

MIGSG HIGHLIGHTS

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MANCHESTER ISLAMIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

CHARITY WEEK

MIGSG was getting ready for super hero charity week of 2019! One week where students, teachers and parents get together to raise as much money for orphans around the world through various projects from education to healthcare and cancer treatment.

Islamic relief representatives Jamal and Hamzah delivered a whole school assembly on getting everyone ready for charity week this year.

CHARITY WEEK ROUND OFF DINNER

Alhamdulillah with everyone's help we raised over £14,700 during charity week. At the round off dinner we found out how well we had done in comparison with all institutions; amazingly we raised the most out of the schools in the UK and the second most out all the all institutions in the north. Thank you to everyone involved. May it count heavy on your scales, may it be accepted and may everyone be rewarded immensely.

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Sabr

Indeed, Allah is with the patient.

Quran 2: 153

ALLAH LISTENS TO
ALL YOUR SPOKEN AND UNSPOKEN PRAYERS,
AND GRANTS THE ONES WHICH ARE THE BEST
FOR YOU
TRUST HIM

"A Muslim shall never leave another Muslim helpless in the time of need."

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

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HEAD TEACHER'S ADDRESS

AUTUMN 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians & Friends of MIGSG

Assalamu'Alaikum

Welcome to our first issue of this academic year. I believe this is a prime opportunity for us to be able to share with parents and friends the different activities and successes that have taken place over the last academic year until now.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new parents/guardians. I pray that your daughters have settled into school life and are thoroughly enjoying this new experience. I would like to re-affirm that the school is always here to support your daughter. We welcome and seek parental support throughout the time your daughter is with us. We share a common aim to help your daughter to achieve her very best spiritually, academically and socially, so please maintain contact with her Form Tutor and Head of Year in particular, so that relevant support can be provided.

As always our former GCSE students celebrated their results with joy. A huge well done to all the girls and also the students who sat early GCSEs in various subjects as they performed exceptionally well. These results reflect the hard work and determination of the students, their parents and their teachers, so congratulations and well done to all. To celebrate the achievements of our students we held a very successful Presentation Evening which took place in November, see more on page 8 & 9.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members of staff; we hope they have settled in and we are fortunate to have such devoted staff. I would

also like to congratulate all staff for their dedication and hard work in ensuring all students achieve their full potential.

As you already know with Allah's (SWT) endless blessings, we achieved an outstanding status from Ofsted in all areas, providing the perfect blend of academia and Islamic knowledge to equip our girls to leave school as confident young British Muslim women. The feedback we received from Ofsted was overwhelming and I sincerely hope that with this team effort the school continues to maintain its outstanding status. Insha'Allah.

As usual we have been very busy with many activities and events taking place. I hope you all enjoy reading about them in this newsletter. Please feel free to share your thoughts with us.

Insha'Allah I hope and pray that this academic year is filled with success and our students continue to excel in their work. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the parents/guardians of MIGSG, who work together with us to ensure their daughters are able to fulfil their potential and are supportive of the work we do. May Allah's (SWT) guidance be with us all, Ameen.

Walaikumasalaam,

Mona Mohamed
Head Teacher



STAFF NEWS

We are very sorry to have to say a fond farewell to Mrs Hassan from the French department and Mrs Shafiq school bursar, we thank them wholeheartedly for their commitment and dedication to the school, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

A warm welcome to Mrs S Saunders who has taken over from Mrs Hassan, Miss P Munir who has joined the Maths Dept. and to Miss S Sheikh who has taken over from Mrs Shafiq as the school bursar.



'POTTY ABOUT POTTERY'

YEAR 10 & 11 TAKE A TRIP TO POTTERY CORNER IN CHORLTON



Students create a work of Art out of clay

Students produced their work in various shapes and forms. The diversity, imagination and creativity shown were of a very good standard in terms of technique and skill. The owner/potter was pleased with their results and said it was one of the best clay works he had seen. Students meticulously planned their work in line with their GCSE specification.



Laiba Sajjad – Amina Hameed

Laiba – 'The experience was amazing, I loved it!'

Batol Dabosy – 'It was an opportunity to experience a new branch of art'

Safa Omar – 'It allowed us to express our creativity in a fun way. It also created more bonds between classmates as we spent time together in a new relaxing and artistic environment'

Aaliya Hussain – 'I enjoyed the trip as it was a different art form which we had not experienced before.'



Aleena Mahmood - Raneem Ramadan - Aaliyah Hussain

Raneem – 'I enjoyed the Pottery Corner very much, Mauro the owner was extremely helpful. We got to experience a new technique that I have never done before. It was beneficial to me as it gave me a new skill. It was an opportunity in a life time!'



THE BUXTON OPERA HOUSE NOVEMBER 2019

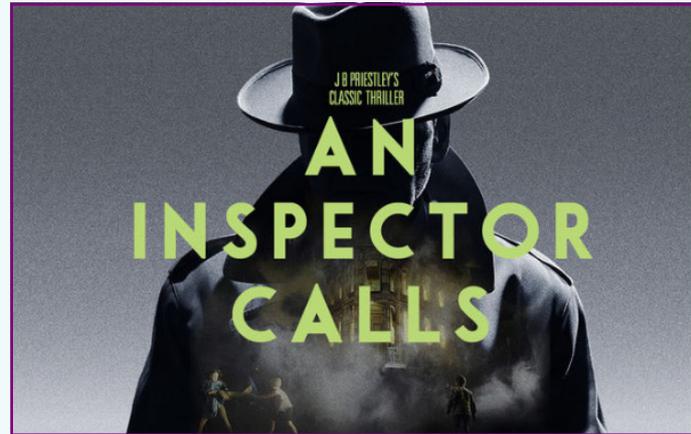
Stephen Daldry's multi award-winning production of JB Priestley's classic thriller returns after a sell out West End season and US tour.

Hailed as the theatrical event of its generation, winning more awards than any other production in history, An Inspector Calls has thrilled more than 4 million people worldwide.

When the English Department realised that this illustrious production would be playing at a theatre near to school, we wasted no time in booking up seats for a mixture of Year 10 and 11 students to join the four million people worldwide who had already seen it! It is always of great benefit for students to actually see a production of a play we are studying for GCSE as this brings a text to life. Our theatre visit to Buxton certainly enabled us to engage and discuss the play's relevance across three time spans: the Edwardian era in which it is set; post-war Britain when it was written in 1945 and its relevance to modern audiences viewing the play today.

The Buxton Opera House was a fitting venue for the play as its ornate grandeur is in sympathy with the play's context of a grand Edwardian dining room owned by a wealthy family of industrialists. The use of real-time staging allowed the action of the play to unfold in a way that laid bare the failings and shortcomings of the central characters, but also made us, as the audience, think about our own behaviours and attitudes. This is extremely useful for GCSE students as part of the criteria in Literature is to have an exploratory response to text. The students were able to react to the cultural, social and historical nuances of the text and performance which is also a requirement for GCSE analysis of text.

Putting GCSE aside, the play centres on the treatment of a young girl treated unfairly by a condemning and unjust society. This made for compelling viewing and great empathy from the audience. The students were able to immerse themselves in a different time span and place themselves in the shoes of Eva Smith, who, incidentally, is never seen on stage but has her story told by an Inspector, who fights for social justice.



For anyone who says, 'Why study English Literature?', this is a perfect example of SMSC teaching being integrated seamlessly into the analysis of text. The play was a powerful performance which will have resonance with our students beyond the text of GCSE play and teach them the value of fairness, equality and inclusion.

Students and teachers returned to school reflecting positively on the ability of theatre to bring into sharp focus the frailty of the human condition and how we can all help to create a better society.

THE ANVIL: WOMEN OF MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 6/7TH JUL 2019

When Hafsa Bashir, a local Muslim poet, visited our school as part of the Manchester International Festival Week, we had no idea that it would lead to a



public performance in The Anvil: Women of Manchester for some of our students. Hafsa came to school to reclaim women's voices in history and with a special focus on the Peterloo Massacre of 1819, which was prominent in our minds on account of the commemorating of Peterloo's bicentenary this year. It became clear that Hafsa's work had some overlap with the work we had completed with Year 8 and our study of 19th Century text. Our students had written empathy pieces as if they had been at St Peter's Field on the day of the Peterloo Massacre. This was a perfect fit for the performances Hafsa had arranged to take place in St Peter's Square, Manchester, celebrating women's voices, with a hundred other women.

The students attended a Saturday rehearsal where their speeches were honed to best fit the time slot. They were asked to return the next day in Manchester, ready for performance and dressed in white. The students were both excited and tremulous as they realised that the performance as part of the last day of the International Festival would create quite a crowd of spectators.

On the Sunday, we processed to St Peter's Square, accompanied by the tabla for atmospheric effect. The students were joined at the square by other woman spanning a range of ages, and as a collective, representing women now and in history without a voice. The students took to the steps of the Central Library to present a powerful performance based on the likely viewpoints of women caught up in the Peterloo Massacre when all they wanted was for a peaceful process and access to a fair wage and fair food prices. The student monologues had modern resonance and were delivered with confidence and conviction, so much so that many spectators were visibly moved. It was as if the students had transformed into those silenced women of history and their set pieces were evocative and vibrant. Truly engaging; the students had excelled beyond all our expectations.

As part of our English studies, we always endeavour to 'walk in the shoes of others' and the students 'became' those women of Peterloo and produced a performance to echo down the ages and bring to life those forgotten women who only asked for a fair hearing and a fair chance. The school was inordinately proud of the students as it was a challenging performance under a short rehearsal time. The students performed with aplomb. Well done to the Year 8 girls for an unforgettable performance with an extremely vital social message for modern Britain whilst commemorating the past.



POETRY LIVE



Year 10 GCSE English took advantage of the fantastic opportunity to get ahead in their Literature course when 27 Students attended the Poetry Live! Event at Manchester's Palace Theatre on 2nd December.

