

Drop Down Day
9th of February, 2022

Year Group	Year 7
Trip Location	Central London Islamic Heritage Tour

Our main focus:

- **Learning Driver:** 'Caring for our Rights'
- **UNCRC:** Article 27 'Right to education'. You have the right to food, clothing, and a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met'.

Students had the opportunity to visit several of London's iconic landmarks including; Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Horse Guards Parade, New Scotland Yard and the Supreme Court. The tour guide from Halal Tourism Britain gave students an insight into the Islamic heritage of London introducing students to Muslim figures such as the 'Moorish' Moroccan ambassador, Abd el-Ouahed ben Mohammed Anoun, to Queen Elizabeth the 1st who inspired Shakespeare's character Othello - the noble moor. Students also admired the Turkish (Ottoman) gun made by Murad the chief gunner in 1524 in Horse Guards Parade. Many students were also fascinated to find out about the case of Bertha Cave, married to Colonel Ali Altaf, who was a legal campaigner who fought, unsuccessfully, to be accepted to the bar to practice law at a time when women were not allowed to do so. The highlight was finding out about Khan Bahadur Qazi Azizul Haque a Bengali inventor and police officer in British India present day's Bangladesh, notable for his work with Edward Henry (head of Metropolitan Police) in developing the Henry Classification System of fingerprints, which is still in use today. Sadly, he got little recognition for this.



