

# MIGSG HIGHLIGHTS

## MANCHESTER ISLAMIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



Spring Term 2023 - Issue 2

### UMRAH TRIP 2023



The Quran department organised the first international trip abroad since COVID. Umrah 2023 Alhamdulillah was organised with the upmost care, attention and professionalism, to ensure the students had an experience of a lifetime! For some students this was a first time journey, not only to Umrah but also away from family and loved ones. It was a very memorable trip and one that the students and staff will cherish throughout their lives. Read more inside on pages 38—40.



### MIGSG INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

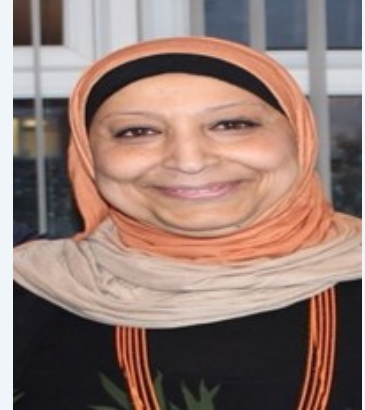
To the students who are preparing to break ceilings like the women before them, who are the future female Muslim ambassadors proudly breaking stereotypes. A day to recognise the struggles of women before us, from our mothers to the countless supportive women we are surrounded with.

## EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER'S ADDRESS

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of MIGSG

Assalamu alaikum,

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. Although short in the number of weeks we have had in school, the term has been packed with activities.



The highlight of this term, of course, was the 'Umrah trip. Providing students with the opportunity to perform 'Umrah is a key part of the tarbiyyah (nurturing) we provide to our students. Our last trip took place before the pandemic, and staff and students were eagerly waiting for when we would be able to facilitate this trip again. Visiting all the main sites, as well as performing their 'Umrah, students were able to deepen their understanding and practice of their faith. A perfect experience to undertake just before Ramadan.

This year, we were blessed to have a large portion of Ramadan during the school term. This allowed students to share their Ramadan days together, praying, reading Qur'an, and working towards fulfilling rewardable acts. Students enjoyed having an iftar with their fellow students and staff. Thank you to all parents for their continued support and understanding and to staff for their hard work. We have all been very busy preparing for the relocation to our new building in September Insha'Allah. We are confident the move will Insha'Allah be the start of a new and exciting chapter in the in the history of both MIGSG and MMPS, bringing further success to the Manchester Islamic Educational Trust as a whole.

As we prepare for the final term of the academic year, the main focus will move to GCSE exams for the 11 students, and the end of year exams for the rest of the school. I pray this coming term is as successful as the previous terms have been, Insha'Allah.

Mona Mohamed

Executive Head Teacher



## SUNNAH IFTARS

During the spring term students and staff fasted Mondays and Thursdays and attended Iftars. They heard Islamic reminders and had time to read Quran and make Du'a. Thank you to Mrs Barbash for providing the Iftars too. The sunnah Iftars took place every Monday and Thursday in preparation for Ramadan.



## KASHMIR ASSEMBLY

Year 10 delivered an assembly on Kashmir, educating everyone on the oppression taking place there, as well as the religious diversity in the region. They ended it with a quiz and throwing chocolates out into the audience, which the students loved.



## COOKING CLUB

Cooking club run by Mrs Barbash, where they made Libyan Bareek. Students also learnt to make Spanish Paella rice, Italian Risotto rice, and Libyan Ruz Mbaqbaqa. They enjoyed the cooking and eating at the club.



## MARKETING PROFESSIONS

We were joined by Rob, a scriptwriter, filming a promotional video about the school and we utilised this opportunity for him to talk to our students in English lessons about script writing and associated professions they might like to consider.



## MIGSG CLEANING SQUAD

We introduced a new project in the spring term living the hadith that “cleanliness is half of iman’, also inspired by the Japanese school and football fans who cleaned up after their World Cup matches.

A different class daily after lunch for 15 minutes picks up litter in the bathrooms, corridors and classrooms. We hope this initiative builds in cleaning habits and etiquettes beyond the school.



## IMPORTANCE OF FAJR PRAYER

An assembly was delivered by Mrs Malek Jr on the importance of Fajr prayer, and although we decide to pray it before we go to sleep, why is it difficult to avoid missing it in the morning? The students were told about the difference a day can be when you have and haven't read fajr.

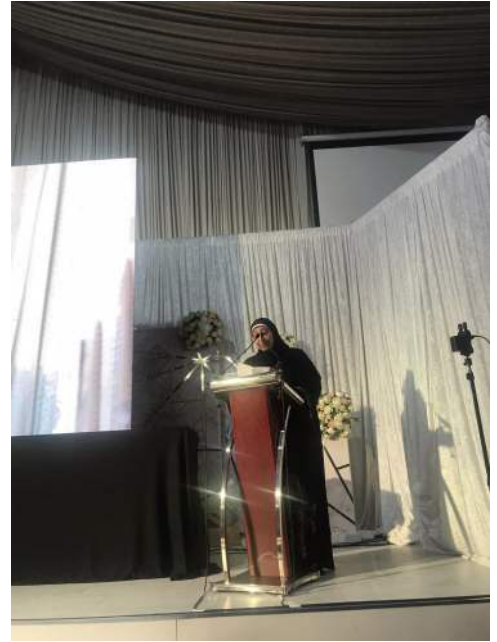
May Allah(swt) bless us all with the strength and blessing of praying fajr.