The packed programme showed us how exciting and relevant poetry can be. Some of the UK's most celebrated poets hit the stage, including Simon Armitage, Imtiaz Dharker, John Agard, Gillian Clarke and Carol-Ann Duffy - all poets on the current GCSE Anthology. The AQA Chief Examiner was also there to give students invaluable advice.

Thank you to Mrs. Heathcote for organising the trip and well done to Year 10 for representing MIGSG so brilliantly....especially Mahnoor who asked the Poet Laureate a question!

Look out for more English department events in the New Year.

GOOD MANNERS CARD COMPETITION

In recognition of Anti-Bullying week, the library held a card competition during the Autumn Term for students to share their thoughts on stamping out bullying. We were overwhelmed with the level of response, the positive participation and the quality of the cards we received.

The followings students received prices for their wonderful designs

and messages:

First prize: Hooriya Sheikh of 7Z

Second prize: Mahnoor Faisal of 10A

Joint third prize: Iman Arian 7R and Afifa Tahir 7Z

All participants received a small gift in recognition of their great efforts.

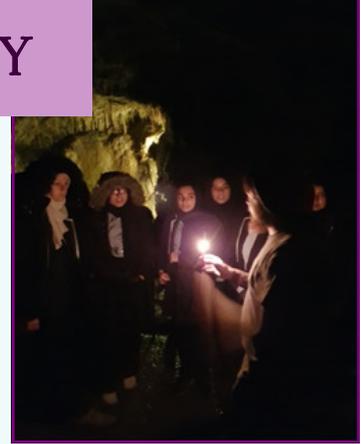


CASTLETON TRIP - GEOGRAPHY



On the 17th November 2019, as part of their GCSE course Year 10 & 11 geography groups visited Castleton. The trip was a compulsory piece of field work for the Investigating Geography topic.

They were looking at how rural areas lack essential services we in the city take for granted. There is no bank, no supermarket or medical services such as doctors or dentist.



Students visited Treak Cliff cavern where the rare gemstone Blue John is mined. They learned about the tourist industry but also about formation of sedimentary rock and fossils



The most popular attraction for our students, the Fudge Shop



Students and Miss Kossar making notes in their workbook. The building behind them is the primary school which has about 60 students.



Students were attempting to carry out a traffic survey. As you can see from this photograph there were few visitors or cars in the village on the November morning.



Students asking a visitor to answer a questionnaire

Thank you to Miss Kossar, Mrs Farakh and Mrs Malik who accompanied the students.



ANNUAL PRESENTATION



Welcome by Mrs Mona Mohamed



Presentation of Certificates:

Year 7 to 10 Excellence/Outstanding Subject Awards, Early GCSE Arabic, Attendance Awards, Duke of Edinburgh
Br Abdul Kadir Kawooya - Trustee



Presentation of GCSE Awards, Best Achievers & Exceptional Awards
Melanie Bryan - Guest Speaker



Presentation of Qur'an Competition Awards
By Ateeq Salik and Jamal Afzal
Islamic Relief



Head Girl & Deputy Head Awards



Speech by Head Girl
Imaan Ahmed



PRESENTATION EVENING 2019



Welcome address - Br Zaheer Farooq Chairman of Trust

On Thursday, 14th November 2019, MIGSG hosted its annual presentation evening at the Sheridan Suite. It was an enjoyable and interesting evening where we were able to celebrate firstly the achievements of the GCSE class of 2019, but also excellence across the school as a whole.

We were very fortunate to have a variety of speakers who gave the students valuable advice and encouragement to do their very best to succeed whilst keeping their Islamic identity.



Presentation of Maulana Habib Ur-Rahman Annual Quran Award
By Farah Khan (granddaughter)



Nasheed Group



Quran Recitation by Fizza Saleem & Aisha Benhamida



Vote of Thanks by Aaminah Bizzari



DEBATING SOCIETY

At Manchester Islamic Grammar School for Girls we are delighted to have been given the opportunity to prepare and nurture our future debaters! This has been done through participating in training provided by Debate Mate.

There are plenty of advantages for student debaters, whether they choose to join actual debating teams or they debate as a small group:

- Debating provides practice in developing sound and logical arguments.
- It gives students an opportunity to practise speaking in public.
- The experience shows great initiative and leadership and is therefore useful for college applications
- The research you do will expand your mind and increase your understanding of important issues.

By participating on a debate team, students learn the art of persuasion. Research has shown that participation in debates increases students' academic performance and increases their chances of earning a place at college. At MIGSG the debating society will prepare to compete in local, regional, and national tournaments.

We are delighted to introduce our 'Debating Society' committee for academic year 2019 – 2020:

Aisha Benhamida – Enthusiastic, confident and a great leader who enjoys participating in debates and imparting her own skills to the lower school years to encourage and develop ideas for debating. Aisha is undertaking the training and increasing her own debating skills.

Aliyah Ali – Expressive, articulate and fierce when it comes to debating! Aliyah will be a great inspiration to many of the younger students. Aliyah is also undertaking further debate training to develop her skills so she can contribute to future debates for the school.

Habiba Abdulgawad- A young, fierce and confident member of the debate club.

Fatima Awan- Passionate, strong-minded and enjoys a good debate

We look forward to further contributions from the vibrant and eager young debaters! Please encourage your daughter to get involved; they can contact Aliyah or Aisha if they wish to join the society.

Well done to the girls for showing the great skills they already have acquired and will continue developing in the next couple of months with more exciting opportunities on the way.

September Debate: "This house believes that companies should be taxed on their carbon emissions"

The Debate Society kick started our first monthly debate "This house believes that companies should be taxed on their carbon emissions". At the school we hold monthly debates and over the next few months we are all ready to debate other schools. Well done to all the girls training and developing the art of debate. They certainly can hold an argument.



October Debate "This house believes Private schools should be banned"

The Labour Party recently announced how they would get rid of private schools. Our students wanted to debate this topic and get ready to argue different views relating to private faith schools, because for them the importance of faith schools is a matter close to the heart.



GCSE CITIZENSHIP AND LIVING ISLAM



In September GCSE Citizenship and Living Islam students attended the Prevent Breast Cancer conference at the Nightingale Centre at Wythenshawe hospital. The students had a tour of the centre and saw first hand the day to day work of medical staff undertaken within the centre. The students learnt about screening, prevention and protecting oneself from breast cancer. They were able to see consultant radiologists at work, Pathology laboratories and



mammogram machines.

The purpose of the visit was to help raise their own awareness of breast cancer so they can engage in fundraising activities at school. During the conference the students were able to explore eight skills to show what competencies are needed when planning a project at school to fundraise and raise awareness. We hope to raise greater awareness and organise more fundraising events in the near future.



‘My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was young’ [Quran: 17:23-24]



In October some of our students spent time visiting the Heaton Moor Asian Heritage Centre with some of the Asian elderly who meet up at the centre. The



students planned the programme which included delivering a speech, singing to them, serving food and generally learning words of wisdom from the elderly. Both the students and the elderly were moved by the sessions, and we hope they will remember the experience. Our students recognise the importance of visiting elderly members of the community, and know they can learn important life lessons from them. They organised two separate visits and the centre thoroughly appreciated time and generosity and kindness shown by the students.





GCSE CITIZENSHIP

In November, we had the pleasure of inviting a primary school to our school. As part of the GCSE Citizenship project it is important our students are able to plan, prepare and deliver a project, therefore they choose a topic, work in a team and apply all the skills gained during the lessons to deliver their ideas for an action project. Diversity was a topic which the students felt very passionate about, and, they wanted to remove any misunderstood



stereotypes amongst young students in Years 5 and 6 by celebrating the different cultures they belong to. A huge well done to all the students involved. They made a great difference in educating the young minds about diversity, cultures and acceptance.

GCSE CITIZENSHIP ATTENDS CONFERENCE ON HATE



In October 2019 GCSE Citizenship students were invited by Citizens UK to attend a special hearing on hate crime to the Law Commission in Manchester, as communities shared their moving testimonies around misogyny, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism etc. It was an opportunity for students to see and hear from the members of Muslim, Jewish and various women's communities regarding these issues. The students were able to share what hate crime and Islamophobia meant to them and to gain an insight into how within a democracy individuals can voice and express mistreatment to those in positions of authority.

Hatred is on the rise in our society and we must redouble our efforts to bring people together to build the compassionate world we all want to see. But our authorities must give us better protection and this event will bring in new laws to protect our communities further.



GCSE CITIZENSHIP YEAR 10 VISIT TO THE CROWN COURT

In October the Year 10 Citizenship students visited Manchester Crown Court as part of their rule of law topic in GCSE Citizenship Studies. They had a tour of the court rooms and were able to sit in on insightful and thought-provoking cases. As part of the citizenship course students need to know how the crown court works and the role of barristers, judges, jury and solicitors. This experience left many of our students wanting to embark on careers within the law sector and at the very least it gave them a great insight into the everyday jobs within a court.



GCSE CITIZENSHIP - PARLIAMENT WEEK 2019



UK Parliament Week is an annual festival that engages people from across the UK with the UK Parliament, exploring what it means to them and empowering them to get involved.

The GCSE citizenship students had the pleasure of hosting a hustings and debate with local politicians for National Parliament Week. Thank you to Labour MP Afzal Khan, local councillors Eve Holt, Amna Abdul, and Future candidate Ekua Bayunu who joined us. The motion was to

debate the idea of abolishing private schools in the Labour manifesto, as well as debating about climate change and many of the other Labour policies. The students enjoyed testing the politicians and holding them to account. If they survived our student's hustings they'll survive any elections! . They ended with advice to our students, to work hard and aim high, and to always define their own space and make their presence known.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE ASSEMBLY

Year 10 students at MIGSG begin exploring the idea of work experience. We are able to provide professional information from an external company to ensure the students are given the best advice. We will see what exciting placements the students embark upon during the summer term. Information and placement forms are given to students at the start of the year so they are able to explore and make well informed decisions on where they would like to do the work experience.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Manchester Islamic Grammar School for Girls would like to introduce The Student Council Executive, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Chair: Miriam Benhamida

Vice Chair: Imaan Abbass

Secretary: Aisha Siddiqua

Role of the Student Council at Manchester Islamic Grammar School for Girls:

- To create a positive school atmosphere of mutual respect between staff and students
- To develop and maintain the participation of students in the life of our school
- To represent the views of the students to our school's Senior Leadership Team
- To establish links with the local community through our fundraising projects.

