

QUWWAT-UL-ISLAM GIRLS' SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Ensuring every child achieves their best through high expectations for all, with a focus on
Respect-Aspiration-Responsibility

Date: Monday 4th October 2021

Islamic Date: Safar 27, 1443 AH

Term: Autumn 1.1

Issue: 1

Hadith of the Week: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "O people! Spread (the greeting of) Salam, feed others, uphold the ties of kinship, and pray during the night when people are sleeping, and you will enter Paradise with Salam." [Sahih (Darussalam) Sunan Ibn Majah 3251]

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back! I pray you all had a great and restful summer holiday.

Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning parents, students and staff to a new academic year.

Alhamdulillah, we have started our first term with the hope of upholding our goal of empowering our children to love and live Islam and achieve our utmost potential in education. May Allah (swt) grant us success. Ameen. We have had an excellent start to the term so far and are looking forward to a prosperous year ahead Insha'Allah. We also hope to reignite even more of our previous routines and much-loved activities.

Together we hope we can pave the way to protect and preserve our children and inspire their hearts the love for Islam and knowledge. JazakAllah Khair.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Member

GCSE RESULTS 2021

Alhamdulillah, Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School are very proud of our Year 11 students! Despite the many challenges faced by our students and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, our students at Quwwat ul Islam Girls' school have performed exceptionally well across the board.

Subject	Pass Grade (%)
Arabic	Grade 4+ (100%)
Citizenship	Grade 4+ (100%)
Combined Science	Grade 4+ (100%)
English Language	Grade 4+ (100%)
English Literature	Grade 4+ (100%)
Geography	Grade 4+ (100%)
Religious Education	Grade 4+ (100%)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the efforts of all our students, parents and teachers in supporting our learners throughout their studies especially during such unprecedented times.

Achievements

Muslimah of the Week

Week beginning 20th September 2021

Reception: Rumaisah

Year 1: Amaanah Bint-Amin

Year 2: Maryam Chamadiya

Year 3: Saara Ahmed

Year 4: Asya Zarar

Year 5: Sumaya Suhailia

Year 6: Adeena Afsheen

Year 7: Najma Cimark

Year 8: Farhat Hoque

Year 9: Fatima Dudhwala

Year 10: Tuba Mir

Year 11: Hafsa Abkor

Muslimah of the Week

Week beginning 27th September 2021

Reception: Misha Shah

Year 1: Nabiha Kamran

Year 2: Safiyyah Mahmood

Year 3: Khadija Chamadiya

Year 4: Faiza Kabir

Year 5: Aasiya Luis

Year 6: Tasneem Ibrahim

Year 7: Zaina Chadee

Year 8: Hafsa Bint Abdul Ghaffar

Year 9: Ayesha Osmani

Year 10: Aaishah Pirbhai

Year 11: Aneeqa Cimark

Allah loves when one of you is given a task, that he or she does it in the most excellent manner (Ihsaan)



Reminders

In order for our children to achieve their maximum potential and to maintain professionalism throughout the school, we would like every parent to be cognizant of the following points:

School hours

	Start	Finish
Primary	8:15am	3:15pm
Secondary	8:00am	3:25pm

It is vital that parents are prompt in dropping off their child at the start of the day and also prompt when collecting their child at the end of the day for dismissal. Unfortunately, failure to do so may result in a fine being issued as we will have implemented our Attendance Policy.

Uniform

Uniforms are an important part of our school. We believe it promotes a sense of identity and establishes good working habits. All students are required to attend school wearing the correct uniform. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for the start of the new academic year. Secondary students who fail to wear the correct uniform will not be allowed to attend lessons and will be sent home.

Hot lunches

We have started hot meals this week. The cost of the weekly school lunches is £12 and money is collected every week on Wednesdays for the following week. Unfortunately, late payments will not be accepted.

Unfortunately, refunds cannot be issued, nor will the payment be transferable to an alternate day for school meals as orders are sent in advance and lunches are provided accordingly.

Healthy Eating

We would like to encourage the benefits of healthy eating and also promote a healthy lifestyle. Children are encouraged to bring in healthy snacks and lunch everyday such as yogurts, water, fruits and vegetables. Foods such as chocolates, crisps and fizzy drinks will not be allowed and will be confiscated if brought in.

Teachers will also be checking on a regular basis to ensure that the new healthy eating policy is being implemented. Parents are also encouraged to make sure that they provide their child with a healthy snack, water and lunch.

