

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: Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Islamic Date: 8 Jumada I 1445

Term: Autumn 1.2

Issue: 10

HADITH OF THE WEEK: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The deen (religion) is naseehah (advice, sincerity)." We said, "To whom?" He (ﷺ) said, "To Allah, His Book, His Messenger, and to the leaders of the Muslims and their common folk." [Muslim]

**Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuhu**

Dear Parent/Carers,

I pray you are with the best of health and Imaan.

The Year 11 mock exam period will come to an end this week. The mock exams are a vital phase in a student's preparation for their GCSE exams. Students have now experienced GCSE standard invigilated examinations and will have developed exam strategies and clear goals moving forward to help fulfill their full potential.

The students will receive all of their exam results in due course and will have the opportunity to discuss their results with their subject teachers. This dialogue will be extremely useful in guiding students to reflect on what went well and help identify areas of improvement to ensure their revision and exam strategies for the next set of mock exams, which begin on **Monday 11th March 2024**, are extremely effective. In addition, subject teachers will also be able to discuss with students what these mock results would mean in terms of possible future choices. The experience will clearly prompt important conversations about future life choices and possible career paths.

It will also be an opportunity for students to discuss how they are feeling about where they currently are and what they can do to ensure that they continue to make good progress in the forthcoming months.

**Kind Regards,
Mrs Member (Headteacher)**

Friends of Quwwat

Food Sale

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Friday 8th December 2023
After School
Main School Hall

All parents/carers, staff and
students welcome

Contributions of hot food (HMC),
baked items, drinks, sweet and
savory snacks, confectionery (or
funds towards buying these items)
welcomed.

To pledge your contributions,
please contact: Sister Shopna
on 07462 535692.



Year 11 Mock Week 2
2023-2024: 20/11/23 – 24/11/23

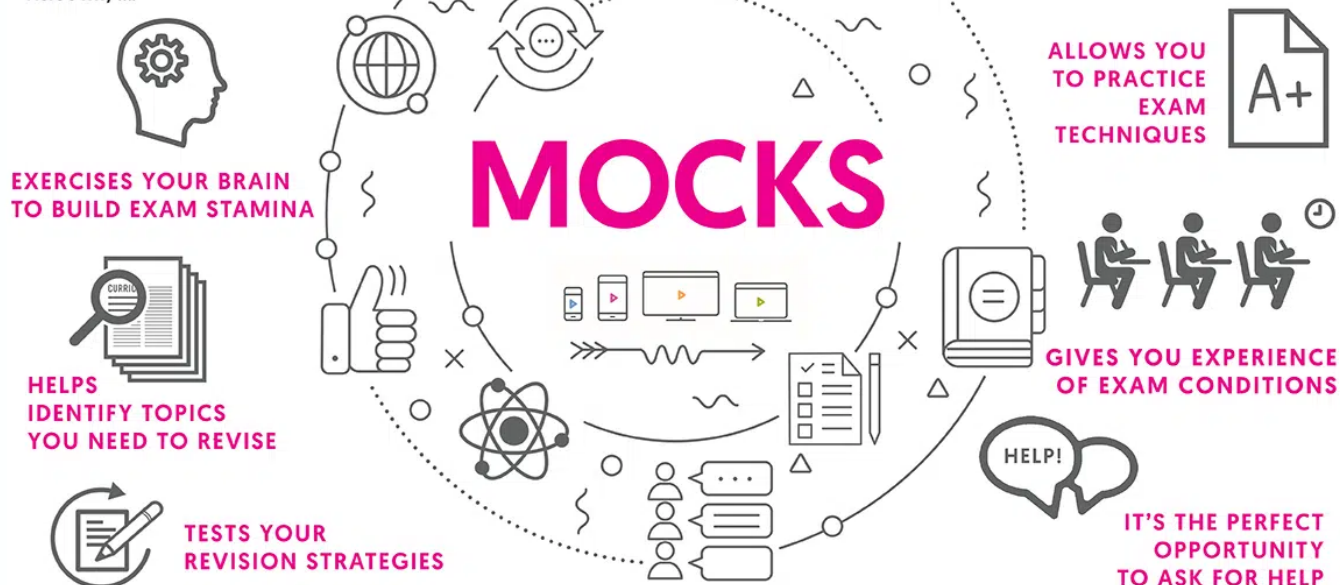
Date	Exam	Time
20/11/23 AM	Geography B (Paper 3) 1 hour 30 mins	10:15am - 11:45am
20/11/23 PM	Combined Science - Physics (Paper 3) 1 hour 10 mins	14:00 pm - 15:10pm
21/11/23 AM	English Language (Paper 2) 1 hour 45 mins	10:15am - 12:00pm
21/11/23 PM	History (Paper B4) 1 hour 45 mins	14:00pm - 15:45pm
22/11/23 AM	Religious Education (Paper 2A) 1 hour 45 mins	10:15am - 12:00pm
22/11/23 PM	Arabic: Writing (Paper 4) 1 hour 25 mins	14:00pm - 15:25pm
23/11/23 AM	Maths (Paper 3) 1 hour 30 mins	10:15am - 11:45am
23/11/23 PM	Citizenship (Paper 2) 1 hour 45 mins	14:00pm - 15:45pm
24/11/23 AM	English Literature (Paper 2) 2 hours 15 mins	10:15am - 12:30pm
24/11/23 PM	Religious Education (Paper 1- Islam) 1 hour 45 mins	14:00pm - 15:45pm