This year our council looks forward to making more positive and exciting contributions Insha'Allah. Once or twice a half term, the Student Council hold a meeting and raise their suggestions.

The Student Council exists to represent the voice of the students, promote their ideas and advocate their views and interests. Students are given equal opportunity to participate. Its role includes helping the school to serve its students as effectively as possible and making students aware of wider issues, in addition to playing an important role in establishing links with the community.

During the last academic year the student council made a huge difference to many areas within the school and community projects. This academic year we have begun the term with many different exciting projects; for example, the council has helped support the school's anti bullying week by delivering an assembly and organising an odd sock day for the whole school. The vice chair has given opportunities to every form to come forward and be part of the school well-being ambassador programme and some of the committee have been looking at helping feed the homeless projects.



PEER MENTORING



Every Wednesday morning during extended form time the peer mentors have been busy supporting our Year 7s with numeracy skills. This term they have been covering time telling and fractions. Some of the peer mentors are supporting the new Year 7 by revisiting prayer, wudu and general Islamic manners. Well done to the mentors, they truly are an asset to the school Alhamdulillah.



MANCHESTER MUSEUM VISIT



We like to give our students as many opportunities as possible to get active and involved in community and volunteer groups, to develop their skills and broaden their horizons. Dr Sadia from Manchester Museum came to talk to our Year 11 students about taking part in the museum youth group. They thoroughly enjoyed the session and are eager to get involved Insha'Allah.

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Part of the GCSE RS curriculum is to understand the origins of life (Big Bang theory) and the origins of the universe (Evolution). The RS department invited a guest speaker Sharif Hafezi who has debated this topic widely to help answer the questions students had prepared beforehand from an Islamic perspective. This was a very engaging and interactive session and the students benefited greatly by learning some alternative arguments they can exploit in their exams.



CAREERS FAIR

At the MIGSG 2019 Careers Fair, over 22 exhibitors including sixth form colleges attended and delivered fantastic diverse careers advice. A range of organisations and professions were represented, including NHS (Dentist and Pharmacist), Police, Humanitarian Psychologist (UN) Engineering, Accounting, Manchester Creative Arts, Digital Marketing, Biotec Accounts, Network Rail engineering, Urmston Sixth Form, Loreto College, Pendleton Sixth form, Salford City College, Manchester College, Rambell (Engineering) and many more. Their engagement with our Year 11 students will help to prepare them to work hard towards establishing a bright future.

We would like to thank the parents who brought their professional expertise into school and supported our careers fair. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped prepare our Year 11 students for the world of work, giving an insight into what to expect at further education and the different pathways to choose from.

"Our Futures would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that took time from work to help the students understand more about their future careers options. Along with colleges and the industry areas that the students were interested in such as law, accounting, healthcare, and digital design, we were very happy to see that the girls also researched information from the other industries that were present such as engineering, environmental sciences, and construction." [John, Our Futures]

"We hope the girls use the information they gained from this event about equal-opportunities, pay, advancement, skills, and qualifications to make really good choices that benefit their futures and suit their personalities well."

John Swinnerton

Student feedback was also massively helpful for the school:

'The careers fair really helped me realise how many jobs existed that I didn't know about.' Habiba Abouzeid

'I really enjoyed the careers fair because it enhanced my knowledge of the career I want to go into and it also helped me think about the many other pathways available in that specific career, showing me all the different options I have such as apprenticeship etc.' -Arisha Khan

'I didn't know I could choose to do an apprenticeship in Law and be paid for it' [Y10 Student]



CAREERS GUIDANCE INTERVIEWS



Year 11 students have had the opportunity to get careers guidance by an external qualified careers service. The school was delighted to notice the interest students have shown in various career paths; such as Medicine, Psychiatry, Gynaecology, Engineering, Police, Law and Computer science. The benefits of providing students with careers guidance are many, for example :

- Reduce interview anxiety
- Confidence about the things they are doing well.
- It will allow students to preview any specific skills they need to develop
- It gives students the chance to clarify the career routes they want to seek and allows them to receive constructive feedback from a guidance interviewer on whether the choices are realistic and so on.

We pray our students go on towards their desired careers and make the right subject choices. If students are unsure about any college or sixth form course, they can speak to Miss Imtiaz.

LORETO COLLEGE ROADSHOW

Loreto College came to deliver a roadshow to speak with Year 11 students about sixth form courses. They also gave some very useful tips and advice on applying. Their journey to college has begun and very soon we look forward to the students attending interviews.



WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Coffee Morning was held at MIGSG on Friday, 27th September 2019. We raised a total of £344.66 this year.

Thank you to all students and, of course, their parents.

As you can see there was a large variety of cakes enjoyed by all.

We had such a large selection of cakes it was decided that we couldn't have just one star baker, and so gave awards in a number of different categories.



The star baker for a large cake was Imaan Abbas



The most innovative cake was by Abhia Zeshan



The stand out cupcakes were baked by Asma Choudhrey who spelled out Macmillan on her cakes



VISIT FROM LAURA SAMUELS—BRITISH TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE TRIPLE JUMP SILVER MEDALLIST

Laura Samuels, a medallist in 2014 Commonwealth games visited school. The students had the opportunity to listen to an inspiring assembly about her journey. “It was inspiring to see a female athlete share her sporting stories and how she encouraged us to believe in ourselves and build our confidence.” The students also had to challenge their stamina and participate in circuit training with her. Thank you to Laura and Miss Hughes for inspiring the students today.
#womenInSport #BlackHistoryMonth



KARATE CLUB



A Karate club has been running after school every week since September. 25 girls have signed up and they have been working on basic moves and sequences of karate. These are called “kihon,” which include punching, blocking, kicking, and movement.



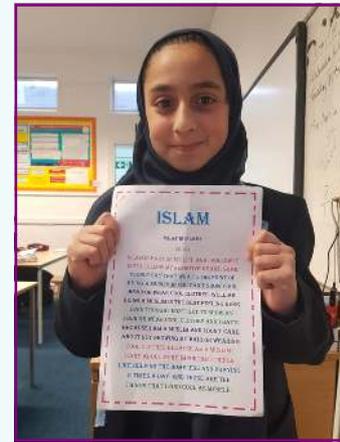
Once you've mastered kihon, you can move on to other basics, like form, also called “kata,” sparring, called “kumite,” and real-world applications of karate, called “bunkai. They have all progressed so much and some of our students went on to a grading assessment in Burnage last weekend. Some of the girls received their yellow belts and others received their orange belts. A huge well done to those students and I hope that even more students achieve their next belt at the grading next year.

If you are interested in attending the sessions, we will be starting new sessions when we come back in January. Please see Miss Hughes for more information.



WHAT ISLAM MEANS TO ME

Year 7 were asked write messages about what Islam meant to them and Aqsa wrote a beautiful message of what Islam means to her and what she finds cool. She emphasised that people might not think it's cool to wear a headscarf but she thinks the most important thing to be cool is to help the homeless and pray 5 times a day. May the love of Islam always remain in her heart .



WORLD SIGHT DAY

It was World Sight Day on 8th October. 36 million people live without sight in the world. One of our students, Thamina, took the lead with other students in raising awareness of the blessings of having sight and talking about the many reasons why people around the world do not have sight. It was a well received and emotional assembly. Well done to the students delivering it.



INTERNATIONAL NON-VIOLENCE DAY

For International Non-Violence day on 2nd October, some students from 11F, as part of Living Islam, wanted to raise awareness of rising knife crime and held an assembly with an activity that the whole school took part in with a powerful message behind it. They had to write messages about anti-violence on paper knives and bin them on the way out. Some messages the students wrote were funny but poignant, for example 'Knives are for buttering bread not killing'



Students presenting the assembly wore purple which was the colour for International Non-Violence Day.



(POLICE APPRECIATION) A GIFT FOR THE LOCAL POLICE STATION AND PCSOS



The students prepared a lovely hamper for PCSOs Antonio and Johnathan and to the police officers at Didsbury Police station, for always being so supportive and delivering sessions in school such as the huge road safety flash mob outside school last year. The students delivered a speech on the important role the police play in society and in keeping them safe and presented the hamper of goodies to the PCSOs. We hope they enjoyed them and it helped them get through their long shifts.



ROALD DAHL DAY



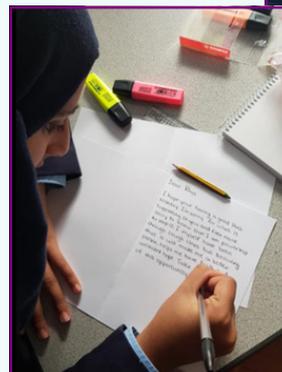
It was Roald Dahl day on 13th September and Mrs Malek Junior delivered an assembly on quotes by Roald Dahl and how Islamic messages can be linked to them. All students were given coloured envelopes with a Roald Dahl quote and some found a golden ticket and were given Roald Dahl biography as gifts to read.



GREETINGS CARDS FOR SICK CHILDREN – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS – A MOTHER'S PLEA



Students responded to a mother's plea for cards for her son who is living with a life limiting condition and told his mum he was tired with living. Our students got together and wrote long birthday cards for him. We hope it cheered him up and brought a smile to his and his mum's face.



FOR THE LOVE OF PROPHET MUHAMMED (PBUH)



For the Islamic month (RabiulAwwal) in which the Prophet Muhammed (saw) was born and passed away, students during this month study, learn and share how much they love the Prophet (saw). Students were asked why they love the prophet (saw) and here are some of their answers. We particularly love the one about #prophetgoals.



Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "None of you has faith until I am more beloved to him than his children, his father, and all of the people." (Bukhari)



May the love of the prophet (saw) always remain in their hearts and minds.

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UNICEF

The students delivered an assembly on UNICEF and the rights for respecting schools. The students each stood up in assembly with a rose representing the 42 UNICEF articles talking about the rights of children. The students then watched a video of children living in war zones and how their rights can be protected. Well done to form 11T for doing such a great job of informing the school community of rights and responsibilities and hopefully we will be a UNICEF rights forever respecting school.



CAR MESSAGES OF LOVE AND HOPE



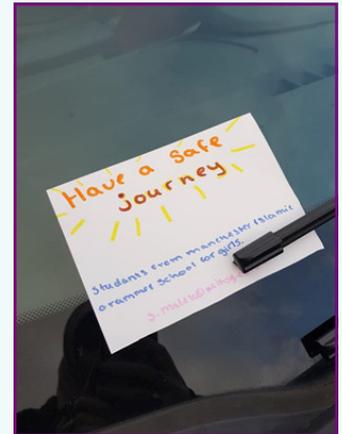
As part of 10I's Living Islam projects (a subject to get students active in the local community) on random acts of kindness, the students prepared kind and positive messages to place on cars parked in the local area. Messages of appreciation from the general public were received shortly after, for making their day. Such as this lovely message:

Thank you for your lovely message, it made me smile and brought a tear to my eye, you are

right, Be Happy because life is too short! very relevant to me as I have just lost my lovely father.

Have a wonderful and happy life.

Have a wonderful year, Kind regards,



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Form 11 Taqwa delivered their form assembly celebrating black history month. They discussed key figures of black minorities from the time of the Prophet (saw) covering, Bilal (RA) to present day covering key Muslim black minority women, Hajer Sharief (Libyan) and Ilwad Elman (Somalia) who were awarded a Noble Peace Prize in 2019. The students were really inspired by them.

Thank you to Mrs Heathcote and Mrs Imtiaz for putting together a great assembly with the students.



GENERAL ELECTIONS VS MIGSG ELECTIONS



MOCK GENERAL ELECTIONS

It was an important day in the UK on Thursday 12th December. An important election for a generation.

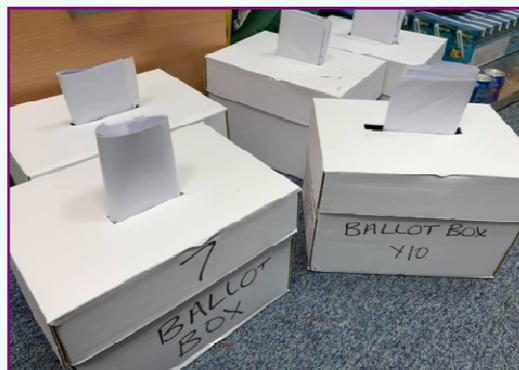
Although the school was amidst end of term exams, our GCSE citizenship students ran mock elections. Staff and students had to register to vote in advance, and some missed the deadline, but every year group had different polling stations around school, and had to go within voting time to vote.

We had hustings and candidates from the Labour, Conservatives and Liberal Democrats as well as a teacher representing the WEP (Women's Equality Party).



After hearing from the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders at the hustings, there was a real buzz of voting amongst the end of terms exams. Unlike in the real election the result was 74% Majority to the student Labour candidate.

Well done to all the student candidates.



YEAR SEVEN GHYLL HEAD TRIP

The excitement in the air was palpable! Sad, though it was to be leaving their families the girls virtually leaped onto the coach (as much as their bags would allow!) It was going to be a memorable weekend



Brilliant sunshine and fine weather accompanied us most of the time we were at Ghyll Head, which

made our activities, though far from easy, much more enjoyable. Everybody helped each other. During one of our walks we encountered a steep, slippery path. Reaching the top would have been impossible if we did not encourage each other. Eventually we arrived at our destination – a wonderful cavern which we had to virtually crawl through protected by our hard hats. Looking around us and seeing the majestic stalactites and columns it was well worth it!

The opportunity to participate in activities such as the zip wire and canoeing on Lake Windermere, was fantastic ,and even students who were initially reticent to participate thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Not all of our activities took place during the day. Walking across the moors in moonlight accompanied by torches on our first night was thrilling, especially when we turned off our torches and became transfixed by the stars!

Perhaps the best thing about the weekend, though, was the support and encouragement that everyone gave to each other, which resulted in some strong friendships being made.

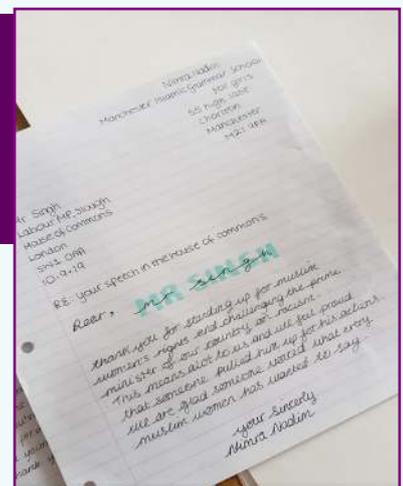
Finally, the experience would have been much less pleasurable if we had not had the support of the Year Ten peer mentors who readily gave up their weekend to accompany us. Many, many, thanks to them from Year Seven!

Mrs Campbell (HOY Seven)

LETTERS TO MP SINGH FOR HIS SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT ON ISLAMOPHOBIA



Our students were extremely touched by MP Singh's recent speech in Parliament directed to our Prime Minister, with regards to his comments on Hijab and Muslim Women feeling isolated. They wrote letters of appreciation to show their thanks.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language that goes to his heart.” - Nelson Mandela

We celebrated European Languages Day on Friday 8th November. The French department hosted a great day of activities for staff and students.

The day started off with an assembly looking at the importance of studying languages, with a guest speaker from Instituto Cervantes (Spanish Institution) explaining her experience of using languages at work, and a thought-provoking poem about languages written and recited by one of our Year 9 students, Habiba. Mrs Saunders reflected on the Islamic perspective of languages and that Allah (swt) created everyone in nations and tribes speaking different languages.

Students then had the opportunity to enjoy a French breakfast instead of the usual tuck shop. The school lunches took on an Italian theme, with a range of French pastisseries offered as dessert.

Competitions for both students and staff were held throughout the day. Students voted for the teacher

speaking the most in a European language in lessons, with the winner being Mrs Vorajee for teaching maths in French.

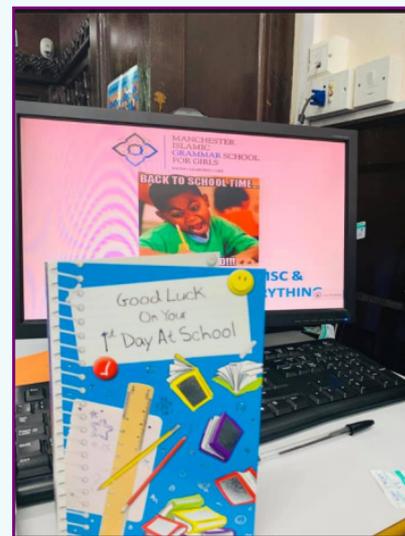
Language taster sessions were held at lunchtime, offering students the chance to try out German, Spanish and Turkish. Announcements were made in different languages throughout the day, too. The event also encouraged students to reflect on their own rich linguistic heritage and to embrace and take pride in their own mother tongues.

We hope everyone enjoyed the activities on offer, that this will become an annual celebration in the school.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL INDUCTION

Year 7s were all greeted by teachers outside school to welcome them after the summer break and then were given 'good luck on their first day at school' cards and Years 8-11 were given 'back to school' cards with a message to start the new year fresh Insha'Allah.



POSTCARDS FOR THE ELDERLY HOME



Year 7 students made postcards that were sent to elderly homes, describing their first day of school and asking for advice from the older generation about their school and life experience. We hope the residents enjoyed reading their cards.

ASHURA IFTAR



We held an iftar for students for Ashura in September. The students learnt about the story of Prophet Musa (AS), the importance of nafl fasts and tawwakul in Allah(swt) during hardships. They enjoyed a lovely iftar meal and helped each other improve their Quranic recitation too. May it be accepted from them all and the parents that donated the food. Thank you for your kindness.



NEW ECO-WARRIORS COMMITTEE

The MIGSG Eco-Warriors were set up this year by the students. They learnt about how to look after their plants, as well as planning for recycling week and many other environmentally friendly activities. We look forward to seeing how eco-friendly they'll be making MIGSG by being stewards on earth too.



'ISOLATION TO RADICALISATION' DELEGATION WORKSHOP



We had a delegation from the Council of Europe as part of the Inter Cultural Cities Programme (ICC). They observed our students watching a production of a play entitled 'Isolation To Radicalisation' by Odd Arts. They then had a tour of the school and a meeting with management about equality and diversity in Manchester. They loved the school and the outward nature of school. We hope they enjoyed their stay in Manchester.



CLIMATE CHANGE MARCH



We took our student eco-warriors who had taken on the initiative to work on environmental projects around school, to the global climate change march. They made their own banners, some with messages of Islamic importance on the environment. Some were brave enough to take to the platform in front of thousands of people to make a speech on climate change. We were very proud of them! Then they marched through the city centre of Manchester with their own slogans. It was great to see them passionate about the climate.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-OP MANAGER STEPHANIE PRAISING OUR STUDENTS

We received a beautiful email about our students and how they have been a great credit to themselves, the school and mostly to their parents. It's always nice to receive messages of kindness from local neighbours and businesses. This resulted in the message going viral and different media platforms like ilmfeed and the Manchester Evening News picking it up. This was an opportunity for students to learn that kindness creates a ripple effect of more kindness.

Hello,

My name is [redacted] I am the store manager of the Co-op Beech road. We are only a couple minutes away from your school.

I wanted to drop you a quick email regarding the young ladies that attend your school.