# MIET FUNDRAISING DINNER

An MIET inaugural fundraising dinner took place on Friday 20th January, with speeches from the Trust, Afzal Khan MP, Jeff Smith MP, Chancellor Nazir Afzal, Sheikh Rasheed, and our students as well as performances from pupils of Manchester Muslim Preparatory School.

Thank you to the parents, alumni and the community that attended.

A huge well done to our Year 10/11 students who were welcoming, hosting and fundraising during the evening. They did a phenomenal job and we are so proud of them.



## PTFA MONTHLY HALAQAH

The PTFA parents started a monthly halaqah (study circle) during the spring term - looking at anxiety one month and Ramadan another month. It was a nice way to start a Friday and this will be taking place monthly from now on. The topic was, 'The eye of the storm: finding calm in the whirlwind of life' with reminders from Quran and Sunnah. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all parents:

"We had the first PTFA circle at the school. Beautiful reminder by one of the parents with contribution from the parents too. I genuinely loved it and I am looking forward to the next one, Insha'Allah." Year 9 Parent



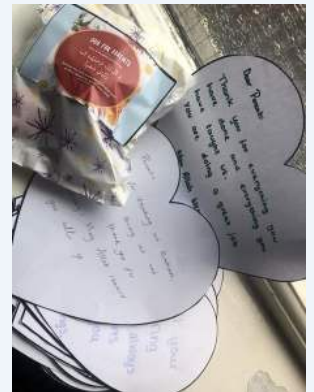
## ASSEMBLY ON PALESTINE

9F delivered an assembly on the history and occupation of Palestine. Each form has a different country to deliver information about. It's important that our students know what their Muslim brothers and sisters are going through around the world and especially in Palestine which is close to our faith and our hearts 🙏❤️🇵🇸



## PARENTS' MENTAL HEALTH DAY

For Parents' Mental Health Day in February we encouraged students to think about their parents' mental health and how they can contribute to it in a positive way. We also emailed parents some information and support that they can receive to promote good mental well-being. The students prepared little gift packs and messages for the parents who attended the PTFA study circle, with stress stars, hot chocolate and sweets to enjoy.



## JOURNEY TO ISLAM

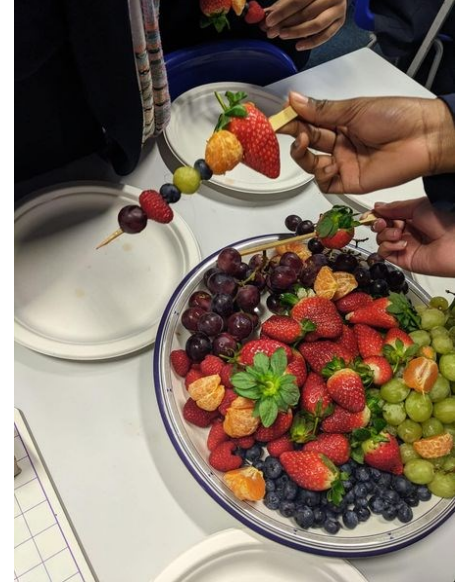
We had some revert/convert sisters visit school to talk to our students about their journey to Islam. The students asked them about their struggle of wearing hijab and their family members not accepting Islam. The students and staff really enjoyed the panel discussion. Thank you to Zahra, Chloe, Ellie and Gemma for joining us today.





# HEALTHY EATING

Year 7 had a session on healthy eating on PSHEE day and then made fruit kebabs and enjoyed eating the fruit afterwards. Let's hope it becomes their 5, a day a fun way of eating fruit everyday.



## NATURE WELLBEING

Year 7 had a session on “nature wellbeing”, promoting mental health through nature and then had an opportunity to go around the school garden planting their own seeds, which they will hopefully see grow InshaAllah. Thank you to Mr Lopez for running the session.



## LIFE POST MIGSG WORKSHOP

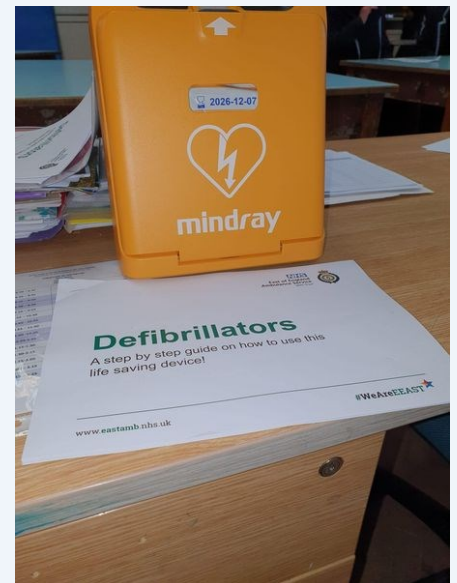
Year 11 had a session with Miss Kossar about life post MIGSG and how to prepare for being a Muslim woman post high school and some of the things they may face in college and universities. The students got an opportunity to write down what they were worried about and we discussed their concerns together.



## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING



**Defibrillator training**  
Some Year 9 students had defibrillator training; MIGSG has recently put a defibrillator in school and it's a great opportunity to educate the students on how to use it, but hopefully they will never need to. Thank you to Mrs Stear for delivering this session to the students.



Year 7 received CPR training, some enjoyed the physical exercise of performing CPR, InshaAllah they are never in a situation where they'll need to put this training into practice.



## WORKSHOP WITH A NURSE

Year 7 had a session with a nurse about her profession and how she went into nursing. They also had an opportunity to ask her anything medical they were worried about and anything about their bodies. Thank you to Ms Duale for coming to deliver the session.



## ASSEMBLY ON BEING TRUSTWORTHY

Year 11 students delivered an assembly about being trustworthy and not lying. They shared everyday “white lies” that students use in school on a daily basis and then delivered the Islamic message behind lying.



# NATURE WELLBEING WALK

Year 9 students went on a mental well-being nature walk to the local park and had a worksheet to help identify things in nature that support them with their well-being.



## TUCKSHOP



Tuck shop to raise money for a defibrillator. Well done to everyone involved and hopefully we never have to use it.



## WORLD HIJAB DAY AT MIGSG

Students were given hijabs as gifts and had an opportunity to wear different coloured hijabs in their own unique style. One of the non Muslim teachers experienced wearing the hijab for the day too.

A mother and daughter challenge was emailed to all parents to experience wearing it this week if they don't already.

We hope it's a means of reward for everyone and it becomes easy for those not wearing it yet, to wear it one day Insha'Allah.



## SPOKEN WORD HIJAB COMPETITION

For World Hijab day students prepared spoken word pieces on the Hijab and presented them to the whole school and guests. All the students spoke so bravely with well-prepared pieces. We are proud of all the performances  
 Well done to all the participants and winners Masha Allah



# SPOKEN WORD HIJAB COMPETITION



Winners and participants of the spoken word competition on the topic of Hijab. The students performed amazingly.



# LEADERSHIP AND YOUTH CHANGE MAKERS WORKSHOP

Year 8 had a session on leadership and youth change makers; they learnt about public speaking, fundraising, communication and preparing projects within groups. Thank you to our guest speakers from Human Appeal for delivering this session to the Year 8s.



## “STOP BURNING START LEARNING“

In assembly we addressed a recent event in Sweden where the Quran was burnt outside the Turkish embassy, and when someone tried to burn a Torah to spark a debate on the hypocrisy of freedom of speech, he was stopped by the authorities.

Students held up their Qurans high and proudly in assembly; the Quran, our holy book, is in our hearts and will always be preserved there.





# HATE CRIME AWARENESS LAUNCH

Our safeguarding ambassadors were at the Hate Crime Awareness Launch, where they met different religious faith leaders, as well as key speakers from Manchester City Council, talking about the importance of peace and tolerance. They then participated in peace activities and made peace bands, sharing the good work done in school to promote humanity, peace and tolerance.



## TURKEY / SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

At MIGSG everyone was saddened to hear about the earthquake in Turkey and Syria; we have been making Du'a after every salah in school for them and students and staff wore a red hijab in solidarity with the victims and the work the Red Cross is doing in the region to help them.



Thank you to all the parents and students who bought food items for an emergency tuck-shop for victims of the Turkey and Syrian earthquake. Over £1000 was raised Alhamdulillah for Islamic Relief UK—North West. May Allah(swt) accept it from us all and alleviate their hardships.



## RAMADAN TALKS

Preparation for Ramadan started with Ramadan reminders at MIGSG. The first reminder was about “preparing and setting goals for Ramadan” at lunchtime.



## MIGSG FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

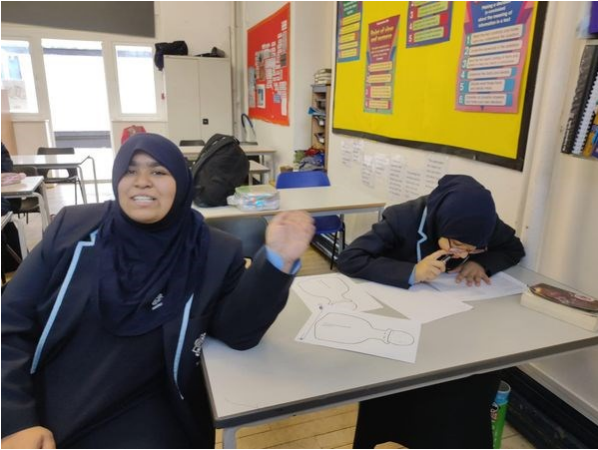
A beautiful evening spent with families on a Friday night quiz. Well done to the winning families but it was really lovely and wholesome seeing families come together and enjoy themselves.

