

3 April 2020

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,  
Assalaam-alaikum/Peace be with you,

I hope you are all well inshAllah and have coped with the first two weeks of school closures. As we reach the end of this term, I wanted to get in touch with you all at this very unusual time. We have all had to get used to a very different way of working over these last two weeks, and this has had challenges for all of us. I want to thank students for getting on with work that has been set by teachers, and I want to thank parents for all the support that you've given to the school as well. I also want to thank all your teachers who have had to start working in a very different way, but are committed to ensuring that they do the best they can do for you in these challenging times.

#### **Issues with Work**

If you do have any difficulties with work, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the relevant departments. The email addresses can be found on the school website, and we will endeavour to resolve the issues as soon as possible. If you have any issues with accessing school emails, Teams or Sharepoint please complete the online 'Report IT Issues' form on the website using the 'Contact Us' link.

It is very important that students keep up with the work, so that when we are able to return to school, we are not too far behind with work. It is also a good idea to give your day some structure by having a timetable that you keep to, that allows you to complete work, as well as build in time for relaxation, exercise (keeping to the Government's guidance), and time for family activities.

#### **Holiday Period 6.4.2020 – 17.4.2020**

The next two weeks are school holidays, and during this time school will not be setting work as we have been doing over the last two weeks. Please use this time to catch-up with work that has already been set, and start preparing spiritually for Ramadan which begins shortly after the break. These holidays will be different to the ones you are normally used to, but I hope you will support each other, as we all continue to adjust to the situation.

#### **Yr 11 and Yr 13 Examinations**

Over the next few days I hope to receive some further information about how grades will be awarded to Year 11 and Year 13 students. Once I have more details I will contact you again to explain what is happening.

#### **Health and Well-being**

The current situation is one that may cause additional stress and worry for everyone. In addition to the fear of the risk of the disease itself, social isolation, mosque and school closures, and changes in our everyday situations can take a toll on our spirituality and mental well-being. During these unprecedented and difficult times, it is important that we turn to Allah, seek His help, be patient and know that nothing happens except with His decree. We must also ensure that we follow the guidance issued by the government in order to protect ourselves and those around us; this is in line with the teachings of our Prophet (peace be upon him) in which he advised us to 'tie our camel and trust in Allah.' May Allah preserve and protect us all in these challenging times – Ameen.

If you need any support over the next few weeks, including the holiday period, do not hesitate to contact us. Please follow the current advice and stay safe and look after each other; I pray that Allah keeps you all in good health – Ameen. Please remember us all in your du'aas and inshAllah we will see each other again soon.

Regards,

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