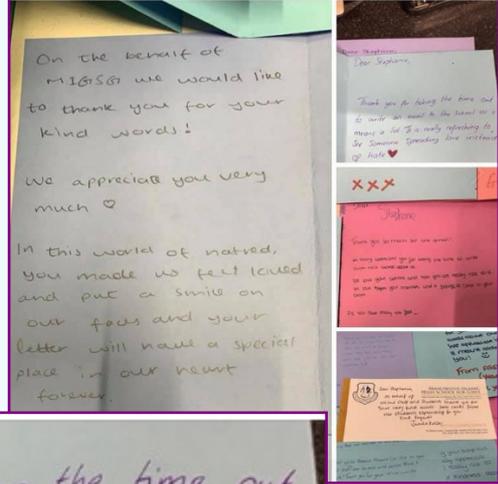
Every morning and afternoon I have a lot of your students shop in our store.

Theses students, are the nicest, most respectful people I genuinely have had the pleasure to serve and speak too. They are a credit to your school, parents and mostly themselves.

They are, pleasure to have in store. They couldn't represent there themselves or school any better. I am sure you are already aware of this but I just to say how nice and pleased I am of your students that shop in our store.

Students sent thank you cards to the Co-op in return, which were displayed around the shop.

These are just a few of the letters that came to our store at Co-op Beech road from the lovely young ladies at Manchester Islamic high school for girls. We are so touched. I can't believe so many of you took time and effort to do this. You really have made our day in store. From the bottom of our hearts thank you so much ❤️❤️❤️



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MANCHESTER ART GALLERY VISIT - ISLAMIC SCULPTURE ART



Some of our students visited Manchester Art Gallery to check out an exhibition by a local Muslim female artist. Halima Cassell is one of the UK's most distinctive and dynamic ceramicists and sculptors. She reflects her dual heritage in her works through geometry and sculptures. It was great for the students to see an



exhibit by a Muslim artist and how she combines sculpture through Islamic and Japanese art.



NATIONAL FITNESS DAY



Students learnt about top tips for health and fitness in Islam during their PE lessons. The whole school, including staff and



students, completed a one mile walk in the playground together at break time and students chose which sport they wanted to play at lunch time. Top tips for health and fitness in Islam included moderation of eating, participating in sport and looking after physical and mental wellbeing. Students enjoyed participating in different sport activities at lunch.



BOOK LAUNCH - ON A VICTORIAN HIDDEN MUSLIM

Students attended a book launch at Central Library, to hear about a Victorian Hidden Muslim of Manchester! It was definitely a light bulb moment for the students to realise that Islam and Muslims existed in Britain way before their grandparents migrated; giving them a profound sense of identity to Islam and Britain. One student was from Salybridge and for her to hear about a Muslim from the late 1800s from her area was really inspiring. Fascinating things learnt on this visit included the fact that Robert Reschid Stanley designed the Dovestones Reservoir and spoke to Emmeline Pankhurst about women and Islam. He also worked with William Quilliam and wrote to the Ottoman Caliph at the time. It was a fascinating evening with lots of thought provoking moments for the students



MP AFZAL KHAN TALKING TO OUR STUDENTS



Local Labour MP Afzal Khan was invited to school for a 'friendly' debate. Rules and motions were set by the students, giving the MP only a few minutes to gather his thoughts. Who will win the debate? Students used every opportunity to speak with and debate on local and national policies with local politicians.

THE NATIONAL MUSLIM MEMORIAL FOR MUSLIM SOLDIERS – BRITISH ARMY



“When you go home tell them of us that, for your tomorrow we gave our todays”

Some of our students gave up their Saturday in October and attended the National Muslim Memorial for Muslim soldiers who fought in the world wars and after. This took place in the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Students met Muslims serving in the army today and the Air Force too, as well as attending a memorial service for the soldiers. They met a veteran soldier who was 95 years old who served in the British and Pakistani Army. It was a serene place for students to learn about people with similar backgrounds to them, who fought for Britain.



INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY!

This took place on the 1st of October. Students took part in a fun quiz guessing how staff took their coffee. They also had the opportunity to learn about the Islamic history behind coffee. One student, Malaika, took the initiative and bought coffee for all the builders working next to school as a random act of kindness. Some funny answers from our quiz included:

Strong flavour, mild taste, creamy, 1 sugar and hot.

Hot, little bit of milk and brown sugar, kid and definitely teenager free

I like my coffee to be milk with froth and a tsp of coffee with no sugar

Milky with a little sugar

Milky & 1/2 a tsp of sugar

White with two sugars

Hot and black and ready to sniff not to drink! Enlightens the senses

I don't drink coffee, if that counts

still in the jar (don't drink coffee)

Hot, black Americano

Sweet

Milky and sweet (latte)

White, no sugar

One shot latte

Decaffeinated cappuccino



MONDAY MORNING MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES

Every Monday a prefect gives a motivational speech to the whole school over the PA system with different chosen topics, for example, Juwairia reminding everyone of the importance of working hard for both worlds. Juwairia elaborated on the following Hadith of the Prophet Muhammed (saw) looking after your manners and character:

“The best amongst you are those who have the best manners and character.”



One morning, Safia delivered her motivational speech about the importance of looking after inner beauty as well as our outer beauty. She delivered a fantastic well researched speech, with anecdotes from herself and famous people. She mentioned a little boy who once said to her people are like Oreos - the good stuff is in the inside, as well as mentioning that Michelle Obama said that smiling is the fastest way to let inner beauty show. She ended her speech with a saying of the Prophet Muhammed (saw) that: “Verily Allah does not look at your outward form and wealth, rather He looks at your hearts and deeds”.



“As teenagers we tend to be more relaxed than we should be. Our famous saying is “just chill it’s calm” but is it really?

Yes we need some peace and quiet and time to relax but that doesn’t mean we dismiss everything. Doing homework the night before etc. We need to be organised and focused when it comes to things that affect our future, sometimes we need a night off with pyjamas and pizza but having a balance is key, knowing how to balance home life, school life and your own well-being is a true art that only a professional can master FOR example Cinderella all she wanted was a night off and a dress and that’s what most of us need right about now. It’s a Monday morning and half of us probably don’t want to be here but now that we are here we might as well make it worth it, do what we got to do because, no matter what, you need to put your head down, work hard , eat well, sleep well and most importantly smile because you never know, you might be the reason someone else smiles, and if you make Islam the centre of everything you do, Allah will automatically open pathways for you Insha'Allah. So when life throws you lemons make lemonade!”



Speech by Jumeira about modesty and humbleness in our actions:

“The prophet (saw) said the fortunate one is one who takes advice from others”

“Remember that humbleness is the key to modesty and modesty is the branch of faith. Being humble plays such an important role in living such a virtuous life and is the foundation of a good character”

May we all live a humble and modest life in everything we do and remember our goal in life

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



Students were encouraged to walk to school on National Walk to School Day on 2nd October, and some met with teachers in different areas and walked with them to school. Three students walked 6.6km, leaving at 6am to get to school on time. They went through parks in the dark and enjoyed the sun rising as they walked to school, reflecting on children around the world that have to walk for hours to

and from school. Some students met up in the centre of Chorlton and in Costa to walk with the rest of the staff to school. Well done to all the students that took part, and we hope they enjoy the morning walks more often, as one student said, 'Miss I feel a lot more energised for school after today's walk.'



A STUDENT PRESENTING A SPEECH AT THE FODIP SYMPOSIUM IN LONDON



One of our students, Saba, had the opportunity to speak at FODIP's (The Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine) symposium in London at the QEII Conference Centre. The topic was 'Tough Talking, Purposeful Listening: The Middle East Conflict and Community Relations

The keynote speaker was Dr George Wilkes from Edinburgh University. Saba spoke in front of many distinguished panellists including Rev Richard Sudworth who is the interfaith advisor for Church of England at Lambeth Palace, Akeela Ahmed MBE, Rabbi Herschel Gluck, Danny Stone MBE, Hardip Begol the Director for MHCLG.

Also present were Lord Younger of Leckie, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government who gave the opening message.

On her return, she performed the speech for the whole school, about her recent visit to Palestine.

ISLAMIC REMINDER TALKS FOR YEAR 11 BEFORE THEY LEAVE MIGSG

Year 11 will be leaving our school in a matter of months and we will be sad to see them go after five years. As well as preparing them for their upcoming GCSE exams, we are working on preparing them for their communities, societies and the world. One way of doing this is consolidating their Islamic learning of the fundamentals to prepare them through all life's lessons and struggles. The Year 11s had an opportunity to revise and ask any questions about Wudu, Salah and Islamic reminders for life. May they remember these pearls of wisdom from Mrs Malek Senior.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY!

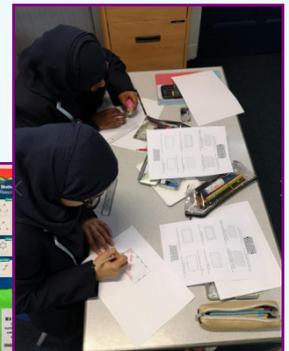
We are all poets and we didn't even know it. On this special day, we set up a poetry corner in the playground and students and staff shared their favourite poetry at lunch time. Some students performed on the spot with great performances. The theme of National Poetry Day was 'Truth.' Students all received poems in registration to read in form on that theme. It was a very fun poetic lunch for staff and students with poems shared from different centuries, nations and countries.



WORLD MATHS DAY

"When I consider what people generally want in calculating, I found that it always is a number."
Al-Khwārizmī

Our Head of Maths dressed up as the father of Algebra today, Al Khawarizmi. All students were introduced to the Islamic influence of Maths at form time, with a video, as well as enjoying some mathematical Islamic geometry designs. Thank you to the maths department for touching upon Islam in maths. The students thoroughly enjoyed a different perspective to maths.



NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Year 7 students enjoyed a private tour of Manchester Museum on Thursday 17th October 2019 and then enjoyed a private screening of the movie 'Night in the Museum'. The students thoroughly enjoyed walking around the museum hoping nothing came to life at night. Thank you to Sadia at the museum for arranging this for our students.