Well done to the PTFA for organising a great event!



## HARRY POTTER CLUB

Harry Potter Club - we were using the Harry Potter wiki information on potion ingredients to create our own elixirs based on the known properties of the ingredients .



## GUEST SPEAKER HABIB NOOR



We had a special guest speaker Hasib Noor visit us in school to give our Year 10 and 11 students a special Islamic reminder about having a special attachment with Du'a and Allah(swt) and knowing their role as a Muslim through the example of Asiyah AS.

Thank you to Islamic Relief NW for bringing him to school to benefit our students.



## PREVENTING BREAST CANCER

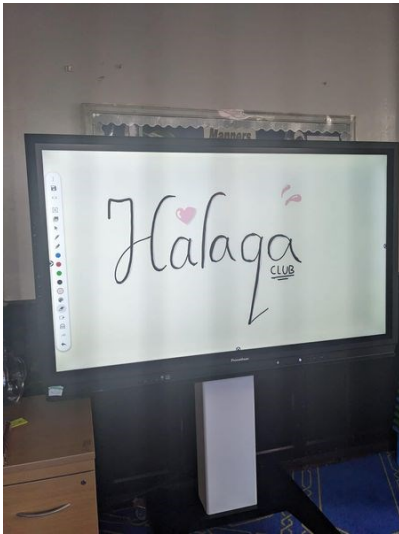


An assembly was delivered by Year 10 on preventing breast cancer and how we can support the Prevent Breast Cancer charity. The students will be holding a tuck shop to raise money for the charity Insha'Allah.



## HALAQAH

The students have a weekly halaqah (Islamic talks) with Miss Munir. They attended a talk entitled "haram police". The students enjoyed learning about the Islamic etiquettes of giving advice to others.



Parents' Halaqah delivered by one of the parents while preparing for Ramadan. Thank you to the parents that attended. It was a good reflective morning of setting goals.

## STORY CLUB



Story Club: Ramadan reminder.  
Self-discovery this Ramadan 🙌



## JUMMAH PRAYER



Students had an opportunity to perform Jummah prayer in school, the khutbah was about preparing for Ramadan and respecting parents and not just abstaining from food during Ramadan. Students learnt about the etiquettes of jummah and khutbah too.



## JUST DANCE — FITNESS CLASS

Students enjoying a lunch time club learning about getting fit through exercise.



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

Celebrating International Women's Day at the British Muslim Heritage centre with a panel of speakers. Our students had an opportunity to open the event with Quranic recitation. They enjoyed the evening and being in a room of powerful talented women.



## RAMADAN PREPARATION



Year 11 delivered an assembly on preparing for Ramadan and having goals to aim for as Ramadan was round the corner.

## 'PREVENT BREAST CANCER'

After the recent workshop Year 10 had with the Prevent Breast Cancer Charity, they organised a tuck shop to raise money for the charity and wore pink to raise awareness of the cause.



We received a beautiful email from a parent regarding our school - beautiful sentiments and testament to her experience and her daughter's at the school 😊

Asalaamu'aliakum,

Dear respected Head teacher and MIGSG staff,

I am writing this email to express my gratitude and appreciation for the recent Umrah and the quality of care our daughters received whilst on the trip. This was my daughter's first experience of the pilgrimage and the first time of seeing the Kaba. She was both inspired and illuminated by the experience. Her *ibadah* has since flourished and she has increased her commitment to improve her practice and reflect upon her daily actions. With no connections abroad and as a revert to Islam, this gift of an Umrah is one of the most precious things I could hope to give my daughter.

The quality of care from staff, especially \_\_\_\_\_ was exemplary (being as she was my daughter's team leader). This opportunity and quality of guidance would not be received in any other school beyond that of a school with an Islamic faith basis. Any dua my daughter learnt, any salah she actioned, any letter of the Quran she uttered, I remain eternally grateful for it.

Equally, my daughter returns home daily with knowledge as a result of the teachings at the school and attentiveness from the multiple opportunities afforded her in and out of lessons to grow as a young lady with modesty, self-advocacy and self-esteem. To this effect, despite the increase in school fees, and despite our schools not professing to be perfect, I am in awe of the environment my daughter can access in order to be educated in the Deen; to be able to pray in her school day; to be able to hear salaam given and taken; to be able to work with her sisters in Islam in a safe and nurturing multi-cultural context. For this I would pay thousands; for this there is no measure and for this I pledge my energy, efforts and goodwill to a school that offers a sanctuary in an increasingly faith-hostile world.

I am delighted that we have a new building for our young ladies to occupy as the current one sorely needed retiring. I am very grateful for the new accommodation and realise we will need to band together as an ummah to maximise the potential it lends us as we stand at a crossroads for our new journey into an ever challenging world. To that effect, I pledge to pay early the whole of next year's fees, in Ramadan, as I view the increased school fees as an investment not just for my daughter's tuition but as an opportunity to lend my voice, my hands, my heart to support a school beginning its new lease of life: one that may take my daughter to Umrah again, one where a school endeavours to guide my daughter to higher expectations of living Islam, and one where the increase in fees I view more as a Sadaqah Jariyah to insha'Allah accompany me in my grave.

