pm

- Free Snacks
- Free Breakfast/Lunch

📍 SMALL HEATH: DARUL ULOOM
511 COVENTRY ROAD B10 0LL

📍 LOZELLS: CF BUILDING
20 ST SILAS SQUARE B19 1QW

You can enrol your child online, or complete form and return by **Monday 9th December 2024**

Email: info@thecommunityfoundation.org.uk

Tel: 0121 312 0135

Website: www.thecommunityfoundation.org.uk

***Day trips are free for kids eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and regularly attending the scheme. Fees applies for those not on FSM.**

TEA/COFFEE WITH THE ELDERLY



On Saturday, one pupil from each year volunteered to attend the "Tea with the Elderly" event at the Jami Mosque and Islamic Centre, demonstrating their dedication to community service and Islamic values. The pupils actively participated by assisting with preparations, serving refreshments, and engaging in respectful and meaningful dialogue with the elderly attendees. Their kindness and attentiveness reflected the Islamic teachings of *khidmah* (service to others), creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere. This act of compassion not only brightened the day for the elderly but also allowed the pupils to embody the principles of care, respect, and service in a practical and impactful way.

We pray to Allah ﷻ to bless our pupils, grant them the strength and sincerity to continue serving others for His sake, and nurture within them a deep sense of compassion and care for all of His creation, Ameen.

FOODBANK – HELPING THE LESS NEEDY



The school is proud to have joined hands with the Jami Mosque and Islamic Centre to support those in need through their food bank initiative. We are delighted by the heartfelt response from our pupils and parents, who have eagerly contributed to this worthy cause. The food bank provides essential items, donated by the local community and supermarkets, to assist those less fortunate, with provisions made available at the mosque's entrance and exit points.

We aim to make this initiative a regular part of our school's efforts, contributing to the food bank once every half-term to foster a culture of compassion and care within our pupils and the wider community.

We are grateful for your continued support and encourage donations of long-lasting food items such as rice, pasta, lentils, tinned vegetables and fruits, cooking oil, cereals, biscuits, and UHT milk.

May Allah ﷻ bless your generosity, accept your contributions, and reward you abundantly, Insha'Allah.

**PARENT DAY:
19 & 20 DECEMBER**

We are pleased to announce Parent Day will take place on **19 & 20 December**.

This is a valuable opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and receive feedback on their son's progress. We encourage all parents to attend and support their child's development.

PARENT DAYS	
19TH DECEMBER:	20TH DECEMBER:
Year 7: 8:30am – 11:15am	Year 9 & Year 10: 8:30am – 12:30pm
Year 8: 11:30am – 12:45pm	Year 11: 1:30pm – 3:30pm

DAR UPDATES

Dar Musa continues to dominate the Dar competition for Term 1.2, maintaining their position at the top of the leader board. Their consistent efforts and teamwork seem to be the winning formula, positioning them as strong front runners with just three weeks remaining in the term.

Dar Nuh holds second place, showing determination to close the gap, while Dar Ibrahim secures third place with a steady performance. Following them, Dar Sulaiman is in fourth, Dar Yusuf in fifth, and Dar Isa in sixth.

With a few weeks left, there's still time for movement in the rankings—let's see if any Dars can make a late surge for victory! Keep up the effort, and may the best Dar win!

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NOTICE BOARD

- Virtual Author Workshop: 3 December
- Spelling Competition: 5 December
- Tea With the Elderly in Masjid: 7 December, 14 December
- Multi-faith Trip: 9-11 December
- Careers Activity Week: 12 December
- Pioneers Residential Trip: 13-15 December
- Sports Competition: 17 December
- International Arabic Day: 18 December
- End of Term Assembly: 18 December
- Parent Day: 19 & 20 December
- End of Term Holidays: 23 December – 3 January
- Inset Day: 6 January
- School Re-opens: 7 January



Thank you for taking out some time to read our briefing – JazakumAllāhukhairan