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End-of-Term 2 Newsletter, Winter 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

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End-of-Term & Dates for Term 3

School will break up tomorrow, **Thursday 17th December** at the normal time of **4:10pm** and re-open on **Monday 4th January** at the normal time of **8:40am (IA)**.

Interim Reports & Qur'an Assessments

Reports will be given out to all pupils tomorrow. Please take out time to study your daughter's report carefully as it gives important details of your daughter's attainment and effort over the past two terms in addition to valuable suggestions on how she can improve. All pupils (Yrs. 7 - 10) were tested on their Qur'an recitation/Tajweed application during the term and achievement/progress awards were also given.

Charity Week - 19th - 22nd October 2020

Alhamdulillah, the school raised an impressive **£1000** during Charity Week and a further **£2000** was donated under the school's name by an anonymous donor making an outstanding total of **£3000!** Furthermore, the school also won the 'Against all Odds' award for going above and beyond expectations in raising money for orphans and needy children across the world especially during this difficult Covid time. JK to all staff, parents and pupils for supporting an extremely worthwhile cause.

<https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/school-visit-article/charity-week-2020>

"Charity Week isn't actually a fundraising initiative. There are many of those around. Instead, in an age of increasing polarisation, mistrust and conflict - Charity Week is a practical example of what happens when people decide that they will put aside their differences and work together to build a better, more hopeful world." - Dr Wajid Akhter, founder of Charity Week

Annual Citizenship Day - Friday 23rd October

Activities and visits were limited this year due to the Covid pandemic. Therefore we partnered with Young Gloucestershire and arranged all Year groups to take part in Active Youth. This is an exciting new opportunity to increase young people's activity level. Active can be anything that raises that heart rate, it's not all about being competitive! It's about having fun and being active. Year 10 & 11 also had a careers session with Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust re. Careers & apprenticeship opportunities in the NHS. Thanks to Young Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust for kindly accommodating us.

RSE Parent Consultation

Further to the letter given to your daughter on Tuesday 7th December, please kindly submit your suggestions before Thursday 31st December 2020. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/curriculum/rse/RSEParentConsultationLetter.pdf>

School Fundraising Event

We are grateful to parents & pupils for supporting our fundraising event this week to raise much needed funds for staff CPD resources. This will provide our teachers with additional training in pertinent areas such as Ofsted, Safeguarding, Leadership, Mental Health, RSHE, Teaching and Research. We will let you know how much we raised next term (I A) once all the money has been collected.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and support during these difficult times. Several classes had to isolate during the term and were taught remotely via MS Teams. Learning was disrupted but we managed to cope well under the circumstances thanks to our IT technicians and staff. Finally, we wish you all a well-deserved winter break and hope to see you again in January, I A.

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