Yours faithfully





## 'HONOURING OUR MOTHERS'

Year 7 mothers were invited for a session organised by their daughters to honour them, after learning about the importance of mothers.

They delivered a reminder and prepared a video on why they love their mothers and served them tea and gave shoulder massages. It was a great opportunity for them to learn how to make tea and coffee for those who didn't know how. Thank you to the mums that attended.



## CHESS CLUB

Chess Club at MIGSG! The students love challenging the teachers with chess.



## CHURCH VISIT



As part of the GCSE RS course Year 10 students went to the local Catholic Church to learn about their beliefs and traditions reinforcing what they have been taught in class, in preparation for their forthcoming exam.



## JANAZAH PRAYER



Year 9 students had a lesson on Janazah prayer and how to perform it as part of their RS lessons on rites of passage.



## POETRY SESSION AT MMPS

The winners of our spoken word competition went to deliver their poems to the students at Manchester Muslim Preparatory School. They had prepared little goodies for them too and loved giving them out.



## CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE

Year 10 had a visitor from the CPS, Yusuf Tai MBE, who spoke about the role of everyday CPS employers and shared some of the issues they cover when a client is arrested, how the process of prosecuting works and how to be part of the CPS. He highlighted the different levels of crime and some very interesting cases.

The students were also made aware of different career choices within the CPS and available apprenticeship programs for the future.



# ALUMNI WORKSHOP FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This year on celebrating women's achievements we decided to invite our alumni students to share their life journey after MIGSG. We had students from the classes of '98 to 2022. It was a pleasure to host our ex-students again and they have all done amazing things in life mashaAllah.



## TEAM BONDING BALLOON ACTIVITY

Students were given a balloon to blow up and write their name on, then they threw it across the classroom. Each student had to pick a balloon up and go up to the person whose name was on the balloon and say to them one thing they like about them.

Over 200 balloons flew through the classrooms in school, everyone really enjoyed the activity!



## LETTERS TO MOTHERS

Students have been writing letters to their mothers thanking them, and also nominated them for awards from the best cook to the best hairdresser and the most hard working mum ❤️. These were sent to the mothers in the post.



## RAMADAN REMINDERS FROM EXTERNAL GUESTS

Sister Neelam talked about Time.

“Take advantage of your time, what will you do to fill it up. Let your creator define for you how to fill it. Value your time as young students and fill it up wisely because once it’s gone it’s gone. Utilise your time according to how Surah Asr explains - do good deeds, make sure you're successful with your time.

Ramadan is the best time to reinvest yourself and reevaluate your time.”

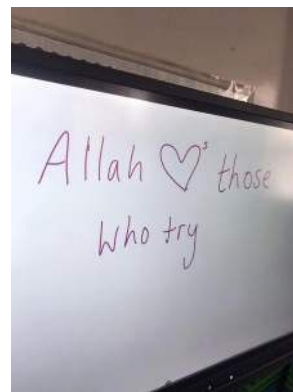


# RAMADAN 2023

A huge thank you to Br Wasif at Worldwide Cash and Carry who continuously supports our students during Ramadan, providing us with dates and fruit. May it count heavy on his scales for every fast that is



Ramadan reminder by Mrs Imtiaz on the importance of trying because Allah loves those who try. Don't ever think you don't need to try.



Students started the school day on the first day of Ramadan by watching the Omar Sulieman Jannah Series and visualising Jannah Heaven in all their actions, they continued to watch this throughout Ramadan.



Ramadan gift packs for all the students and staff. May they contribute towards a blessed and rewarding Ramadan Insha'Allah.



Another Speaker in Ramadan was Dr Zakariya who spoke about having a healthy Ramadan and making sure you eat healthily for a good life.

## MIGSG Iftar: With our hearts in Medina 🕌

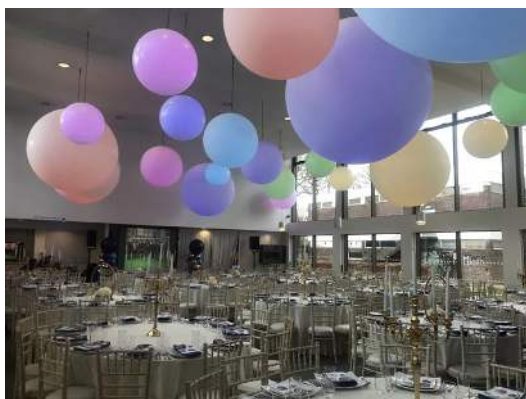
We held an Iftar for the students on the theme of Medina. MIGSG Iftars are the highlight of the students' calendar, and we make an extra effort to make it special for them. They attended a programme of an Islamic reminder, quiz, treasure hunt, nasheed singing tala al Badru Alayna, making duas before Iftar and then enjoying an iftar together.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Iftar and made it extra special for the students. May it be accepted from everyone.



