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PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL
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Headteacher’s Welcome

Preston Muslim Girls High School is a popular and highly regarded Islamic school for girls. Having proudly served the local community for many years we combine traditional values with a forward-looking and vibrant learning environment where young people are nurtured to become considerate, confident and well-rounded individuals. We have created an environment where expectations are high, ambitions are great and values are deeply rooted; where girls grow in confidence and are able to pursue their dreams.

Our approach to academic study is varied, disciplined and fosters a life-long love of learning. We value our school, community and celebrate diversity. As a result, our young people are able to make informed and positive life choices, and are equipped to face the challenges of a fast-changing and competitive world. We are proud of our track record of strong examination results, the wealth of our extra-curricular provision and the strength of our careers education, advice and guidance.

I hope this prospectus will give you a glimpse into what makes PMGHS a special place to be. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be the Headteacher here, and I very much look forward to welcoming you to our school.

OFSTED
We Value...

Spirituality

Spirituality is the heartbeat of our school. Although the school has grown considerably, our mission and values have remained unchanged since it was founded and continue to be based on the Sunnah of the Prophet (PBUH) and teachings of the Qur’an.

In a modern and multi-cultural world, it is essential that pupils respect and understand those of different faiths and cultures. We have taken lessons of respect and tolerance from our faith and embedded them in our curriculum, Form Time discussions, Halaqah topics, assemblies and all of the community and fundraising work that we do.

We promote both Islamic and British values, encouraging all members of the school to act in a way, which reflect our morals of Patience, Modesty, Gratitude, Humility and Sincerity. We nurture young Muslimahs who embody the teachings of our religion whilst showing consideration for the beliefs of others.

PMGHS is the paint that complements your own personalised canvas

Aisha Patel

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We Value...

Success

PMGHS is an outstanding school! Don’t take our word for it, just look at what the Department of Education say about us. For three years in succession we have been one of the Top 100 non-selective state schools in the country. In 2016 over 44% of all GCSE grades achieved at the school were at A and A*. By choosing our school you know that you are choosing the best. We have very high expectations of our teachers and our pupils and we set all pupils challenging targets to stretch them. We develop the self-confidence of pupil by providing an outstanding level of support and as a result, our girls routinely achieve far more than they ever thought they were capable of.

We are always delighted to welcome back former pupils who now serve the community as doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants and a variety of other professions.

I owe my increasing potential and growing confidence all to PMGHS

Aamina Khan

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Outstanding behaviour
Outstanding progress and achievement in RE
Outstanding impact of collective worship

OFSTED, (Section 48)

Your school is one of the top 100 non-selective state-funded schools in England based on the percentage of pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate, key stage 2 to key stage 4 value added progress and your achievement in the GCSE exams

Nick Gibbs, Schools Minister
We Value... Learning

It is through outstanding teaching that our pupils make exceptional progress. We are blessed with teachers who are passionate, committed and most importantly specialists in their respective subject. They inspire all of our pupils to make the most out of their learning. As the school continues to grow and undoubted changes are made, one thing that remains consistent is the excellent quality of teaching.

At PMGHS we have created an environment where the inquisitive minds of our pupils are not only fed with the fruits of knowledge but are also provided with the skills to learn on their own. Achievement, curiosity and confidence are some of the aspects which we actively encourage in all lessons. We create independent thinkers who are not afraid to express their opinions but at the same time learn to respect the views of others.

We Value... Experience

Our pupils study a wide range of subjects and they all follow a broad curriculum which includes separate sciences at GCSE, three languages starting in Year 7 and a creative curriculum that works in tandem with our academic curriculum. We value the outstanding quality of what our girls experience both in and outside the classroom. Every day our pupils experience a strong Islamic ethos through everything that happens in school.

Each term we organise themed Enrichment Days that address a range of topics such as the Olympic Games, Business and Enterprise, Tomorrow’s Engineers and Future Medics. Pupils benefit by working alongside visiting speakers with an array of experience such as Members of The Houses of Parliament, charity officials and successful professionals. We also offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities including a thriving Duke of Edinburgh programme that sees our girls camping and hiking across the North West, developing their teamwork and leadership skills.

PMGHS helped me to come out of my shell and flourish into the person I am today

Fatima Patel

I would encourage you to share your achievements with other schools so that they can learn something from your strengths and achievements

Sam Gyimah MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Childcare and Education

My teachers have shown me that knowledge has no end

Sadiyah Vaez

Teachers have high expectations of what students can achieve. They plan interesting lessons that help students to learn effectively and make good progress

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We Value... Every Pupil

Happiness and well-being go hand in hand at PMGHS. Our core Islamic values create a caring and supportive environment which is evident in every facet of the school.

Every pupil, regardless of ability, will have their needs met at PMGHS. Our curriculum is designed to challenge and stretch the minds of all pupils. Support for pupils with particular needs is provided, both in and out of the classroom, allowing all pupils the opportunity to reach their full potential. In short, at PMGHS we nurture the potential of all pupils at all levels from all backgrounds, regardless of their needs.

Pupils play a vital role in decision making at the school. Through our Student Council and Student Shura (spirituality group), pupils are involved in shaping the future of their school on a diverse range of issues, such as food choices in the canteen, the development of the new prayer facilities and the introduction of the new school uniform. Every girl that attends PMGHS will receive all the support that she needs academically, emotionally, spiritually and socially. PMGHS is a family and we believe that by the time our girls are ready to leave, we will have helped them flourish into strong Muslimahs.

PMGHS is a fun place with caring teachers and loving friends

Maryam Master
We Value... **Community**

Preston Muslim Girls High School was established by the community and it still sits at the heart of the community. We are a local school delivering outstanding performance in an Islamic setting. Pupils engage in projects with care homes, children’s hospices and many local charities. The people who attend the school and those who work in it are at the centre of everything that we do.

As a school, we have a duty to understand our responsibilities as part of a bigger picture. Every pupil takes part in the Orphan Sponsorship Programme, which instills within them qualities of compassion, care and gratitude. Through charity collections, weekly discussions of current affairs and the mirroring of national events such as the EU Referendum, Holocaust Memorial Day and National Science Week we ensure that all of our pupils develop the understanding of their roles as British citizens. We also raise their sights and recognise that we are all members of one ummah, sharing one planet that we must all care for. Ultimately, we are a local school whose pupils understand the vital role we all play in a wider world.

“We school is very much at the heart of its community, and governors and senior leaders work together very effectively to move the school forward.”

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Happy, free and unique. That’s the way the school makes me feel.

Ammaarah James

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We Value... **Our Image**

The crescent reminds us of our shared past as Muslims. It is the defining symbol used by Muslim leaders and rulers throughout history and can be seen on domes, flags and printed on coins.

Notice how the new logo consists of five different colours and it is made of five crescents of different sizes. This variety in size and colour represents the diversity of our school. Our learners are like a wonderful array of colours: all different, from different backgrounds and with differing abilities. They fit together to make a single shape. The remarkable way that these different strands complement each other is what makes PMGHS such a beautiful place to attend.

The different sizes of the crescents show how our learners develop academically, spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially over the five years they are at PMGHS, growing in knowledge and understanding as they progress.

Finally, there are five colours to represent the five year groups in the school; the five pillars of Islam and the five core values that the school stands for: Patience, Modesty, Gratitude, Humility and Sincerity.

They ask you (O Muhammad S.A.W.) about the crescents. Say, “These are signs to mark fixed periods of time for mankind... so that they mark their acts of worship and the time of their Hajj.” (2:189)

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Our new logo symbolises the core values of Islam which are the bedrock of the school.

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