

# BIGS Newsletter

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EDITION 01

December 2016



## ASSALAAMU'ALAYKUM

### HEAD TEACHERS WELCOME BACK MESSAGE

Assalamaualaykum warahmatullahi wabarakauhu

I pray that you are all well and in the best of health and imaan.

Mashaallah we are at the end of a busy and productive term. I hope the girls achieve the best results and achieve beyond their targets in their exams. I also hope they are developing personally and spiritually through the enrichment, skills and opportunities they have whilst at the school.

Our newly appointed senior staff Sister Nasima alongside myself and Sister Asma have been focusing on improving the teaching and learning at the school and sister Khadija has been appointed the DSL. Mrs Nafeesa has been appointed as the new examinations officer.

In the upcoming term we have planned activities and will update you accordingly.

I look forward to meeting you all at the parents afternoon next term. Dates will be forwarded in January.

#### Extra-curricular clubs:

In order to provide our students with a holistic experience within school, we have set up different clubs, both during lunch and after school, to broaden the experiences our students receive.

#### Clubs running this year:

1. Mehndi club (lunch time)
2. Debating Society (Tuesdays, 3.15-4.00)
3. Mentoring (Thursdays-lunch time)
4. English booster (Tuesday & Wednesday lunch time)
5. Science booster (lunch time)
6. Maths booster (Mondays 8.30-9.00, Mondays & Tuesdays lunch time)
7. Nasheed club (Fridays, 3.15-4.00)

#### Best class attendance

September 2016 = Year 7 - 97.3%

October 2016 = Year 7 - 99.0%

November 2016 = Year 8 - 95.9%

**Attendance and punctuality is extremely important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently.**

#### Spotlight Information from Admin:

Four or more absences/lates in one week will result in meetings with parents, and the student's attendance being monitored by the school. Always ensure medical evidence is provided to the admin department in case of absence.

Continuous absentees will notified to Birmingham City Council who will be issuing penalties and fines per child.

#### Key dates

Term ends - Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 2016

Teacher training day – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 2017.

Term begins - 4<sup>th</sup> January  
2017

Open day-

10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 10  
a.m. – 11 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 10 a.m.  
– 11 p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 10 a.m. – 11  
p.m.

Exam period (yr7-yr10) –  
5<sup>th</sup> December – 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 2016

GCSE Mock Exams – 5<sup>th</sup>  
December 2016 to 15<sup>th</sup>



## Anti-bullying workshop

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 the Student Council held a workshop in light of bullying issues portrayed in the media. The workshop involved educating students about how to deal with bullying safely and ensure they are able to spot the signs of bullying.

Alhumdullilah the event was a great success and students were able to gain much understanding of the effects of bullying and how to stop it. Activities on the day included a self-defense class, spot the signs of bullying, and identifying different types of bullying and much more.

As a further initiative students from Year 11 raised money for a teenage anti-bullying charity. These students presented an assembly where they raised awareness for this charity and its initiatives as well as raising awareness about the issue of bullying in general. Alhumdulillah the students went on to carry out bake sales and a non-uniform from which they raised £153 which will be going to Ditch the label charity.

## Feedback from students:

*"I have learnt a lot about bullying and its impacts on the victim" Iqra Fayaz Yr 11*

*"I learned that bullying is not good, and how to get help if you're getting bullied"*  
Amarah Munir Yr 7



## CONTACT US

*If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us and a member of staff will be happy to help.*

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## Student council

Fatima Ali - Year 7

Muteeba Goni - Year 7

Muniba Rashid - Year 8

Maymuna Madia - Year 8

Fakhrunessa Qasmi-Year 9

Sajida Begum-Year 9

Saleeha Khan (Secretary) - Year 10

Nimrah Azar (Treasurer) - Year 10

Salma Mohammed (Head Girl) - Year 11

Humayra Zeb (Deputy Head Girl) - Year 11

*A Student Council is a representative structure for students, through which they can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students*

## Words from your representatives:

*"As Head Girl I will ensure that all your voices are heard"* Salma Mohammed Yr 11

*"I am a determined and creative student who thinks that this school has a great future ahead"* Saleeha Khan Yr 10

*"I put myself forward as school counselor to bring a positive change to the school".* Fakhrunessa Qasmi Yr 9

## Students of the month

September 2016 = SARA Alkatheri Yr. 9 & Saleeha Khan Yr. 10

October 2016 = Zaheera Zaman Yr. 9 & Mariya Parveen Yr. 11

November 2016 = Salsabeel Azhar. 8 & Hajira Yasir Yr. 11

Congratulations to all the students who have won for the above months. We hope to see you continue your hard work and dedication throughout the year.

### *Trips so far this year:*

Also, this year we have endeavored to provide our students with a range of different trips to further their learning developed within the classroom, but to also broaden their experiences in a real world setting.

1. Masjid Visit – Yr 7 (Religious Studies)
2. Cadbury World – Yr 7 (Food & Nutrition)
3. Shakespeare Centre – Yr 10 (English)

#### Upcoming trips

1. Safe Side West Midlands Fire service – Yr 7 (Citizenship)
2. Law Courts – Yr 11 (Citizenship)
3. Church Visit (Religious Studies)
4. Gudwrra Visit (Religious Studies)
5. RAF Museum – Yr 8 (Science/History)

### *Rabi-ul-Awal*

Ahumdullilah we are almost half way through the blessed month of RabiulAwal. Some of the virtues of this month are;

Prophet (SAW) was born in Makah.

Prophet (SAW) migrated from Makah to Madinah.

Abu Bakar (RA) daughter was born six years after the prophecy.

Ruqayyah (RA) the daughter of our Prophet (SAW) was born 7 years before the prophecy.

Abu Bakar was appointed caliph.

Hadrat Umme Kulthum was married in this month to the third khalifa in 3 A.H.

### *Remembering the people of Syria:*

We make dua that Allah SWT ease their suffering. We as a community should try our best to help by giving sadqa or by making dua for them.

*“ Verily your Lord is Generous and Shy. If his servant rises his hands to him (in supplication) He becomes shy to return them empty handed”. (Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi)*



### *Guest Speakers this year:*

Ummah Welfare trust – two representatives from the charity came in to give a short presentation on the humanitarian crisis in Yemen and how the students could partake in various charity endeavors to support their work there.

Islamic relief – a sister Sagal came in to start off charity week within the school; which is an endeavor to raise funds for various charities through a full week of events and sales organized and run by students. Alhumdullilah our girls rose to this challenge and were able to effectively contribute to the scheme.

Careers - Careers guidance has been started this year from year seven to year 11.

The following events have taken place this term:

- Wednesdays career clinic (year 11)
- Head teacher from Handsworth wood girls school came in for a year 11 workshop.
- Year 7 to 11 are working with cnextions to complete careers pack