### \*Alumni Iftar - Iftar down memory lane\*

The Trust held an iftar for our Alumni in the new school building. It was great to see our former students and see what they were up to now. We are really proud of them and loved to see them together with their former classmates who they are all still in touch with. Looking forward to seeing them all again in the near future Insha'Allah.



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## Young Interfaith Iftar

Some of our students attended Young Interfaith Iftar at the Emirates Old Trafford with Lancashire Cricket Foundation organised Dr Wakkas Khan, with key dignitaries including The Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham, Lord Nazir, Chancellor of the University of Manchester and many others.

Our student Malak in Year 11 opened the proceedings with a translation of Quranic reading.

It was a great opportunity for students to learn from different faiths on similarities of fasting and to have an opportunity to take part in the programme.

Thank you for giving our students a platform to develop key skills.



Ramadan talk by Hamza from Islamic Relief about the importance of a growth mindset and approaching Allah in a positive way. Thank you for taking the time out to speak to our students.



## Manchester Museum Iftar

Students enjoyed iftar at the Manchester Museum; they prepared dates and gave them out to the guests and Hawwa in Year 10 talked about her first experience fasting as an 8 year old. Thank you to [Manchester Museum](#) for accommodating our students in their programme and giving them an opportunity to develop key skills





**Hospital Iftar**

Students from Year 9 helped **Hospital Iftars** and had iftar there, serving patients and their families as well as Muslim staff spending Ramadan in hospital. The girls in school prepared fruit pots to distribute at the hospital.



**Ramadan Reminder**

We had a parent, Dr Ash, talking about the linguistic meaning of Ramadan to the students in the lunchtime Ramadan reflections. The students enjoyed the maths and science in the Ramadan reminder.

Thank you to all the parents and guests that have delivered talks to our students during Ramadan



**Ramadan Journaling**

Students enjoying some Ramadan Journaling on the last day of the spring term, evaluating their first 10 days of Ramadan and setting goals for the next 10 days, colouring the leaves in autumn colours of red, orange and yellow depending on how well they were doing in Ramadan.



Thank you to all the parents for delivering this cake for the staff on the last day of school for Ramadan and Eid.



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## Myriad Foundation Volunteer of the year award

Thank you to Myriad Foundation who came in to thank our students for volunteering for the Taste Ramadan project and awarding our students the volunteer of the year award.



## Ramadan Activities

Last day of Spring term activities were all Ramadan themed:

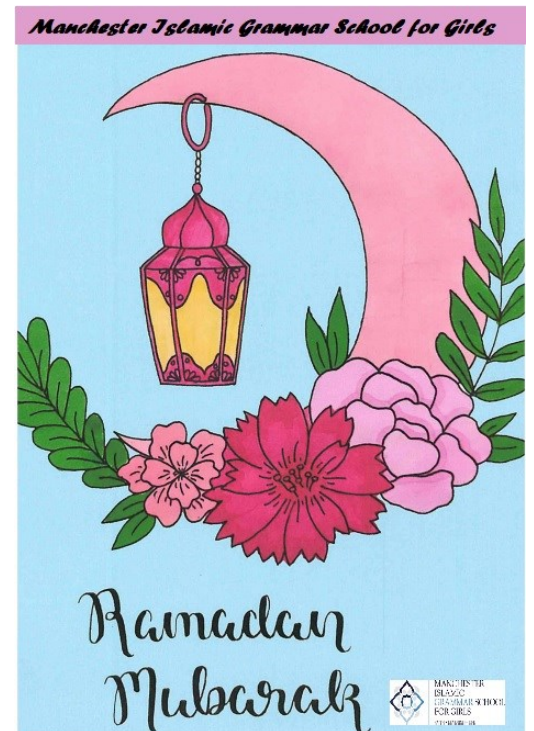
- Ramadan yoga
- Ramadan Journaling
- Ramadan Quran quiz
- Ramadan drama
- Ramadan kahoot
- Ramadan colouring

Students enjoyed the activities and were ready to enjoy the next part of Ramadan at home



## Ramadan Card Competition

The Ramadan Card competition winner was Year 8 student Ismah B. Her design was used on all cards sent to parents and community members.



## SOUTH ASIAN GALLERY MUSEUM VISIT

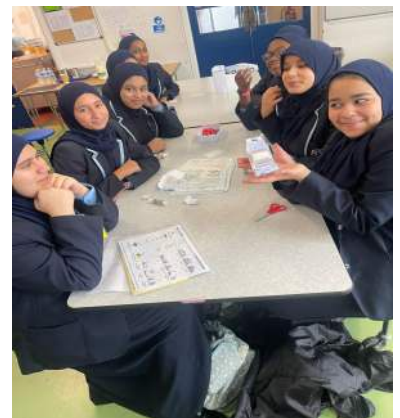
Year 10 students enjoyed a visit to the South Asian gallery at Manchester Museum.

They really enjoyed the exhibits and especially the music and videos taking them down Memory Lane and an exhibition they could relate to.