THE IMPORTANCE OF MOCK EXAMS



WHY ARE MOCKS GOOD FOR YOU?

Taking your mock exams is rather like having a healthy diet or making the effort to exercise - you'll feel a lot better afterwards if you take it seriously! Here's why





Quwwat-Ul-Islam Girls' School

"FRIENDS OF QUWWAT"

MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2023

TIME: 2.00PM

VENUE: SCHOOL HALL

**Quwwat-Ul-Islam Girls' School 16 Chaucer Rd,
Forest Gate, London E7 9NB**

**Come and help support our thriving school community!
For further information please contact the school office on
0208 548 4736**





Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

SENCo Drop in Session
**An opportunity for parents to meet
our SENCo**



Date:
Wednesday 29th
November 2023

Time:
9.00am
-10.00am

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

AGE RESTRICTION

16+

In UK and Europe: rest of the world 13+

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

ONLINE

NEWS

Advice for Parents & Carers

...TYPING...

...HEY OSCAR...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

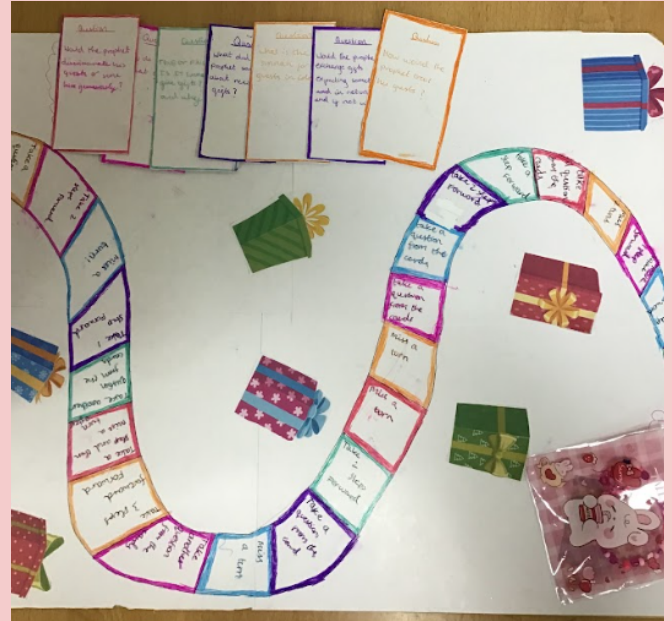
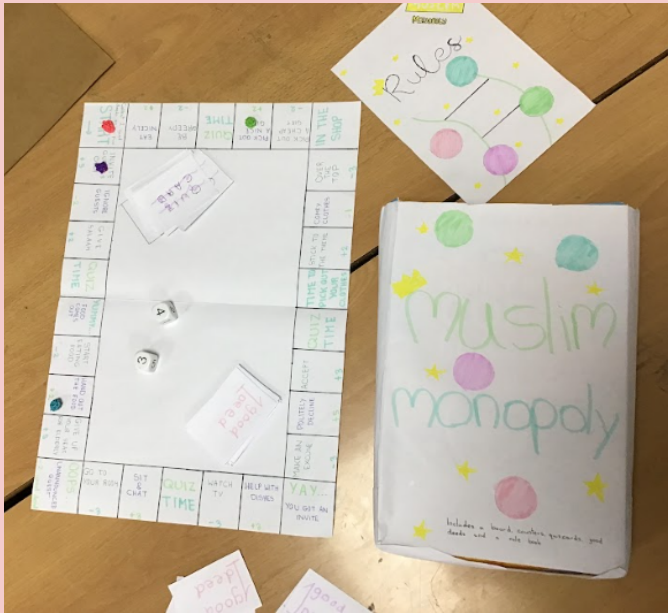
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<https://www.aura.com/learn/whatsapp-scams>

Year 7 Islamic Studies

As part of Year 7 Islamic Studies lesson, the students created board games to show how Islam teaches us to exchange gifts and honour the guest. Year 7 have made some very impressive board games to demonstrate what they have learned. Well done to Year 7!



