

Al-Tadhkirah | التذكرة

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Welcome to Our Fifth Issue!

Assalamu `Alaykum!

As we approach the final stretch of this academic year, we are excited to present the fifth edition of our school newsletter. This edition, being the penultimate one before we wrap up for the summer, is brimming with highlights, achievements, and reflections that capture the dynamic spirit of our school community.

Inside, you'll find stories of academic excellence, memorable events, and the continued growth and success of our students and staff. From inspiring competitions to community engagements and much more, this newsletter showcases the vibrant activities that have defined this term.

Reminder of key dates:

1. From Monday, 3rd June to Friday, 14th June 2024, there will be a two-week half-term holiday.
2. On Monday, 17th and Tuesday, 18th June 2024, there will be an Eid Al-Adha holiday. The school will reopen on Wednesday, 19th June 2024.
3. Wednesday, 24th July 2024, will be the last day of the academic year.



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Hifzul Qur'an Competition Winners:

We are delighted to announce the winners of our recent Hifzul Qur'an Competition, where students demonstrated their connection to the Holy Qur'an. We are proud to celebrate their remarkable achievements.

Congratulations to our top three winners:

- ◆ First Place - Ahmad (Year 7): Awarded £100
- ◆ Second Place - Nafis (Year 8): Awarded £50
- ◆ Third Place - Tahmid (Year 8): Awarded £30



Holy Qur'an as possible during the blessed month of Ramadan. This challenge was a beautiful expression of our students' devotion and commitment to connecting with the Qur'an during this sacred time.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their dedication and effort. Each student's journey in memorizing the Qur'an is a noble endeavour, and we commend their commitment to this sacred task.

Ramadan Qur'an Challenge Winners:

We are also thrilled to announce the winners of our Ramadan Qur'an Challenge, where students dedicated themselves to reciting as many Ajza (parts) of the



These students have demonstrated exceptional dedication and spiritual discipline, making the recitation of the Qur'an a central part of their Ramadan journey.

Suture The Future | by UCL Medical Students:

We were honoured to host UCL Medical Students and their 'Suture The Future' project: an outreach initiative that inspires students from underrepresented backgrounds into becoming doctors and healthcare professionals.

The project taught the skill of suturing, that is, the medical procedure of closing a wound. Students witnessed live demonstrations and partook in interactive group workshops. The UCL students delivered presentations which gave our students greater insight into a career in medicine.



Memorisation of 40 Ahadith:

We are incredibly proud to announce the successful completion of the memorisation of 40 selected hadith by students from all year groups. Throughout this journey, students have not only memorised these important hadith but also engaged in discussions to understand their meanings and applications in daily life. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students for their hard work and perseverance and hope more students are encouraged by the achievement of their peers.



Year 10 work experience:

Y10 students will be away on work experience for two weeks, from Tuesday 11th June to Monday 24th June 2024. Students will have the chance to attain much-needed experience and employability skills for their future careers.

Dhul Hijjah & Eid-ul-Ad-ha | Etiquettes & Virtues

The First Ten Days of Dhul Hijjah

The first ten days of Dhu'l Hijjah are amongst the most blessed of days: Allah Himself swore by them in the Qur'an:

وَالْفَجْرِ ۙ
وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ ۚ

'By the Dawn, and the Ten Nights...' [al-Fajr 89:1-2]

Many scholars even stated that the daytimes of these ten days are more virtuous than the ten daytimes of the last ten days of Ramadan.

Ibn 'Abbas reported that the Prophet said: " There are no days in which good works are more beloved to Allah than these days – meaning the first ten days of Dhu'l Hijjah." [al-Bukhari].

It is recommended to exert oneself in good works during the first ten days of Dhu'l Hijjah, such as remembrance of Allah (dhikr), fasting, charity, and other righteous actions.

It is recommended to fast during the first nine days of Dhu'l Hijjah. Note, however, that the tenth day is the day of Eid, and is prohibitively disliked and sinful to fast on this day.

The Day of Arafah

The day of `Arafah (the 9th of Dhul Hijjah) is the day on which the religion was perfected and Allah's Favour was completed. [al-Bukhari & Muslim]

It is sunnah to fast on this day. *Abu Qatadah* narrated that the Messenger was asked about fasting on the Day of 'Arafah. He said, 'It expiates for the sins of the previous year and of the coming year'. [Muslim]

Eid Al Adha

The sunnahs of Eid-ul-Adha are as follows:

1. Performing ghusl (this is a confirmed sunnah for the Eid prayer);
2. Brushing one's teeth, using a miswak if possible;
3. Applying perfume;
4. Wearing the best clothing one possesses, without excess. White, when available, is optimal;
5. Waking up early;
6. Going early to the place of the Eid prayer;
7. Delaying eating until after the Eid prayer;
8. Returning from the Eid prayer via a different route to the one taken there.
9. Walking, when possible and without hardship;
10. Reciting the takbirat out loud repetitively on the way to the Eid prayer.

Eid Jama'ah at Darul Hadis:

We are happy to announce that we will be holding Eid prayers at 10:00am. We welcome all to attend.

Ayyam-ul-Tashriq

The takbir al-tashriq is a dhikr that is said after each fard prayer starting from the Fajr prayer on the day of Arafah (9th of Dhul Hijjah) up to the Asr prayer five days later (13th of Dhul Hijjah). This equals twenty-three prayers.

One must say at least once, out loud, immediately after each fard prayer:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ.

It is recommended to say this takbir three times.

Women should say the *takbir al-tashriq* in a soft voice and not loudly.