## CAREERS YEAR 9 ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

The event involved students working in different teams to learn how to sell products. Through taking part in this kind of activity, students begin to understand the importance marketing, sales, organising production, working collaboratively, keeping customers pleased, meeting deadlines and managing cash flow. Students develop skills of communication, time management, leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, delegation, organisation and planning. They learn about costs & profits, product design, enthusiasm & motivation responsibility, initiative, decision making and presentation techniques.



**'I felt I was very good at talking to customers'**

**'I learnt new skills such as team work, communication and building networks' (Mahrukh)**

**'I learnt how to carry out multiple tasks at once and how to work under pressure, I also got over the nerves of talking with other people I haven't worked with before' (Fatima)**



## YEAR 10 CAREERS / GCSE CITIZENSHIP



GCSE Year 10 Students participated in a mock legal trial led by the magistrate judges. The case was of a young girl who had posted some photos and threatening material online. We had the court usher, witnesses, prosecutors and defence teams all in action. The members of the jury were students from Year 8 and Year 9 who decided the verdict.

Thank you to the magistrates who came in, our students were inspired and developed further understanding of how the Magistrates work.



I would like to once again thank you for your hospitality on our visit to the school to offer our Cyber Bullying Mock Trial to your students who I have to say were exceptionally well behaved and who asked some very detailed and thorough questions on both the trial and the law in general .

### Meeting local MP Jeff Smith

Year 11 student Inaayah recently received a response to her question she emailed to Jeff Smith on the increasing use of food banks. She was pleased to receive a response and was able to thank Mr Smith for this response during his visit to the school. The Head Girl was also able to learn more about Jeff's experience during his previous role as whip and ask him further questions.

I hope they had as much fun as we did trying to get across the key elements of the open discussion which was on such wide ranging topics as Bail , restraining orders , youth cases, community sentences and many more I could list .

Your students are a shining example to your school and you should be proud of their contribution today on this very pertinent topic .

Many thanks

Sean Bostock JP



## YEAR 10 CAREERS / GCSE CITIZENSHIP



GCSE Citizenship students were given the opportunity to meet local MP Jeff Smith and ask questions about life at Westminster and how he carries out his everyday role. Students asked a range of fantastic questions on issues about the environment, tuition fees, promoting diversity, homelessness and the recent strikes! Well done to these students for being so well informed and politically aware.



Debate club: "Should uniform be compulsory?!" Students loved debating this at lunch time even with a suggestion of teachers wearing school uniform for the day.



### Careers practice interviews

Y10 had the opportunity to take part in a one to one interview with representatives from different professional businesses on developing the skills of how to improve their interview technique. Interviewing Our Futures is an event that is designed to introduce students to the interview process, experience what an interview is like, to receive positive feedback of how they performed, and maybe gain some careers guidance along the way. Prior to the event each student initially completes an application form - these are collated and allocated to a suitable interviewer and distributed roughly one week before the interviews. Each participant is given an appointment slip summarising the details of their appointment - this slip acts as a convenient reminder and also serves as a formal request/permission to leave their lesson on the day of the event. On the day the interviews were conducted in the main school hall and students arrived for their interviews in batches so that interviews all begin at the same time.



*"I felt extraordinarily nervous at first, when we had to fill in the small application about how well prepared we were I circled 4. But then, as I entered the hall and went to my assigned table, a wave of over-confidence filled me up and I talked to my interviewer as if I had known her from before, it all went well in the end alhamdulillah and I benefitted massively"*



# UMRAH 2023

The Quran department organised the trip and one that the students and staff will cherish throughout their lives.

At the sight of the Kabah for the first time, the students became very emotional and many a tear was shed in happiness



The students had an opportunity to listen to Ustad Abu Soudes at various times giving inspirational reminders.

Students on the Umrah Trip visited the Kiswa Factory where the Kiswa (covering) of the kabah cloth is made. It takes a year of intricate embroidery to put together with gold and silver plated words AND Mashallah many of our students had the opportunity to take part in the actual sewing.

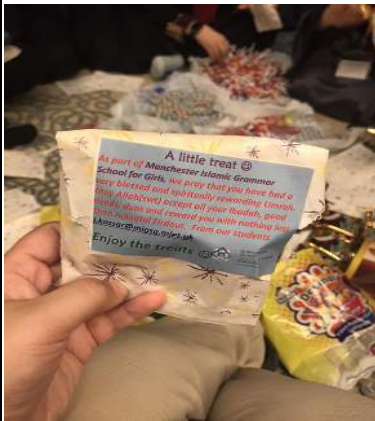


Students had the opportunity to visit various sites in Madina including Masjid Qiblatayn.



In Makkah our students had the opportunity to visit various historical and religious sites, such as Mount Arafat and Masjid Aisha so that they could renew their intention for their second Umrah.

# UMRAH 2023



MIGSG has a reputation for performing random acts of kindness and we did not disappoint on this trip. Our students prepared sweet packs and handed them out to pilgrims who were thoroughly impressed by our girls Mashallah.



Students also visited the blessed city of Madina.