Face coverings

At the moment the guidance states that face coverings are no longer required in schools. However, students may continue to wear a face covering in corridors or in any other indoor communal parts of the school if they wish. Face masks will not be permitted in the classroom. We look forward to seeing all our students and insha'Allah to a successful reopening of the school. JazakAllahu khair to all our parents/Guardians in advance for your continuous support, Please keep us all in your humble du'aas.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is important for parents and carers to keep us updated with any new home address, telephone number and email address. Please contact the school if your contact details have changed.

JazakAllah Khair for your support.



Covid 19 Risk Assessment

Our school has taken actions to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes public health advice, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE). We have followed the control measures set out in the guidance provided by the government.

We have complied with health and safety law and put in place proportionate control measures. We regularly review and update our risk assessments, as the circumstances in our school and the public health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned.

The following control measures have been put in place in our school:

Mixing and 'bubbles'

We will not be keeping children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used. As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies can resume.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

Students who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. Face coverings are no longer advised for students, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

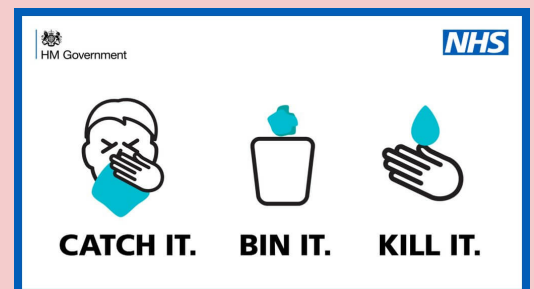
Ensure good hygiene for everyone

Hand hygiene

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Respiratory hygiene

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.



Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes

We have put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This has included regular cleaning of areas and equipment, with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

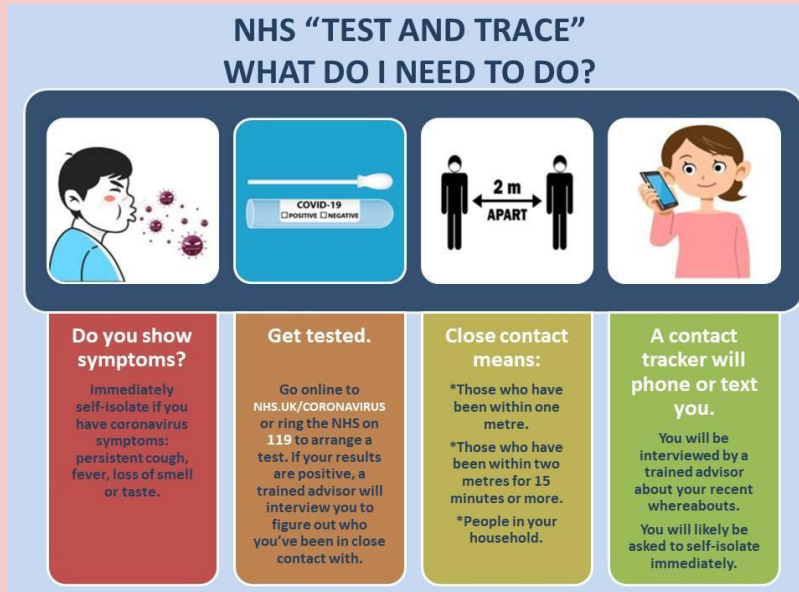
Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

Our school is well ventilated and a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. External windows are open to allow natural ventilation, and in addition, we open internal doors to assist with creating a throughput of air.

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

If anyone in our school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, we will send them home and they should follow public health advice.



Stepping measures up and down

We have contingency plans outlining what we would do if children, pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19, or how we would operate if we were advised to take extra measures to help break chains of transmission. Given the detrimental impact that restrictions on education can have on children and young people, any measures in our school should only ever be considered as a last resort, kept to the minimum number of schools or groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible.

Dua for protection from illness and disease

This dua for protection from illness should be our constant prayer at this time – and it carries an important reminder that our refuge is always in Allah (SWT):

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبَرَصِ، وَالْجُنُونِ، وَالْجُدَامِ، وَمِنْ سَائِرِ الْأَسْقَامِ

Allah humma inni a'udhu bika minal-barasi, wal-jununi, wal-judhaami, wa min sayyi'il-asqaami

"O Allah, I seek refuge in You from leprosy, insanity, elephantiasis, and the worst of diseases."

[Abu Dawud]

Open Evening

Our school Open evening will be held on Wednesday 13th October, Insha'Allah. In order to prepare for the Open evening, the school will close half day and will be finishing at the following times:

Department	Finish Time
Primary	12:30pm
Secondary	1:45pm

Please note: Students will have their lunch and pray Zuhr salaah before leaving. Please may we request that parents pick their children up promptly, in order for us to prepare for the Open Evening, Insha'Allah.



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OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 13th October 2021
5pm-7pm

On the day you will be able to:

- Tour the School building
- Meet and talk to our teaching staff
- Learn more about our curriculum.

