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Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,
Assalamu Alaikum,

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I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and Imaan. Alhamdulillah, we have now nearly finished the Autumn Term! As always, we are grateful to Allah (SWT) for the opportunity He has given us to have an Islamic school. It's been a very busy and productive start to the new year. It's also been very enjoyable!

News and Events

Graduation Event



The Graduation event this year was a huge success Alhumdulillah. It was an opportunity to give recognition to our ex-Year 11 students and also to hand out their official GCSE certificates.



November Madness

During the month of November, the school merit system 'Carrot Rewards' had a huge sale. £450 worth of vouchers were purchased through students logging in their merits and certificates. The sale is now over – but students should continue to log in their rewards!

Insha-Allah we will be rewarding students even more from next term who display our school values:

Respect Honesty Dignity Courage Excellence

Parents' Information Evenings

Over the past few weeks, we have held Information Evenings for each year group. This was a great opportunity for me to meet many of you and a chance to equip parents with all the relevant information of what to expect from the year ahead. Parents have found these evenings very informative and we have had positive feedback.

Jumma Silent Reading Time:

We have introduced a 30 – 45 minute silent reading period after Jumma. Students are expected to bring in a book every week. No lesson time has been reduced



and many parents requested reading time for their children. We hope that with this small but significant measure our children will develop a love and passion for literature, which will continue throughout their lives.

Parents Evening:

You are kindly invited to attend a Parents evening next term. This will provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child/children's progress with **their form teacher**. Each subject teacher has prepared a report for your child and Insha'Allah this will be shared with you by the form teacher.

KS4 (Year 10/11): Friday 8th January 2016

Girls- 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Boys- 4.30pm to 7.00pm

KS3 (Year 7/8/9): Friday 15th January 2016

Girls- 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Boys- 4.30pm to 7.00pm

We look forward to seeing you all Insha-Allah.

School Enrichment Clubs

We have introduced some extra-curricular clubs this term.

Booster Classes:

Jazak-Allah to all our staff who have organised booster classes for Year 11 students to help them prepare for their forthcoming GCSE's.

Art Club:

As part of enriching our curriculum, the Art department has set up a lunchtime club for students. Jazak-Allah to Sr Lucy.



Islamic Society (ISOC):

The Islamic Studies Department have been working with the ISOC to discuss topics such as bullying and teenage problems. Jazakallah to Sr. Shakeba.



Student Council Press Gang: The students have nearly completed their newsletter. Insha-Allah this will be published very soon.

Football Club: Year 10B & 11B students whose behaviour and work is excellent are treated to an afterschool football club at Furzedown Recreation Centre. Jazak-Allah to Br Abdullah, Br Ian & Br Adam for organising this.

School Trips

Learning outside of the classroom provides students with unique opportunities to expand their knowledge. Alhamdulillah we have had several trips this term.

Year 7B/G went to Kidzania this term.

Kidzania is designed to empower kids and give them confidence to challenge themselves and inspire them to explore the world of opportunities. Both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Year 11 B/G went to the Imperial War Museum. They viewed the First World War & Holocaust exhibitions.

Year 7 B/G went to the Science Museum. They enjoyed the IMAX experience. Jazak-Allah to Sr Priyani & Sr Hunna for arranging this.

Year 10G went to Battersea Dogs & Cats home. Jazak-Allah to Br Sharif for arranging this.

Year 7 B/G went to St Augustine's Church and were given a tour around. Jazak-Allah to Sr Shakeba & ML Abdul Kader for arranging this.



Insha-Allah more trips to come next term!

School Uniform

Parents and students are reminded of our zero tolerance uniform policy. We expect our students to be smartly dressed and to be a credit to the community. We also expect children's haircuts to comply with our policies. Uniform regulations are in your child's homework planners.

School Information

The school library will be up and running in the new year Insha-Allah. Students are very much looking forward to this.

Healthy Eating

Al Risalah actively encourages a positive attitude towards a healthy lifestyle and a balanced nutrition. We recognise the importance between a healthy diet and a child's ability to learn effectively. For example, please do not give your children fizzy drinks, oversized packets of crisps or biscuits. You can substitute this with sandwiches, fruit or yoghurts.



PSHE Department- Charity Collection

This year the PSHE Department worked together with a local church and wanted to give something back to the community. Students bought basic gifts to give to the homeless in time for Christmas.

These will be distributed around the Wandsworth area. As

charity is a pillar in Islam we thought this was a great opportunity.

The student's did a fantastic job bringing in so many items from canned food to toothbrushes and socks. Jazak'Allah to all the students for their hard work and to Sr Lucy for organising this.



for providing the best education for our children as possible and it is important that we do receive recognition and learn how we can make our school an even better school of excellence.

Ofsted have told us many positive things about our school. As soon as we have the final Inspection Report, we will inform you so you can download it from our website. The current Inspection Report on the school website is the previous one.

Finally, Jazak-Allah to all our parents who completed the OFSTED parent survey.

Fees Reminder

Jazak-Allah to all parents that have already made payment. **Fees for Term 2 are now overdue.**

If you have not already done so, please ensure payment is made **by 8th January 2015 in the New Year.** If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

End of Term Break

School will close for half term on **Tuesday 22nd December 2015**. There is non-uniform on the last day of term – students need to pay a minimum of £1.

There will be early closure for students on this day:

Girls- 1.45pm

Boys- 2.15pm

Certificate ceremony will take place on Tuesday 22nd December 2015 for students.

INSET Day for Staff will be on: **Monday 4th January 2016**

School will re-open on: **Tuesday 5th January 2016**



We had the pleasure of welcoming OFSTED to our school, in order to carry out their scheduled inspection. The inspection went very well and once the standard procedures have taken place, we will be able to inform you officially of the grading our school received. OFSTED will also write to all parents and children. We all work extremely hard

Year 11's GCSE Revision

The GCSE exams are only 5 months away and we have been working hard in monitoring student progress. However, can parents please ensure and encourage your child is doing at least **2-3 hours of revision per day** over the holiday period. Revision is an essential foundation of success.

And finally...

On a final note, we would like to say may Allah (SWT) reward us all and accept our efforts in this life and the Hereafter. Ameen. We hope you all have a restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year Insha-Allah.

With duas,

All the staff of Al Risalah School

Suhayl Lee
Headteacher



