



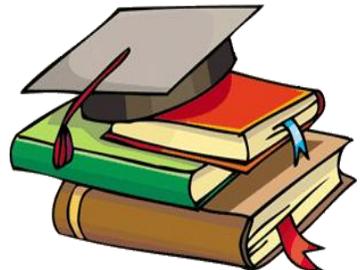
# **AL-ASHRAF**

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**Welcome to the 4th issue of the Al-Ashraf Secondary School for Girls Annual Magazine. This magazine has been made to summarise the activities during 2014-2015.**



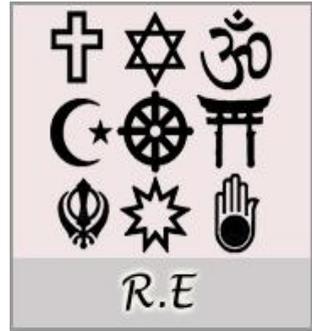
# The Easter Story

In March, Mrs Gibbs delivered an assembly to explain Christian beliefs regarding Jesus Christ (PBUH) and Easter. This is a brief summary of her account....

Leading up to Easter, Christians have a sombre period of reflection called Lent which remembers the 40 days and nights Jesus spent fasting in the desert, being tested by the devil. Lent starts with a special service on Ash Wednesday when a cross of oil & ash is marked on their foreheads to remind them that they are made from ash and will return to ash when they die. Christians use Lent to prepare themselves spiritually for the coming festival by extra Bible study and fasting from their favourite indulgences like chocolate, coffee, cakes, biscuits and alcohol for 40

days and nights.

Then on Palm Sunday Christians remember that Jesus entered triumphantly into Jerusalem on a colt with crowds of people laying palm leaves on the ground in front of Him to soften the path. Christians take home crosses made from palm leaves on this day. The following Thursday Jesus and His twelve disciples shared a meal, "The Last Supper", at which Jesus asked them to remember Him every time they drank wine and ate bread. Each Sunday, and on other important festivals Christians do this as part of a "Communion" service (called "Mass" by Roman Catholics). That evening Jesus was betrayed and arrested. The next day Jesus was crucified by nailing Him to a cross where He hung until he died in agony. On the Sunday Mary Madeleine, one His followers, went to the cave tomb where He had been buried and real-



ised that the huge boulder across the entrance had been moved and that His body had disappeared, although the tomb was guarded; only the burial cloths remained. Then Jesus appeared to her and later to His disciples and others and they realised that Jesus has been resurrected from the dead.



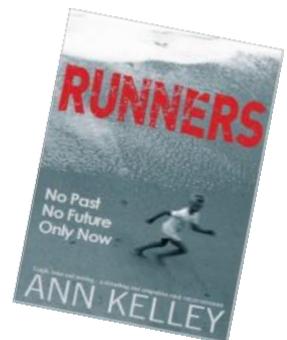
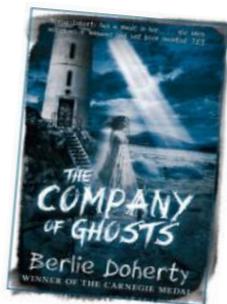
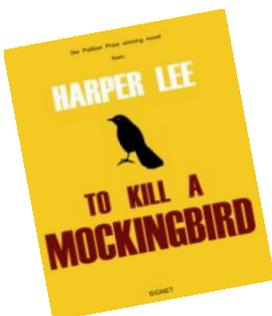
# Year 7 Book Club

**By: Aamirah Jeewa, Yusraa Bibi Khan & Maariyah Bhamjee**

In Year 7 there is a small group of students who attend a book club. In this small group, students are given the chance to read, discuss and review different books. For example,

- To Kill A Mockingbird - by Harper Lee.
- The Company of Ghosts -by Berlie Doherty
- Runners-by Ann Kelly

Discussing the books and listening to other people's opinions helps them with their reading and writing skills as well as their confidence in socialising. This club also helps students to get to know each other and make new friends. They discover new techniques and styles of different authors. The varying use of English encounter allows them to grow in their language skills, which helps them immensely in all their exams. The club is not only beneficial educational wise, but it also creates a warm and fun atmosphere where students can enjoy reading.



# Time to cook!

**By: Soumaya Hassan, year 8**



This year, Years 7, 8 and 9 have been introduced to new cooking lessons with Amena Apa, who is also the school's new Arts & Crafts teacher. These lessons have enabled the girls to learn and practice cooking skills. During the year the girls also practiced catering, which aimed for the girls to become confident and well organised when it came to presenting food.