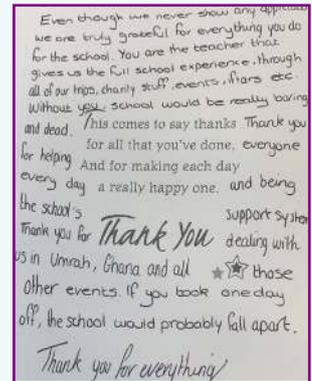
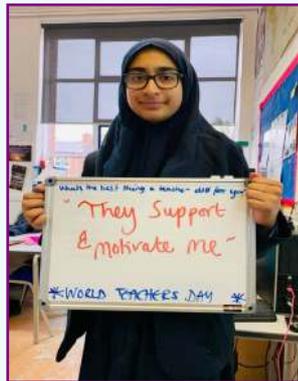


WORLD TEACHER DAY



“Teachers affect eternity, no one can tell where their influence stops”

Students at MIGSG are always amazing to teach and grateful for the experiences they are given. Students shared the best things teachers have done for them, from making them laugh to teaching them how to pray. Students wrote thank you cards to all the teachers at the school. Even teachers love being appreciated, especially with the heart felt messages.



WORLD HOMELESS WEEK



Students cut and cooked vegetable soup and potato and leek soup from the produce grown by students in school and donated by the local Co-op. Students then delivered it to local homeless people and builders around school and delivered the soup to a local homeless shelter on Edge Lane. The students had the opportunity to learn how to cook soup and build on their good deeds. At the shelter, they learnt from the manager about the different people the centre helps and the 8 week process of helping the homeless back on their feet. Thank you to Stephanie from the Co-op and Mrs Pennington and students who put a smile on people's faces with some hot soup.



MUSLIM LIFESTYLE EXHIBITION



We were at the Muslim Lifestyle Exhibition on Sunday 27th October. Students ran a stall about the school, and what the school has to offer, to members of the public and different stake holders.

ADOPT A GRANDMOTHER DAY



We held an Adopt a Grandma Day in school, for National Older Person Day on 1st October. We had 7 grandmothers join us, from the ages of 59-87. Students were allocated to them and took them to lessons, around school and served them lunch. They took them to prayer and ended the day comparing what school was like 70 years ago and today. The grandmothers shared valuable life lessons with the students about respecting their parents and revising

hard. It was an enjoyable and moving day for students, teachers and the grandmothers. They were given gifts and certificates to award them 'Grandmother of the Year'. We hope the grandmothers enjoyed their back to school experience. We loved hosting them, and we hope our students gained valuable lessons and reward. The teachers that are grandmothers in school also got a certificate too.

Here is an important message one of the students, Maria, shared with the grandmothers:

"The elderly are the invisible forces that push our society to become a better place. They have the strength to raise children and the love to watch those children raise children. The cyclical aging process is fuelled by one thing: respect. It is what nourishes the relationships between the youth and the elderly. It is what reinforces the fact that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person. Their wrinkles reflect the laughter and their grey hair reflects their hardships. The elderly are the carved jewels in a pool of youthful rough diamonds. Each hardship, each experience, each laugh and each tear is what carved them into the magnificent gems they are now. The Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) said along the lines of, you aren't part of us if you don't respect the elderly. Can we just take a moment to let that sink in?

Prophet Muhammed himself said that you are not part of this ummah if you don't show love to your elders. They are what hold our ummah together. They are the bricks and cement of Islam. They are wiser than books and stronger than rocks. They are our past, present and future. And I love them for it."



EXPLORING CULTURE AND IDENTITY

Thank you to Dr Sadia Habib from Manchester Museum for delivering a workshop to our students on exploring their culture and identity. The students are excited about an upcoming project at the museum Insha'Allah



GIFT FOR AN ELDERLY LADY'S BIRTHDAY

It was one lady's 94th birthday at the elderly centre and during their visit there, students presented her with flowers and a cake. We hope the students brightened her special day and had the opportunity to learn from her years of wisdom! May Allah(swt) bless her with many more blessed years.



A DUA FOR THE ELDERLY



A beautiful Du'a was said by one of our students, Hafsa, to the elderly in Urdu (a language they mainly all understood) during a visit to Heaton Moor. The Du'a (prayer) was for their health and life. May Allah(swt) accept the Du'a

DR SADIA HABIB –MANCHESTER MUSEUM

We like to give our students as many opportunities as possible to get active and involved in community and volunteer groups to develop their skills and give them many future opportunities. Sr Sadia from Manchester Museum came to talk to our Year 11 students about taking part in the museum youth group. They thoroughly enjoyed the session and are eager to get involved Insha'Allah.



VIRTUAL GAME LAUNCH



Our students were invited to take part in an exclusive event. It was a historical day: the first ever video game launched by a Muslim charity, Islamic Relief. Students had the opportunity to be the first ones to play the game and attend the launch. We hope it will be a new innovative way for students to make a difference in the world through a gaming app. Thank you to Islamic Relief for giving us the opportunity to participate. Our students shared their experience of the game with different media outlets, including the BBC.



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The app aiming to change perceptions of Muslims
 Players take on the roles of Muslim aid workers and help build schools an...



NATIONAL VIDEO GAME MUSEUM

The students enjoyed visiting the National Videogame Museum and playing games from the 80s and 90s as well as taking part in the new game launch by Islamic Relief.

YEAR 7 ISLAMIC QUIZ

Year 7 had a special outing to the museum but before that they enjoyed a competitive Islamic quiz and talk by Miss Munir.



GOOD DEED TRAIL



Some students, members of the community and staff gave up a day of their half term to participate in a good deed trail from 11am - 5pm. They met at the new Muslim graveyard and left duas and messages for family members on the graves of loved ones. Then they all walked to Didsbury mosque for Jummah prayer and then walked for an hour to the Heritage Centre for Asr prayer then another hour down Rusholme cleaning up the streets and finally praying maghrib at Victoria Park mosque. After 20,000 steps and mosques later the little children and school students did amazingly well to raise money for charity.



May it be accepted from everyone and count heavy on their scales of good deeds.



MOVIE NIGHT

There's nothing like a good old movie night for the students at MIGSG. All organised by the students with food donated by one of the parents, may Allah (swt) bless and reward her. Students enjoyed getting into pjs and relaxing with a movie in the dark, all in aid of charity. May it be accepted from everyone.





MIGSG CHARITY

MIGSG answered the calls! 'Superhero' was the theme this year and our students, parents and staff are true superheroes, going above and beyond for charity week. May it be accepted as good deeds for everyone.

CHARITY WEEK TUCKSHOPS

11 Firdous kicked off charity week with a tuckshop. May Allah(swt) accept it from them.



CO-OP BEECH ROAD GETTING INVOLVED IN CHARITY

We held a cake stall in the Co-op on Beech Road for charity. The staff at the Co-op dressed as superheroes for charity too, and the lovely manager Stephanie judged our super hero bake off competition. Thank you to Stephanie and her staff for accommodating our students and raising much needed funds for charity



A beautiful email to open up after the international food festival.



Subject: food festival event feedback

Message Body:
 Dear MIHSG, I run a community group in Chorlton on Wednesdays and noticed your food festival on my way home. What a delightful and inclusive event! I brought back lots of delicious food and really enjoyed it. I wanted to say what a credit to your school (and the community) the girls are, who were helping out. They were all so welcoming and helpful. I will watch out for future events and think what you did today was absolutely brilliant. Thanks again, Alice

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 This mail is sent via contact form on MIHSG <http://mihsg.org.uk>

ITY WEEK 2019

MIGSG Uniting the world for orphans. The students welcomed everyone to our charity fundraising world food tour.

Guests were able to immerse themselves with the culture of different countries, check out the dress, artefacts and languages, and taste the exotic food and raise money for orphans at the same time.

The cuisines that were on offer:

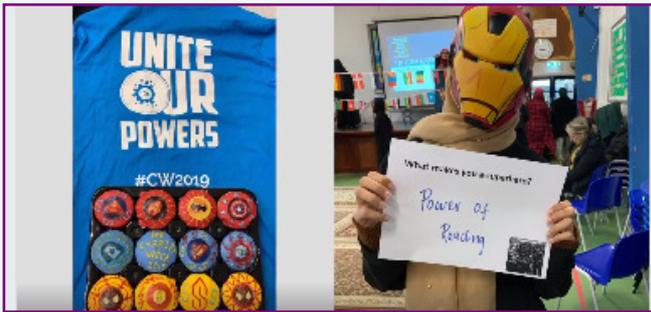
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- Nigerian
- Mauritius
- Italian
- Sudanese
- Moroccan
- Chinese
- Somali
- Lebanese
- English



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL



SUPERHERO DAY – WHAT MAKES SOMEONE A SUPER HERO?



Superhero day in school for charity on Friday 25th October 2019. Students and staff dressed up in super hero outfits and shared what makes them a superhero. From the power of reading to their strength and being themselves, we are all superheroes in our unique ways.

BAKE OFF

The big MIGSG superhero bake-off was organised by a Year 10 student; Imaan K. The students dressed as super heroes and designed and baked such amazing super hero cakes, no one wanted to cut them up. Well done to all the students that participated and Stephanie from the Co-op for judging the best cake, and Imaan and her team for leading the activity.



CHARITY WEEK ROUND OFF DINNER



SPOKEN WORD

Our Year 11 student Sara performing a spoken word piece on charity for a charity event. Some thought provoking words to contemplate on the importance of giving to charity. Well done to her for having the courage and confidence to perform in front of a room full of university students.

NATIONAL INNER BEAUTY DAY



October 7th was National Inner Beauty Day, and quotes on the importance of inner beauty were placed around the student bathrooms reinforcing the importance of building on students kindness and inner beauty of the heart and soul.

