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**End-of-Term 4 Newsletter, Spring 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers, AWW

I hope you had a spiritually uplifting Ramadhaan and a happy Eid. Please find hereunder our Spring Term Newsletter.

**End-of-Term 4 & Dates for Term 5**

School will break up for Spring holidays tomorrow, **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** and re-open on Monday **28<sup>th</sup> April** at the normal time of **8:40 am** (IA).

**Key Events During Term 3 & 4**

- 1) **Year 7 - Water Confidence and Swimming Course** – Water safety and confidence is an essential life skill, empowering students to understand what to do in situations where they may come across water. Y7 were offered four free sessions at GL1 during Term 3. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/year-7-water-confidence-and-swimming-course>
- 2) **Year 8 History - Siege of Gloucester Tour** - This guided tour enabled students to relate this learning to local history, with particular focus on The Siege of Gloucester in 1643, when a small garrison of Parliamentarians, led by Colonel Massey, held the might of Charles I and his Royalist army at bay at a significant point in the English Civil War. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/year-8-history-siege-of-gloucester-tour-2025>
- 3) **Year 7 SkillZone Visit** - As part of the PSHE curriculum, Yr7 participated in an educational visit, centred around life skills and personal choices at SkillZone on 13<sup>th</sup> January. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/year-7-skillzone-visit>
- 4) **Why Should Human Geographers Care About Climate Change?** Year 9 students took part in a virtual interactive session hosted by GlosGeog (Gloucestershire's local Geographical Association [GA] branch) on Thursday 23rd Jan 2025, delivered by Dr Liam Saddington (University of Cambridge) <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/why-should-human-geographers-care-about-climate-change>
- 5) **Muslim Schools Food Container for Syria** – We took part in the AMS initiative to send non-perishable food items for Syria. Alhumdulillah, a considerable amount of food was collected in addition to £1380 in cash. Jk to everyone who donated. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/syria-appeal>
- 6) **Term 3 Qur'an & Nasheed Competition** - Congratulations to Bayt Zainab for being the overall winners and winning the House Quran and Nasheed Cup, MashaAllah! <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/term-3-competition>
- 7) **Year 8 Royal Navy Visit** - Year 8s enjoyed doing STEM activities with Royal Navy on Wed 5th Feb, 2005. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/year-8-royal-navy-visit>
- 8) **Educational Visit to Stroud/Brimscombe** - Thursday 13th February 2025. Year 8 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to explore and engage with the natural environment through a walk along the Thames and Severn Canal between Stroud and Brimscombe. As an integral part of our geography curriculum, fieldwork was conducted by pupils, who carried out flora and fauna identification in collaboration with Wild Acres Community Project. A representative from the Cotswold Canals Trust also joined us on the walk and gives us information about canal heritage. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/educational-visit-to-stroud>
- 9) **Iftaar Party/Eid Party** – Students enjoyed an Iftaar 'Bring & Share' meal followed by a Ramadhaan quiz on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Jk to all parents who sent in delicious Iftaar dishes. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the Eid Party which was held yesterday, 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**Assemblies during Term 3 & 4** - In addition to routine assemblies, special themed days including national and international days were selected for assembly during Term 3 & 4. Special educational & informative assemblies were delivered by various staff on the meaning & purpose of Ramadhan & fasting. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/assemblies.php>

**Terms & Holidays Calendar for 2025/26** - has been emailed to all parents.

**Ramadhaan Charity Appeal** - We thank everyone who participated in our Ramadhaan fundraising appeal via Launch Good. Jk

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all parents & pupils for your continued cooperation and support.

May Allah (SWT) accept our Siyaam, Qiyaam, Sadaqaat and all other Ibaadaat during the month of Ramadhaan. Aameen.

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