A presentation will be delivered by our senior leaders at 5pm promptly in the school hall.

To register attendance for our open day, please contact the school office at 0208 548 4736

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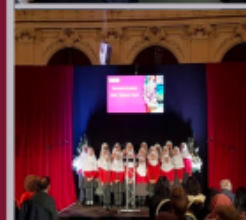
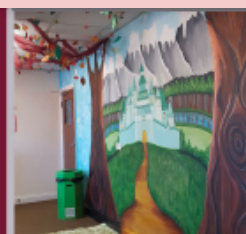
Complete an application form online at
<https://quwwatulislam.com/>
Application deadline Friday 17th December 2021

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"My child is very excited to come into school and we've seen a lot of change in her."-Parent

"Masha'Allah, the school has a really good feel about it. From the moment you walk in, it's a friendly and welcoming space."-Parent

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During October the UK Celebrates Black History Month. The main aims of Black History Month are to celebrate the achievements and contributions of black people not just in the UK, but throughout the world and also to educate all on black history.

First celebrated in the UK in 1987, the month-long festival includes educational events, exhibitions, shows, talks, memorial services and installations across London that raise awareness of history and celebrate traditions, customs and cultures.

If you would like to get involved and discover more about black history, you will find a full listing of events and exhibitions taking place across the UK on the official Black History Month website www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk.

Black History Month in schools

In schools, children are taught about the history of black British people. Typically, the achievements of inspiring black British role models such as athletes, authors, poets, actors and musicians are celebrated, too.

As teachers, it's essential to ensure that children know what Black History Month actually is and why it is celebrated. Explaining this to children might seem straightforward, but there's actually a lot for young learners to unpack and understand.

If you would like to carry out discussions and activities relating to Black History month, there are great ideas on the following websites:

<https://www.parents.com/kids/responsibility/racism/how-to-celebrate-black-history-month-with-kids/>

<https://planbee.com/blogs/news/uk-black-history-month-ideas-and-activities-for-primary-schools>

Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 13th October 2021

- Open Day

Friday 22nd October 2021

- Last day of half term

Monday 25th October 2021- Friday 29th October 2021

- Half term holiday

Monday 1st November 2021

- Return to school

Please be aware that these dates will be updated regularly.



Latest Government of Education update

What has changed:

Most legal restrictions to control COVID-19 have been lifted at Step 4. This means that:

You do not need to stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with. There are also no limits on the number of people you can meet. However, you should limit the close contact you have with those you do not usually live with, and increase close contact gradually. This includes minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts. You should meet outdoors where possible and let fresh air into homes or other enclosed spaces.

The government is no longer instructing people to work from home if they can. However, the government expects and recommends a gradual return over the summer.

The requirement to wear face coverings in law has been lifted. However, the government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport.

There are no longer limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, civil partnerships, funerals and other life events (including receptions and celebrations). There is no requirement for table service at life events, or restrictions on singing or dancing.

There are no longer restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship.

Assemblies

Primary

Date	Year Group	Topic
17/09/2021	Ms Member/Ms Bayan	Expectations and behaviour
24/09/2021	Ms Miah	Love for learning
01/10/2021	Ms Chowdhury	Black History Month
08/10/2021	SLT/Teachers	UNICEF-Introduction
15/10/2021	Ms Mahfuza	World Mental Health
22/10/2021	Ms Hafsa	One world

Secondary

Date	Year Group	Topic
22/09/2021	Teachers	Expectations and behaviour
29/09/2021	SLT	UNICEF-Introduction RRSA
06/10/2021	Ms Siraj	Black History Month
	Mr Ghaffar Hussain	Prevent
13/10/2021	Ms A Begum	World Mental Health

Absences before or after a school holiday

If your child is absent before or after a school holiday, you must provide evidence explaining the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control.

Without this evidence you risk being issued with a penalty notice.

Parent Pathways Training

THE COURSE IS
INFORMAL,
SUPPORTIVE &
FREE.

Empowering Parents to Lead in their Communities

Who is the course designed for?

This course is for parents interested in developing their skills to support other parents in their community.

By the term '**parents**' we mean, mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers who have experienced carrying out a parenting role.

Course Details:

Every **Friday** on **1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd October 2021** at **10:00 - 12:30pm**
This course will be delivered over zoom.

This course will equip you to:

- Identify your strengths in supporting parents
- Learn about what your community needs
- Gain skills in befriending and volunteering parents

To find out more about this training course, please contact us at
HeadStart.ProgrammeTeam@newham.gov.uk

To register visit:

www.headstartnewham.co.uk/get-involved/sign-up-to-headstart/