#nationalInnerBeautyDay



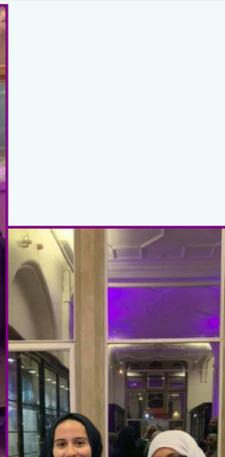
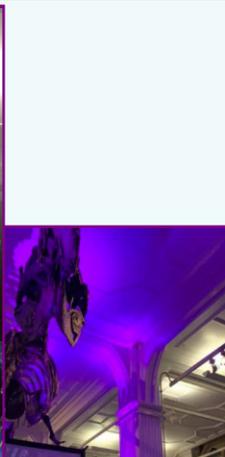
ISLAMOPHOBIA AWARENESS MONTH



It was Islamophobia Awareness Month. Whilst educating our students, we endeavour to develop them and give them the skills to be proud of being young British Muslims, proud of their faith and standing in society. Therefore it was important for some students to attend a conference discussing how to tackle islamophobia. The speeches were delivered by local politicians, an MP and members of Manchester City Council. The students took away a lot of key statistics and information on islamophobia and will be sharing it with other students. Thank you to British Muslim Heritage Centre for inviting our students to participate in the discussion.



ISLAMOPHOBIA TALK AT MANCHESTER MUSEUM – RIZ TEST



In November some of our students were invited to an event, at Manchester Museum, hosted by MEND (Muslim Engagement and Development) and the Museum to acknowledge Islamophobia Awareness Month. The students spent their half term watching different movies and series and applying a 'riz test', analysing the depiction of Muslims in the media. The students discussed how the Muslim characters were presented negatively, looking at different stereotypes, as well as looking at the positive depiction of Muslims in programmes like 'Skam', a Norwegian sitcom that empowers a Muslim female character. The students were really confident, and articulated themselves well, with thoroughly well conducted research. This was the only time they were endorsed to binge on Netflix! No doubt they will be applying the riz test to many future screenings. Thank you to Sadia and the museum for giving this opportunity to our students.



NATIONAL STRESS AWARENESS DAY



All students entered school with our attendance officer handing out a leaflet on tips on how to deal with stress, including Islamic perspectives on this important issue. At registration students and staff had an opportunity to complete these cards designed by the mental health charity, 'Mind,' on how to deal with stress. Throughout their time at school they have the opportunity to deal with stress in a unified or independent way, through relevant activities and clubs and our mentoring system.



LADIES' PAMPER NIGHT



Thank you to all the ladies that attended our ladies' pamper night for charity week on November 6th, all in aid of charity. The event was organised by Year 11 students with Miss Munir; they gave hand and shoulder massages, as well as henna and hair styling. There was a games room, and the students ran mocktail and cake stalls. Participants also had the opportunity to create their own face masks using natural products.

We hope all the ladies were made to feel like queens through the pampering, Insha'Allah. Thank you for also giving our students an opportunity to build on their confidence and communication skills.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

At 11am on the 11th November 2019 the students and staff stopped what they were doing, and in silence remembered those gone before us. 'Lest we forget'

One of our students shared a poetic message over the PA system for all to hear, with an account of a Muslim Indian soldier who fought in the world wars.

"For our tomorrow they gave their today"

Students and staff ended in silent prayer for all soldiers of all wars.

Sadly, only 2% of British people know of the Muslims that contributed in the world wars. Students prepared poppies and messages to share around school and Year 8 students wrote letters, supposedly from Anne Frank to a friend experiencing World War 2 in London, as shown in the displayed picture.



WORLD KINDNESS DAY 2019

"When given the choice between being right or being kind choose kind."

Students and teachers took part in an assembly on Wednesday 13th November, on the importance of being kind, giving them the chance to share and reflect on a time when someone had been kind to them. It was heart warming to read their responses, which are now displayed on the school gratitude wall.

Here are some examples:

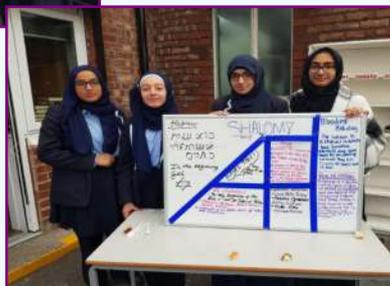
- when a sibling helped them with homework,
- when it was their first day at school and everyone was kind to them
- when their mum or dad gave them a hug
- when the coffee shop barista smiled and greeted them with good morning, it made their day

One beauty about our students is their kindness and how much they go out of their way to be kind to others. We hope they always remain as thoughtful and kind to all those around them.



INTERFAITH TRAIL

For Interfaith week the Year 10 students prepared an interfaith trail for the students at lunch time. Students had an opportunity to visit stalls representing different faiths (Sikhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, and Buddhism) with artefacts and key facts as well as a message of kindness for each faith. Students dressed up and bought food representing different faiths, and each stall was impressively planned and delivered amazingly well.



FUNDRAISING FORM TUCK SHOPS

Alhamdulliah, last term we raised a fantastic £356.67 through tuck shops held by classes 11T, 11F, 10A and 10I. The money raised will be used towards something that will be decided upon by The Student Council. May Allah reward the efforts of the students and those who donated.



ANTI-BULLYING DAY

For anti-bullying day students wore odd socks, and discussed the importance and effects bullying can have on others. The librarian asked students to prepare leaflets to be displayed in the library on good manners, especially towards one another, and these designs were the winners, with students receiving gifts from the librarian.



THE LAST TESTAMENT QURAN TALK

Some of our students attended a narrative performance entitled 'The Last Testament', looking at the story of the revelation of the Quran and seerah. Students were really fascinated at how it was presented with a mixture of Quran recitation and narrative and it inspired them to put something similar together for school. Thank you to Cheadle Mosque for arranging a great event that was beneficial for all ages too.



DOVE YOUTH SUMMIT SELF-ESTEEM AND BODY IMAGE



Some of our student safeguarding ambassadors and Islamic committee members attended a youth summit on self esteem and body image organised by DOVE. Our school participated with 15 other schools on a day of workshops and talks on self esteem. Students had to prepare a presentation on a project they will lead on in school on this theme. The students delivered a great presentation with the school message of 'learning to hold our heads up high.' We are looking forward to seeing this project take shape in school.





AL AQSA SCREENING

We had a private screening of “One night in Al-Aqsa”, a great documentary highlighting the Islamic importance of the Al Aqsa compound and the significance it has on three faiths. Thank you to Penny Appeal and Br Khaleel for making this happen. Students thoroughly enjoyed the screening after previously watching “One night in the Haram”.

BOOK LAUNCH – MY FIRST BOOK ABOUT THE QURAN & PROPHET SAW

We were honoured to host Sara Khan, author of beautifully illustrated Islamic children’s books. She has published ‘My first book about the Quran’ and ‘My first book about the prophet Muhammed (saw).’ She inspired the students to always achieve their best and have people around them that will support them. Students loved the book launch and bought the books for their younger siblings.



SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION FOR THE LOVE OF THE PROPHET SAW

In the month of Rabbi Ul Awwal we like to encourage students to learn more about the prophet Muhammed (saw), the month in which He (saw) was born and died. Students took part in a spoken word competition where they had to prepare a 2- 5 minute speech about the love of the prophet (saw). The spoken word performances were emotional and inspiring, delivered with great confidence. Thank you to Sara Khan an author of Islamic children’s illustrated books who came to judge the competition.

Some of the lines from the various performances about the prophet Muhammed (saw) included:

“Because of the prophet (saw) I don’t fear being on the stage”

“You don’t know me, but I know You”

“He was a man of the 7th century for the 21st century”

May the love of the prophet (saw) stay in their hearts always and may we get to know and meet him in the next life



SUNNAH FASTING PROGRAMME

Staff and students have been encouraged during these short winter days to fast Mondays and Thursdays. Some students take water and dates with them home to open their fast on the way and others stay for an iftar. The first iftar started in December, they read some Quran after school, and delivered a reminder, followed by a meal for Iftar. Rania in Year 9 delivered a reminder about why we keep sunnah fast. The programme will be held every Monday and Thursday till February InshaAllah. Students and staff will receive prizes for the most kept sunnah fasts InshaAllah

May Allah(swt) accept it from them and reward them immensely.



FOODBANK

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff that donated food items for the foodbank. We collected just under 353kg of food items for this much needed foodbank. Three cars worth of food later, the

students then spent a few hours weighing and shelving the food in categories so it's easier for the foodbank to administer to families that need it the most. Thank you to the Myriad Foundation for giving our students the opportunity to help out and volunteer at the food bank too.



FOODBANK VOLUNTEERING

A couple of our students volunteer every Saturday at their local food bank. The same students have taken a lead on setting up an appeal at school for a foodbank with Myriad Foundation. We have already got quite a few donations.



HERITAGE RADIO

A couple of our students were on Heritage Radio with Abu Sondes, talking about life as a student at an Islamic school and dispelling any misconceptions of being at a faith school. The students were asked lots of questions and did really well.



ALUMNI SESSION - COLLEGE LIFE



Over the next few months, we will be preparing Year 11 for life post high school. An ex-student, Muteeba, came in to speak to the current Year 11 to help prepare them for college life and answer any questions they had. It's always good for students to hear from previous students.

MMPS TASTER DAY



We had the pleasure of hosting Year 4, 5 and 6 students from Manchester Muslim Preparatory School Official for a taster day. They had the opportunity to take part in a diversity



fair, highlighting the different countries Muslims come from, as well as a geometric workshop and learning how to write their name in Arabic.

They then enjoyed break and lunch with the students before learning to wear different hijab styles, doing Wudu and praying together with our students. It was a lovely day with the students and we hoped they enjoyed their day and their gifts.