To start off, Amena Apa made the Year 8s do a simple dish, vegetables on skewers. This did not consist of the girls using the cooker but it simply helped them in cutting and shaping vegetables.

In the second lesson, the students made an attempt at making short crust pastries. The girls were asked to prepare the minced meat at home. In lesson, Amena Apa demonstrated an example for the girls to follow, which made it easier and more enjoyable for the girls to do.

Finally, in their last lesson, the girls made flapjacks. The students were split into 4 groups and asked to bring in their own ingredients. The girls worked together to produce a full tray of flapjacks.

Throughout the year the girls have extremely enjoyed these lessons. These lessons have given them all an opportunity to bond.



# Gloucester Cathedral

**By: Shaheen Mulla, Year 9**

This year, as part of their history lessons the Years 7,8 & 9 visited the Cathedral. The girls looked at models and pieces of art which helped them understand the history of the Cathedral. The girls were split into small groups and each group had a member of the Cathedral's staff who explained the different aspects of the Cathedral. The girls also received an educational talk from the priest at the Cathedral. This was a one day trip from which the girls benefited extremely and found the information extremely beneficial in their history lessons. During their tour the girls were able to make clay models with the help of staff members. All three years were accompanied by Mrs Owens, the history teacher, Firoza Apa and a few other members of staff.



**Having a talk about the Cathedral.**



**Making candle holders with clay.**

# Gloucester Food Bank

**By: Marrium Ahmad & Rabia Muheb, Year 11**

**‘Emergency food for people in crisis.’**

This year, as part of Citizenship lessons the school raised awareness for ‘Gloucester foodbank’, an organisation based on helping families and individuals who are struggling with issues regarding food.

Mariam Apa, our citizenship teacher, arranged an assembly especially regarding this subject. She invited a member of the organisation who spoke to the girls about their work and aims for the future. This gave the girls an opportunity to learn about how they can contribute to this organisation.

The girls highly benefited from this assembly and soon after as an appreciation and a helping hand, the school collected tins of beans, rice, lentils, fruits etc. all which have been delivered to the organisation.

May Allah accept all their efforts and may He make it easy for those struggling. Ameen.



# Alton Towers.

By: Aamirah Jeewa, Year 7

This year as our end of year trip we visited Alton Towers. Alton Towers is known for its thriller and adventurous rides alongside theme parks such as; Drayton Manor and Thorpe Park. This one day trip enabled girls to experience the rides and the beautiful scenery Alton Tower has to offer. The trip took place on Monday 15th June 2015 , the coach left from Gloucester at 7am and returned approximately at 8pm. The time limit within which girls were allowed to go on rides and enjoy themselves around the park was from 10am-5pm. At the end of the day, we all met up at the entrance of the park where we prayed our Zohar Salaat- This was a memorable trip for everyone but especially for the Year 11 girls as this was their last trip with the school.



# Fun!

By: Khadijah Patel, Year 10

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**Across**

- The country where Islam began in.
- The name for someone who believes and worships Allah.
- This place is considered the holiest place of Islam.
- Abu Bakr became the first \_\_\_\_\_ which means he was a successor of Muhammad.
- The city where Muhammad was born.
- Muslims were very \_\_\_\_\_ of their conquered people, meaning they were lenient.
- Many \_\_\_\_\_ helped the exchange of ideas.

**Down**

- Islam believes only in one god, therefore is a \_\_\_\_\_ religion.
- Nomads who lived in Arabia's deserts.
- The prophet of Allah
- Muslims fast during \_\_\_\_\_.
- The city where Muhammad founded Islam
- Geographically, Saudi Arabia is made up of mostly \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Quran is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Islam.



**Q:** What has a foot but no legs?

**A:** A snail

**Q:** Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?

**A:** Nothing

**Q:** What comes down but never goes up?

**A:** Rain

**Q:** I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

**A:** A candle

**Q:** Mary's father has 5 daughters – Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the fifth daughters name?

**A:** If you answered Nunu, you are wrong. It's Mary!

**Q:** How can a pants pocket be empty and still have something in it?

**A:** It can have a hole in it.

**Q:** In a one-story pink house, there was a pink person, a pink cat, a pink fish, a pink computer, a pink chair, a pink table, a pink telephone, a pink shower– everything was pink! What color were the stairs?

**A:** There weren't any stairs, it was a

**THE SAHABAH**

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Hanash	Ibn Mas'ud	Talib
Said	Khalid	Khubbab
Abu Dhan	Abdur Rahman	Zayd
Uqbah	Abu Qunah	Unar
Abu Sa'ad	Sahlan Tariq	Abu Musa
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