



Aslamulaikum

RAMADHAN MUBARAK

As the ninth month of the Islamic calendar approaches us, we are reminded that truly in the remembrance of your lord does the heart find its peace. The month of Ramadhan is when every believing Muslim observes fasting from morning twilight (Fajr Prayer) to the evening twilight (Maghreb Prayer). Ramadhan is the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. Fasting has been prescribed in this month, as well as the virtue of the Holy Qur'an being revealed in this blessed month. It is one of the five pillars on which the foundation of Islam is built. The benefits of fasting are manifold such as personal, social, hygienic and best of all spiritual benefits. The main purpose of fasting is to gain 'self-restraint' as stated in the holy Qur'an:

“O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may observe self-restraint (al-Taqwa).”
[2:183]

Fasting is one of the most sincere ways of worshipping God and hence its rewards are numerous.

“All good deeds are for the one who renders them, but fasting. Fasting is exclusively for me (Allah) Bukhari.



It is a reality that none of us is perfect. We all have some weaknesses and shortcomings and we find ourselves committing sins. However, Allah said of Himself that He is the Most Merciful the oft-Forgiving. As part of this infinite Mercy He made available for us various ways in which we can achieve forgiveness and the expiation of sins. Amongst the most important and beneficial of these ways of forgiveness is fasting in general and in particular in Ramadhan.

“Not a single prayer made by a fasting person at the time of breaking fast is rejected.” (Ibn Majah)

We pray to Allah Ta`ala to make this Ramadhan a means of our access to Jannah and to see our Lord therein. Ameen.

Ramadan Meals



MAYOR VISITS BIGS

The students successfully celebrated the 2nd annual culture day this term. The students looked at the following cultures.

- Japanese
- American
- Greek
- Irish
- Egyptian

Students had the opportunity to understand the traditions and values of these cultures which was celebrated with food. The guests to this year's culture day were the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and Aya Kobayashi, Professor of Japanese studies from the University Of Birmingham.



CYBER-BULLYING WORKSHOP

Local community officers delivered a wonderful cyber-bullying workshop with our KS3 students. They raised awareness of different types of cyber-bullying and gave our students lots of examples. The effects of cyber-bullying were explained, and also what the law says about this matter.

AWARDS & GRADUATION CEREMONY

BIGS first ever awards and graduation ceremony for our year 11s will in'sha'Allah take place at Badshah Palace on Friday 15th July 2016 from 5-8pm.

Graduation is an important occasion and it is a chance to celebrate everything our girls have achieved during their time at Birchfield Independent Girls School. We're keen to make this day special for everyone. In'sha'Allah we will be joined by special guests too. Tickets will be sold at £10. A 4 course meal, an awards ceremony and an evening we hope you enjoy!



TRIPS AND EVENTS

- *The student council body organised a University Challenge style quiz between the school house groups. The quiz tested the students knowledge on various topics from Science to Media and the winners of this House quiz challenge were team Saffa. Congratulations to all the members of the Saffa team.*
 - *Students from year 10 took part in the Big Biology quiz at The University of Birmingham in which they performed as one of the top 10 school across The Midlands. Well done year 10!*
 - *Students from year 10 took part in the Maths quiz at The University of Birmingham. Well done Year 10!*
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LIGHTHOUSE & KESF

This term Year 7 & 8 have had their PE session at the KESF on Trinity Road whilst Year 9 & 10 have had theirs at the Lighthouse on Lozells Road. The Lighthouse hosts a large fully laid sports hall which we book for exclusive use for our students, and KESF hosts Tennis courts, fields and Athletics facilities. Both facilities have a secure, safe and an all female environment for our students, to be able participate in a variety of sports.



ISLAMIC EXPERIENCE EXHIBITION

Alhamdulillah, the Year 8 girls had the opportunity to visit the Islamic Exhibition at Small Heath. The exhibition was held at the I.P.C.I. It was an exciting opportunity for the girls to understand the essential parts of Islam. The girls had hands-on experience, discussing the pillars of Islam, Quran and science, the importance of family life and community care.

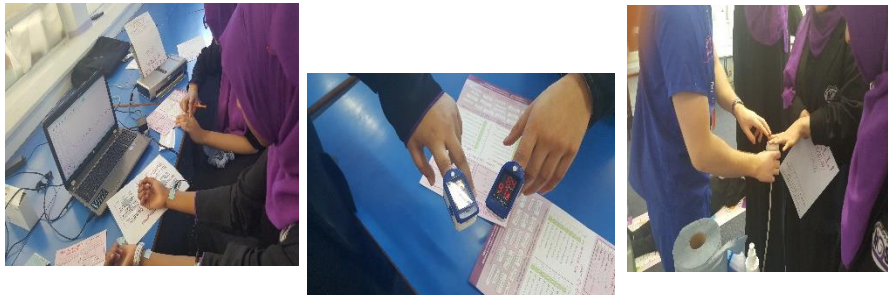
Alhamdulillah, our Year 8 girls were blessed with the opportunity to visit the local masjid on Trinity Road, Masjid Al Falah. This was a good chance for us to engage with our community and to learn the great benefits of the Masjid. The Masjid hold great importance in a Muslims life, they are known as the houses of Allah Subhanahu Wa Taala. What better place to visit and increase our knowledge than the houses of ALLAH!

Our students were able to see the inside of the Masjid, where the congregation takes place, where the call of prayer is given and where they bathe the deceased. They were also given tips how to attain closeness to Allah in our prayers and were treated to plenty of snacks to keep up with it all, Alhamdulillah.



MEDICAL MAVERICKS

On Wednesday 27th April 2016 the Medical Mavericks team were in school. They set up workshops that included tissue scanners, open surgery, taking blood from a vessel and other workshops that involved the students with hands on experience. The students worked hard and enjoyed the workshops. We can't wait for them to come again next year.



STAR STUDENTS & BEST ATTENDANCE



Star student of the month for March 2016

- KS3- Yusayra Raja -Year 9
- KS4- Sadia Jabeen-Year 11

Best class attendance

- Year 11 with 94.5 %- March 2016

Well done! Keep up the good work!



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Last day of school-
Friday 27th May 2016
- School re-opens-
Monday 6th June 2016
- Drayton Manor Park-
Friday 27th May 2016
- During Ramadan school
will be opening for
9.30am.

FEES

For the next academic year, the annual school fees will be increasing to £1995. If you wish to pay by cash, there will be an additional charge of £60. If you wish to pay by Direct Debit, please fill out the attached form and return it to the Reception office by Friday 15th July 2016.

CONTACT US

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