Year 6 Imperial War Museum tip

Imperial War Museum is the world's leading museum of war and conflict. Founded while the First World War was still raging, it gives voice to the extraordinary experiences of ordinary people forced to live their lives in a world torn apart by conflict. Year 6 had the opportunity to hear extraordinary true stories of ordinary people's experiences of conflict; stories that have the power to move, inspire and transform. This gave them an insight to WWI and WWII.

These are some of the students' experiences from the trip:

Tayyibah Khatun-

'I found it very fascinating on how people lived during the great war. They had different shelters in different places and they had to use gas masks because of poisonous gas bombs. Overall, my experience of the Imperial War Museum gave me the opportunity to learn about WWI and WWII'.

Afifa Kayani-

'When I went on the trip, I had lots of fun. The part I enjoyed the most was when we went to the places where people would hide if there was a bomb. I learnt that soldiers had to wear bullet proof armour to protect themselves when fighting'.



Achievements

Muslimah of the Week Week beginning 13th November 2023

Reception: Yasmine Zeddarn

Year 1: Alayna Rahman

Year 2: Amina Rashid

Year 3: Inaayah Bint-Shohid

Year 4: Zaynab Hassan

Year 5: Hajrah Taahirah

Year 6: Tayyibah Khatun

Year 7: Shanika Hakee

Year 8: Hajira Begum

Year 9: Najma Cimark

Year 10: Nadira Uddin

Year 11: Syeda Parisa Ahmed

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



		
Week beginning	13/11/23 – 17/11/23	
Academic Year	November 2023	
Year Group	Attendance	Punctuality
Reception	92.7%	98%
Year 1	87.6%	100%
Year 2	95.6%	100%
Year 3	97.65%	99%
Year 4	88.5%	100%
Year 5	91.2%	99.4%
Year 6	98.2%	98.2%
Year 7	95.9%	100%
Year 8	85.5%	99%
Year 9	92.5%	100%
Year 10	90%	95.9%
Year 11	96.5%	100%

This week's overall Attendance: **93%**



Our overall Attendance Target: **96%**

Good attendance and punctuality are vital. At Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School, we aim to achieve at least **96%** attendance and to be punctual for school in the morning and for each lesson.

Dates for Diaries

Monday 13th November 2023- Friday 24th November 2023

- Year 11 Mock Examinations

Wednesday 13th December 2023

- Drop Down Day

Friday 15th December 2023

- Last day of half term

Monday 18th December 2023 - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

- School holiday (School closed)

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

- Return to school

Please be aware that these dates will be updated regularly.



DEMENTIA DROP IN

For people living with dementia, friends and family, and anyone interested in making Newham more dementia friendly.

Newham Memory Service and Mental Health Care of Older People's service

We will cover various topics including: activities, quality of life, sleep, mental health, adjusting to a caring role, caring and assistive technology.

We will also be available to meet and talk with you/answer questions where possible.

We welcome any suggestions for topics/areas that you would like covered.

ON THE FOLLOWING DATES
FROM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM:

- FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023,
- FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023,
- FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023,
- FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023,
- FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2024,
- FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024

MEET US AT:

BONNIE DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
49, THE WELL COMMUNITY CENTRE
49 VICARAGE LANE
LONDON
E6 6DQ

Assemblies

EYFS and Primary

Date	Year Group	Topic
3/11/23	Ms Fatima	Guy Fawkes
10/11/23	Ms Mahfuza	Remembrance Day
17/11/23	Ms Zainab	Children around the world
24/11/23	Ms Chowdhury	Anti-bullying Week
01/12/23	Ms Rizwana	Rosa Parks Day
8/12/23	Ms Faiza	International day of disabled person
15/12/23	Ms Mahfuza	Christmas in Islam (Teacher led Assembly)

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.