CRISP PACKET PROJECT FOR SLEEPING BAG FOR THE HOMELESS

We are collecting crisp packets for an initiative set up by a woman to weave a blanket for homeless people made from the packets. This is a good innovative way to recycle crisp packets; the students have really got behind this project and have been collecting crisp packets on a daily basis. One student in particular in the picture collected all the packets at home and washed them all before bringing them in! May Allah(swt) reward her for her efforts. It takes 150 packets to make one blanket. #crisppacketproject

BBC ASIAN NETWORK AND TOUR OF MEDIA CITY

We were invited by BBC Asian network to talk about Charity Week with Islamic Relief. The Head Girl Aaminah spoke passionately about the school fundraising for charity. She was then given a tour of the BBC studios from Blue Peter to BBC sports, and had the opportunity to ask a researcher, Muaz Khan, about careers in the media and journalism. Thank you to Muaz for giving her the opportunity to benefit more from this radio interview.



NATIONAL VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN MONTH

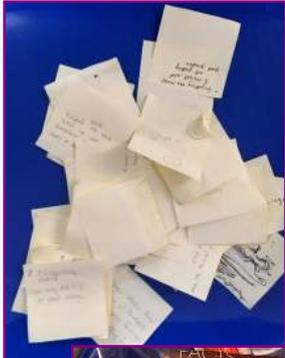


Some of our students are vegetarian and vegan; for Vegetarian and Vegan November and we wanted to use this time to support them, but also to raise awareness of why people choose to be vegetarian or vegan. The school lunches were all vegetarian that day and students who bring in packed lunches all brought vegetarian food. The dining hall was filled with quotes and statistics that students could read on being vegetarian. One student said "Miss, I usually get a Dixy chicken wrap, but I got a veggie one today." Another said vegetarian food wasn't so bad. The students were surprised to learn that being vegetarian wasn't just about eating salad. They had an opportunity to learn about Islamic teachings on food being halal and tayyub (pure). The staff also shared a vegetarian lunch.



HAMPER AUCTION FOR THE HOMELESS

Students in Year 10 are auctioning this hamper to raise money to make packs for the homeless. Let's see how they get on Insha'Allah



MOCK EXAM SURVIVAL KIT

Before the Year 11 mock exams period, we held a session for Year 11 students today to prepare students for the stress of exams and how to de-stress and keep check on each other. We prepared these survival packs for them for their revision period and did an activity where they all wrote down their biggest fear around exams and placed it in the middle of the room and once they were

all read out they realised all their fears were common to each to each other. We wish them all the best in their final few months at MIGSG, and we are proud of what they have all achieved so far.



STRONGER – WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



Some students attended a Islamic talk at the Heritage Centre, organised by Human Relief Foundation with several female speakers, from a fitness blogger to beauty influencer and humanitarian aid worker. It was a great opportunity for students to see the varied professions different Muslims females cover and what they do for their communities.



ASSEMBLY AT MMPS

Some of our students were invited to the Manchester Muslim Preparatory School to deliver an assembly about good manners and how these lead to other good actions and blessings, building relationships with other communities, especially in light of the goodwill message the local Co-op manager sent to the school.

NATIONAL COOKIE DAY

It was National Cookie Day on 4th December 2019, and our students prepared little cookie packs with thoughtful messages, for a random acts of kindness project. They delivered some to the local shops around school and to the local neighbours too.

#randomactsofkindness

The students enjoyed talking to members of the public, and leaving these goodies for them. Some neighbours emailed school to show their gratitude. We hope they brought a smile to everyone.



TREE PLANTING SESSION



Staff and students braved the ice on Saturday 30th November to plant 125 fruit and nut trees for National Tree Charter Day. Across the UK 1 million trees were planted that day. It was a great opportunity to talk to the students



about combating climate change through tree planting and the importance of planting trees islamically and for sadaqah jariyah. It was lovely to hear about the different relatives and the parents the students had planted the trees for. May it bring blessings for them in this life and next.

MIGSG PTFA

Alhamdulillah the MIGSG Parent, Teachers & Friends Association (PTFA) has been re-established this academic year. Here are our executive members with our Head Teacher. There are many other parents who have joined the PTFA this year. The chair of the PTFA is Br Jamal, Vice Chair is Sr Imtiaz, Treasurer is Sr Mariam, and General Secretary is Sr Farheen. They have exciting plans to raise awareness and fundraising for the schools, and are currently working on some events from suggestions, that have come from our students. Watch out for what's coming up and how you can all get involved Insha'Allah.



SAFEGUARDING

E-safety App Training for parents will be taking place Friday 14th February 2020 at 10am insha'Allah



National Online Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

1 Which apps/games are you using at the moment?



THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

2 Which websites do you enjoy using and why?



AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.

3 How does this game/app work? Can I play?



SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING, WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM, IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

4 Do you have any online friends?



CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

5 Do you know where to go for help?



ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT, BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER, HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

6 Do you know what your personal information is?



YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED, HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

7 Do you know your limits?



CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION, TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES, YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

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END OF TERM AWARDS

On the last afternoon of the autumn term, an assembly was held to reward the effort, dedication and excellence of student behaviour and attendance throughout the term. Awards were presented in the following categories:

FORM AWARDS

Highest total of merits in Year 7:	7Z
Highest total of merits in Years 8 and 9:	8H
Highest total of merits in Years 10 and 11:	10 I
Lowest total of demerits in Year 7:	7Z
Lowest total of demerits in Years 8 and 9:	9S
Lowest total of demerits in Years 10 and 11:	10A
Highest attendance since 05 September 2019:	7R



Individual student awards: 100% attendance since 05 September 2019: Awarded to a total of 44 students

THE STUDENT WITH HIGHEST MERITS IN THE FORM

7R – Faiza Younis	7Z – Mahima Muntasir
8H – Hafsa Ali	8B – Iman Mahmood
9J – Nora Aden	9S – Raniya Choudhary
10A – Nadiyah Ollite	10I – Duha Ibrar
11F – Laiba Rais	11T – Aaminah Bizzari

Students who demonstrated excellence throughout the term with no warnings: Awarded to 9 students

As well as the pastoral awards listed above, this term's ceremony also saw prizes awarded in Maths and English. Mrs Obaid, our Librarian, rewarded girls for their efforts during the Book Fair, and Mrs Malek-Junior gave certificates to students who participated in the Spoken Word Competition.

HEAD OF YEAR AWARDS

Each term Heads of Year, in discussion with Form Tutors, select one student who has particularly impressed for whatever reason, for a very special award. Heads of Year give great consideration to this prestigious award, and always find it difficult to select just one student when so many have proved worthy of praise in different ways.

Year 7 (Mrs S Campbell):	Mahima Muntasir in recognition of her friendly and supportive attitude to students and staff, and also because of her excellent effort and personal organization skills.
Year 8 (Ms S Hughes):	Hibba Bint-Sarfaraz in recognition of her exceptionally hardworking approach and for being a very polite, friendly and conscientious student.
Year 9 (Mrs C Drinkwater):	Hafsah Khan in recognition of a positive term at MIGSG and exploring her faith and how she can improve herself and the world around her.
Year 10 (Mrs S Malek):	Aila Jamil for showing a mature and positive attitude this year and putting tremendous hard work into being a peer mentor and offering her support to those in her care.
Year 11 (Ms B Hockwart):	Kiran Razwan in recognition of her involvement in charity work, and raising money for those in need. She is kind to those around her and helpful and caring to her peers and the younger students. She is always keen to lend a hand to teachers, and participate fully in the wider life of the school.





ATTENDANCE

Well done to all students for achieving a whole school attendance of 95.6% since September. Huge congratulations to 7 Rayaan who were the form with the highest attendance of 97.6% since September Masha'Allah.

The school prides itself on the excellent attendance of all students and this is reflected in the results that students achieve at the end of their time at MIGSG.

May I take this opportunity to ask parents to ensure that the correct procedure for requesting term-time holidays is followed, to avoid any avoidable fines. (Please refer to the booklet 'Essential Information for Parents' before booking if you are unsure.)

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that non-emergency dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible and in the middle of the day when not possible to ensure attendance at both registrations.

Notifying an absence:

We would appreciate it if you could phone the school office before 10am each day your daughter is absent, to inform the school of the reason for absence. If your daughter is absent for more than one day, please phone on every day of absence, not just the first. Alternatively you can email the attendance officer on h.stear@migsg.miet.uk. If you do not contact the school you will be contacted via text message on the first day and by phone on each subsequent day. If we cannot get a response from you, your daughter will be given an unauthorised absence which is subject to a £50 fine per day (per student) payable before return.

ENTRANCE EXAMS

There are opportunities available at MIGSG for parents to apply for a place for their daughter. Please contact the school admin office for further information and details regarding taking an entrance exam.

Please contact:

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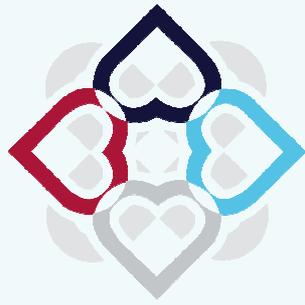
Alternatively, there is information regarding the entrance exam available on the school website at www.mihsg.org.uk

Please do inform your family and friends.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Spring Term Begins	Tuesday 7th January 2020
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 15th January 2020
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 29th January 2020
Half term break	Friday 14th February 2020
School re-opens	Tuesday 25th February 2020
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 26th February 2020
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 24th March 2020
End of Spring Term	Friday 3rd April 2020
School re-opens	Tuesday 21st April 2020

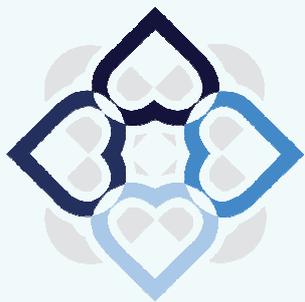




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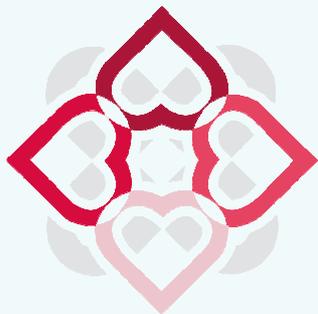
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