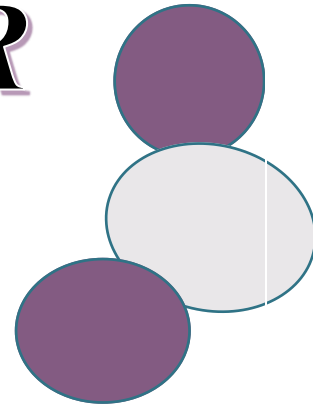


BIGS NEWSLETTER

BIGS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF AISHA

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HEAD TEACHERS MESSAGE

As you may be aware Alhamdulillah the schools GCSE results have improved on the league tables. Our results of 5A*-C including English and Mathematics reflect better performance than the following neighbouring schools : Broadway Academy, Handsworth Wood Girls School, Holte Academy, Great Barr School, and North Birmingham Academy. We are working with your girls to improve the results further for this academic year and appreciate the parents input in encouraging your daughters to work hard.

Year 9 have recently presented an assembly on the 99 names of Allah and explained some of the qualities and elaborated on reflecting on them to get closer to Allah SWT. Furthermore, they discussed the virtues of reciting them. Through our themes in assemblies and form tutorials we aim to develop the student's spirituality, morals and etiquettes. We are promoting British values in our school, this term during tutorial the whole school looked at difference in people, environment and the society we live in and understanding everyone's differences without judging. As a school we looked at what Islam teaches about being tolerant and the teaching of the Prophet (S.A.W).

We would like parents to ensure that your daughter is regular to school, in addition we expect parents to book overseas leave in holidays unless an exceptional circumstance is authorised by the school. Absence affects learning and progress and as a school we are now working with the Birmingham City Council's spotlight on Attendance which is outlined below.

ATTENDANCE/LATES

Please ensure your child attends school regularly and arrives at school on time by 8.35 am. School doors are open from 8.00am. If your daughter is absent, it is vital for you to call the school office before 9.00am to inform us, failure to do so will lead to unauthorised absences.

Any students leaving school or arriving late for school due to medical appointment **MUST** provide evidence of the appointment, a dated medical appointment card or a letter from the hospital, doctors or dentist.

Birchfield Independent Girls School will start to liaise with Birmingham City Council regarding student attendance, we are joining the Spotlight on Attendance with the LEA. This service is dedicated to improving and maintaining pupil attendance and supports schools through the details of attendance issues and identifying effective ways for improving attendance.

Parents should be aware of their responsibilities for ensuring their child receives an education and of the law relating to this.

Parents' Responsibilities

If parents fail to send their children to school regularly and that absence from school is unauthorised parents can be prosecuted or may be made liable to a penalty notice for failing to ensure their children attend regularly at a school where they are registered pupils.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, Section 23 gives the Local Authority the power to issue Penalty Notices. These may be issued when parents fail to ensure their child attends schools without good reason, as defined by the law.

Fines are set at £100 per parent, per child, per offence. This will be reduced to £50 if the fine is paid within 28 days. If the fine is not paid by the end of a 42 day period parents will be taken to court under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

In Birmingham, Penalty Notices are used to ensure parents fulfil their parental responsibility in making sure their children go to school. They are issued in accordance with the Birmingham Code of Conduct, which is available from Education Welfare Services.

TRIPS/ EVENTS

The students from year 11 and 9 were invited by the University of Birmingham and Birmingham City University to take part in a physics quiz. A good team effort overall by all students that took part. Well done girls!

On Friday 5th February 2016 there was a non-uniform day to raise money for Syria. Ummah Welfare Trust come to school do a talk about the conditions in Syria and how they will be using the money donated to make life better for them. Alhamdulillah we raised approximately £200.

Jazak'Allahkhayr to everyone who donated.

Below are some of the trips the girls went on this term:

- World skills show NEC- Year 10
- Cadbury world- Year 7
- Shakespeare- Year 10
- West Midlands Fire Station- Year 9
- Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery- Year 9

STAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Student of the month for January 2016

- KS3- Marufa Siddiqua- Year 9
- KS4- Afsa Mohammed- Year 11

Best class attendance for January 2016

- Year 11 with 93%

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Last day of school -Friday 12th February 2016
- School reopens for whole school –Monday 22nd February 2016
- Cultural day – Wednesday 2nd March 2016

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