

Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School



Love for Reading Policy

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School Motto
Together we can achieve more
School Values
Respect . Aspiration . Responsibility
Learning Drivers
Caring for Ourselves, Our World, Our Education, Our Rights

School Vision Statement

To establish a school of excellence both **Islamically** and **Academically** - Provide a **holistic** education which is inspired by: **Taqwa**: God consciousness **morals and values** inspired by the prophet (saw) coupled with **academic excellence**.

At Quwwat-ul-Islam girls' school we adhere to the following:

- **Mutual respect and tolerance** - We respect and care for everybody.
- **Democracy**– We promote the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard.
- **The rule of the law** – We understand that laws and rules protect us and at the same time provide us with responsibilities, by breaking them there are consequences.

Quwwat ul Islam Girls' School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils in its care. As an employer, the school expects all staff, governors, volunteers and parents/carers to share this commitment.

Love for Reading at Quwwat ul Islam Girls' School

At Quwwat ul Islam Girls' School we believe that reading is the most important skill a child can learn at school. It is critical in developing vocabulary, comprehension, emotional intelligence and, at a utilitarian level as a student's process through the school, reading will help with understanding questions and writing answers in GCSE exams.

Most importantly, at Quwwat ul Islam Girls' School we strongly believe that reading is a skill for life and one which can open the door to a wealth of different worlds and experiences.

At Quwwat ul Islam Girls' School, we care deeply about providing our students every opportunity to develop and enhance their reading skills.

To help us fulfil our aim, we have introduced the 'Love for reading' initiative. All students from Reception - Year 11:

- ☐ Read for a minimum of 20 minutes during the school day including Qur'anic recitation
- ☐ Have Guided Reading lessons during the course of the week
- ☐ Are encouraged to read each evening at home for a minimum of 20 minutes
- ☐ Celebrate the life and work of a chosen author/books

How to help foster a Love for reading

Read aloud and make it exciting!

Read aloud and make things exciting and to help bring the story alive! This helps children get hooked on books as they begin to associate reading with pleasure.

Ensure access to books

To encourage reading at home ensure children have easy access to engaging books. Pay a visit to your local library so that children can have the opportunity to choose from a variety of different genres. Another option could be downloading suitable free e-books for children to read.

Create a space for reading

It is important to establish a comfortable space and conducive atmosphere for reading as well as set aside time for leisure reading. To enable children to fully engage with and take pleasure from reading, parents should create a comfortable and quiet space for reading. This could be as simple as a corner in a room which could be decorated as the reading space. This will encourage children to pick up a book and spend some time in the reading corner.

Let children choose books

Let children select their own book to read as studies clearly show that children enjoy reading more and do more leisure reading when they are given the opportunity to choose their books.

The freedom to select books leads to a positive attitude towards reading, better engagement with the chosen book, and a more enjoyable reading experience.

Additionally, children should be allowed to read whatever materials they find interesting, be it comics, magazines, or poetry.

Talk about books

Having discussions about books is another way to spark children's interest in reading books.

Children who may not be interested in reading will have subjects and topics that they are excited about, such as sports, movies or animals. Discussing books on a topic or subject that the child finds exciting will insha'Allah encourage the child to want to read.

When children find reading fun and enjoyable, they are likely to repeatedly spend time with books, become engaged readers, and insha'Allah gain the benefits of leisure reading.