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**End-of-Year Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Guardians, *AWW*

We thank and praise Allah (SWT) for blessing us with another eventful and successful year.

**End-of-Term & Dates for New Academic Year**

School will break up on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 3.15pm. (I.A)**. Our Annual Prize-Giving Jalsa will take place in the afternoon at **1.45 - 3.15. (I.A)**

Our new **Academic Year** will commence on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.** (I.A).

**Ofsted & Curriculum Update**

The Action Plan submitted following our emergency inspection in January still requires improvement in a few areas and Ofsted will be re-inspecting us next term. School Governors met on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June to plan for the inspection and to ensure key areas identified for development are ready in time for the inspection. We are also seeking guidance from Mrs Maqsood (our school development consultant & serving Ofsted inspector). We request your duas in this regard.

Furthermore, we will be replacing Aqaaid lessons from September to RE where all major world faiths will be taught. This is to promote religious tolerance and to promote a better understanding of the communities we live with.

**End-of-Year Reports**

Reports will be given out to all pupils on Friday. Please take out time to study your daughter's report carefully as it gives important details of pupils' attainment and effort throughout the year as well end-of-year exam results. The report also contains comments written by subject teachers. Please go through them with your daughter as they offer valuable suggestions on how she can improve next year.

- **Staff changes** - Our maths and history teachers, Miss Shaikh & Mrs Owens are leaving us. We take this opportunity to thank Mrs Owens for the dedicated service she has offered the school over the past 19 years and wish her a happy and much deserved retirement. Likewise we pray for Miss Shaikh's future success. Mrs Sandall will be giving up Year's 7 & 8 English and continue with Year's 9, 10 & 11. Mrs Faathima Anez will be joining us from September as ICT teacher for Year's 7 & 8. Miss Janes will continue with Year's 9, 10 & 11. Vacancies for maths, history & English have been advertised.
- **Islamic Development** - As in previous years, parents are reminded of their duty to keep a check on the development on Islamic morals and character over the summer holidays.
- **Citizenship Day** - The first day of the half-term holidays in October 2015 (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>) has been set aside for local visits as part of Citizenship. Pupils will need to attend. Details will be given closer to the time.

**Thanks & Appreciation**

Finally on behalf of myself, Mrs Firoza Ismail, staff and governors, I wish you all an enjoyable summer break, spiritually uplifting and prosperous Ramadhan and a happy Eid.

We also mention a special thanks to our Governors, Mr Jeewa & Mr Saddiq for their maintenance work throughout the year, especially for decorating the ICT room last term.

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Head Teacher