

1 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope you and your family enjoyed Eid celebrations if celebrating.

As we near the end of the Spring term, I write to update you on a number of things:

Fundraising

I would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils and parents/carers for their generosity recently. We raised £270 through the month of Ramadan following our 2nd annual Iftar event. Once again, we are very grateful for the ArRahma Foundation who supported the event, enabling us to raise funds for the UNICEF Children in Gaza appeal. Thank you also to Ustadh Kashif May from the AdDuha Institute for his support on the night.

Please note we have returned to our usual dismissal time of 2.45 pm on Fridays following the ending of Ramadan.

Culture Day – Friday 4 April

As part of our annual Culture Day, this Friday will be a non-uniform day. Pupils and staff are encouraged to celebrate who they are through what they choose to wear on Friday. There will be activities focused around celebrating our differences in both lesson time and break/lunch on Friday.

Year 11 exams

The exam period is just weeks away. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes of Year 11 in their preparations for this important stage of their life. It can be a stressful time and we urge all those that need support to speak to a member of staff. All pupils should also remember, that there is still time to put additional work in to be fully prepared for the exams. We wish you all the best of luck once the exams start!

End of term arrangements

We break up at 12:05 on Friday 11 April; lessons will be as timetabled up until dismissal time. Pupils wishing to use their free school meal entitlement will be able to do so as normal during the extended morning break time. We return to school on **Monday 28 April**. Due to some additional staff statutory training taking place, school will not be open to pupils until **10.45 am**. They must be in school by 11.00 am at the latest. Food will be available 10.45 – 11.00 am.

Key dates

Monday 12 May 2025 – GCSE Exams start Monday 5 May 2025 – Bank Holiday, school closed Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 – Half Term break Friday 20 June 2025 – Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Our regular newsletter will be sent out at the end of term; please do look out for it to read all about the wonderful work of our pupils and staff over what has been a very busy term.

Thank you as always to those who continue to support the work of school by attending parent/carer activities and events and ensuring communication remains good between home and school. It really does make a difference to your child's success.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe, happy break, and a very Happy Easter if you are celebrating.

Yours faithfully,

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