Students prayed Jummah in Madina and used the opportunity to read Surah Kahaf as well as hand out sweets and Qurans to those visiting the Mosque.



# UMRAH 2023

We also visited Mount Uhud which the Prophet said is a mountain that 'loves us and we love it', students also imitated the archers at the top of the mountain.



Students visited the Prophet (PBUH) and also had the opportunity to visit an exhibition on the Prophet's mosque, learning about the expansion and how it looked at the time of Prophet Muhammed. Students experienced a buggy ride in the Haraam.



We rewarded the students on the Umrah trip with a fun halal chilled evening with activities and Saudi culture. The first activity that the students thoroughly was go karting

One of the second activities to end the trip was a Sunnah activity of horse riding blessed Medina. The students thoroughly enjoyed the evening of activities and a chance to chill before returning to Manchester Insha'Allah



The students ended the evening with traditional Saudi food called madhooj, which consists of rice and chicken. They loved the home cooked food and Saudi experience, especially after an evening of activities, and then ended the evening with an Islamic reminder on the importance of them being the future Islamic ambassadors.



The students were able to fit in shopping for themselves, family and friends in time for the journey home back to Manchester. What an amazing trip and what amazing students; we are certainly blessed to have them at MIGSG.





## PEER MENTORS

Every Thursday morning during form time the peer mentors have been busy supporting our Year 7s with literacy. In the spring term they covered reading and spellings. 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.

### CAREERS YEAR 8 SKILLS CHALLENGE

The Year 8 students skills challenge involves learning transferable skills which are needed in life and for work. Various professional companies came into school in February to help them develop and expand the following skills:

- Communication
- Teamwork.
- Organisation and Planning.
- Time-management.
- Problem-solving.

Prior to the event, the facilitators randomly allocated students into small teams. They did this so that students were not necessarily working with their friends. On the day, each team was presented with a range of time-limited tasks to complete. These tasks are designed for teams to be interactive and collaborative but are also intended to challenge students to work together in order to achieve an outcome. Our Futures, the organisation arranging the event, brought business representatives from various backgrounds to observe and assist the students. They allowed them to make mistakes so that they can learn from them.

As a result of completing this activity we expect students to be more confident in recognising the skills they have and to understand the importance of:

- working as a team
- listening to others
- self-motivation & enthusiasm
- creativity and innovation
- valuing diversity
- initiative and learning to adapt
- handling pressure



# THE ART OF BANKSY

GCSE ART Students – THE ART OF BANKSY – Media City January 2023

**Banksy** is an England-based street artist, political activist and film director whose real name and identity remain unconfirmed and the subject of speculation. He has been active since the 1990s, with his satirical street art combining dark humour with graffiti, produced by a stenciling technique.

**Banksy's** art work is thought provoking and it made students really think about the messages and images portrayed in the exhibition.



"This was the first exhibition I had ever been to so it was interesting and exciting. There were all kinds of paintings with hidden meaning that kept us entertained." Hooriya S 10Z

"We really enjoyed looking at the exhibition. Banksy portrays political beliefs in his work and we had a good time debating about it." Mahima M 10Z

"I thoroughly enjoyed the exhibition which displayed many pieces of Banksy's art work. I liked how he brings awareness to the public, almost as if he is exposing the truth." Areej A 10Z



## 'CREATIVE CLAY' MARCH 2023

Year 11 students experienced the art of clay at Pottery Corner Beech Road Chorlton. Clay gives students a chance to manipulate and work in a different media. It allows students to build on self-esteem, self-expression and problem solving skills.

"Pottery Corner' was an amazing experience we made creative pieces of art work to add to our GCSE portfolio." Ilsa 11B

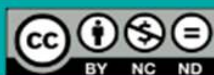
"I liked how welcoming the people were, the atmosphere was nice and we got a lot of pieces done. Overall a really productive day and I'm excited to add all of my clay pieces to my art project." Raghad 11H



# 10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1 Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.
- 2 Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.
- 3 Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.
- 4 Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.
- 5 Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).
- 6 Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.
- 7 Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.
- 8 **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.
- 9 Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.
- 10 **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

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## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2023

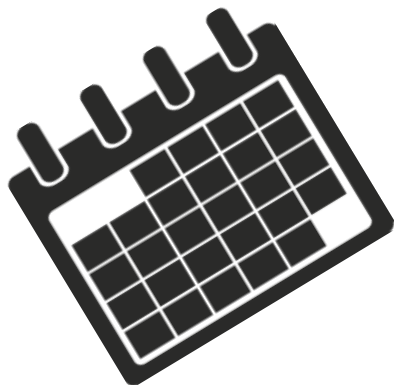
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May\*\*

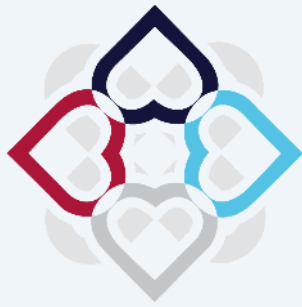
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July\*\*

Eid-ul Adha: approximate date Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**All dates to be confirmed nearer the time**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS





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