

September 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been lovely to see all of the girls back at College.

We have had a very successful start to the term with the girls settling down to their learning and routines very quickly. The new Year 7 pupils are delightful and are a credit to the college already. We know they will continue their efforts throughout Ramadhan; InshaAllah.

The building looks fantastic and the site team has done a superb job over the summer. May I take this opportunity to ask you to remind your daughters about the college guidance regarding food in the building:

Chewing gum is forbidden

Crisps, fizzy drinks, sweets and chocolate may not be brought to college and will not be sold in college.

Results

I have enclosed a copy of this years results. We continue to be proud of the achievements of our girls, your daughters and wish them all continued success in their learning.

Salah

Salah as you are aware is one of the important pillars of Islam; we will be monitoring Salah throughout the year to ensure all girls conduct themselves appropriately at this important time of the day. I ask for your co-operation should we need to contact you.

Ramadhan

As we all know Ramadhan is a very very special and spiritual time for Muslims. It is a time to reflect and ponder upon their relationship with Allah and to seek the means of drawing closer to him.

One of the means of drawing closer to Allah is by being charitable and generous towards those who are less fortunate than us.

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During Ramadhan Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was very generous and increased giving to charity. So let's take this opportunity to earn an immense amount of reward during this blessed month by being charitable towards the poor.

As a college we would like to encourage all our students to donate generously to this cause by contributing some money.

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) told us:

"Whoever feeds a fasting person will have a reward like that of his reward (fasting person)".

Money will be collected on the next two Fridays during form time. All proceeds will go to the Islamic Relief to distribute to those in need.

There will also be opportunities for girls to recite the Qur'an and take part in activities, like making Ramadhan Calendars and other craft activities.

Parking

The health and safety of our pupils is of paramount importance to us, with this in mind can I please ask that you consider this when parking outside the school at the end of the day.

Key Dates for your diary

Friday 26 September

School closes for Eid-ul-Fitr

Monday 6 October

School re-opens

Friday 24 October

School closes for $\frac{1}{2}$ term

Monday 3 November

School reopens

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Friday 5 December }
School closes for Eid-ul-Adha } **Please note these dates still to be confirmed**
Thursday 11 December }
School reopens }
Friday 19 December
School closes for Winter Holidays
Monday 5 January 09
School reopens

I wish you a peaceful and fulfilling Ramadhan.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Skelding
Acting Headteacher