



End-of-Term 4 Newsletter, Spring 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians, AWW,

End-of-Term & Dates for Term 5 & 6

School will break up tomorrow, **Thursday 29th March** and re-open on **Monday 16th April**. (IA)

Please also note school will be closed on May Bank Holiday, **Monday 7th May**.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2018/2019 - Has been published on the school website. http://secondary.al-ashraf.org.uk/docs/TermDates_18-19.pdf

STEPS Attainment - (Assessment & progress monitoring, tracking and reporting system for secondary schools)

All pupils in Years' 7 - 9 will be receiving Attainment STEPS Levels tomorrow. Please take out time to see your daughter's progress over the past four terms. An accompanying letter explains how the step scores are calculated.

Ramadhan Timetable

As in previous years, we will be running a reduced timetable during Ramadhan from **10:14am - 3:45pm**. This is expected to commence from **Wednesday 16th May - Tuesday 12th June**. Further details will be issued closer to the time (IA).

School will be closed on **Wednesday 13th June - Friday 16th June** for Eid.

End-of-Year Internal Exams

End-of-year exams are scheduled to take place from **Monday 21st May - Friday 25th** for Islamiat subjects. Secular subject exams will start from **Monday 4th June - Friday 8th June**. Timetables will be issued closer to the time (IA). Please ensure your daughter spends quality time revising for all exams.

School Development

We have started working on areas requiring improvement highlighted by Ofsted and to this end we have taken on the services of an Educational consultant. In addition to this, we have continued to build on our partnership with High School for Girls and Marling School who are helping with continued professional development for some of our teachers.

Term 3 & 4 Key Events

- Years' 7 & 8 visited "The Big Bang Fair" at the NEC on Wednesday 14th March.
- The RAF delivered a careers session on Wednesday 24th January.
- A team of six Year 9 pupils represented the school at a unique Arabic language event 'In To The Arab World' co-hosted by the RAF and British Language Champions (BLC) on Tuesday 30th January 2018 @ RAF Museum, Cosford, Shropshire.
- The school has been supporting Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal 2018 throughout the month of March.
- Year 7 pupils were winners of Term 4 Nasheed singing assemblies. M.A & Congratulations!
- Details of assemblies for Term's 3 & 4 can be seen on the school website. <http://secondary.al-ashraf.org.uk/assemblies.shtml>
- Fusion Tea Event - The AASSG first ever Fusion Chai Event took place on Saturday 3rd Feb 2018. We raised a fantastic £2,237.00 M.A! JK to all our parents, guests and volunteers for making this a great success. Some of the money will be used to purchase much needed blinds for some of the classrooms, IA.
- Year 9 pupils are raising money for RE resources. They are aiming to sell 100 boxes of cupcakes, each containing 2 X vanilla and 2 X chocolate cakes for £5. Orders will be ready for collection from school office on Monday 16th April. Eighty orders have already been taken. Please ring the school office by tomorrow if you wish to place an order. **Well-done & MA to Year 9s. Great effort!**

Enrichment Week

Following on from our successful Enrichment Week last year, we will once again be organising a week of fun packed activities for this year's event which is scheduled to take place during the first week on July, **Mon 2nd - Fri 6th**. (IA)

Finally on behalf of staff and governors, I wish you all an enjoyable break and thank you for your on-going support & cooperation. JK

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Mufti Abdullah
Head Teacher