



# PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Assalamu Alaikum

We are approaching the end of the longest term in the school year, and it has been a busy one.

In October we hosted our biggest ever Open Day where we had more visitors in school than we have ever seen. It was a day for our staff and our pupils to shine and to show the wider world why we are so proud of our school. Every room in the school was full of exciting activities, enthusiastic and knowledgeable teachers and Student Ambassadors escorting parents around the site and answering their questions. Parents told us how much they loved the Islamic ethos of the school, the approachable teachers and how much their children had enjoyed the day. One parent summed up the day for me when she wrote, 'this day showed me that this is a great school'. I couldn't have put it better myself!

We were delighted to welcome back our Year 11 pupils who left in the summer. They returned for our Year 11 Awards Evening, held each November, where we present them with their GCSE certificates and we celebrate their achievements. It was a wonderful evening in front of parents and guests, for a brief moment, looking back on their successes at high school as they embark on the next stage of their education.

In this newsletter you will find articles about school trips, careers events and book fairs, to name just a few of the exciting things that have been happening. Our autumn term reaches a climax for us in the final week with the Celebration Assembly and a special spirituality enrichment day called the PMGHS Talent Day. On this day all pupils compete to prepare a series of performances including a speech on the character of the Prophet (pbuh), a nasheed performance and a recitation from the Quran. They have also been asked to compose and perform a school anthem that helps to embed the school values of patience, modesty, gratitude, honesty and sincerity. I can't wait to see what they come up with.

May the Almighty grant you and your families a safe and restful break and we look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022.

Mufti Javid Headteacher



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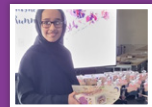
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## *Assalamu Alaikum*

Welcome to our first newsletter for this academic year. We hope you have all settled into school life and had an enjoyable first term. A special welcome to the parents of all 122 pupils who are new to Preston Muslim Girls High School. As parents of the girls in years 8-11 will confirm, the first year of high school will go extremely quickly and before you realise it your daughters will have already completed their first year at PMGHS.

Our new year 7s have now happily settled into school life and familiarised themselves with new classrooms, new teachers and our daily routines. Here at Preston Muslim Girls High School, we pride ourselves on delivering a friendly and supportive environment. All parents can rest assured that we will do our utmost to ensure every girl is made to feel safe, makes academic and social progress and is known by name to all staff. We want our girls to experience the joy of success in and out of the classroom and to enjoy and achieve in equal measures.

As well as the 122 new pupils we have had a few new staff who have joined us. They are:

**Mufti Uwais Lunat (ICT)**

**Halima Ahmed (Science)**

**Mariam Vorajee (Maths)**

**Fiona Baird (SEN)**

**Mumtaz Patel (Finance)**

*Welcome to all!*

# PMGHS OPEN DAY

On 9th October at 10.00am the gates finally opened to welcome everyone to the PMGHS Open Day 2021. The booklets were printed, the Prefect Guides were waiting expectantly in line and the teachers and Student Ambassadors stood ready in their rooms for the arrival of the public. Excitement was in the air. And it was a particularly poignant moment as Covid had meant the previous year's Open Day had had to be a virtual experience for us all.

We were genuinely overwhelmed by the interest others show in our school. Hundreds of families, their children and their daughters in Year 6 came to see what we had to offer. There was basketball in the yard, marshmallow models in maths and the science department were setting fire to clouds of hydrogen; there was even a Modern Foreign Languages Café serving drinks and nibbles from their respective countries. Everywhere there was activity and everywhere there were people. When the Headteacher delivered his speech in the hall at the end of the morning there were people, young and old, as far as the eye could see. We even ran out of chairs to seat them all, there were so many!





As they left, tired but happy, they wrote lovely things in their evaluation sheets and hoped that their daughters would get a place at the school for next September. Inshall \_\_\_\_\_ - we would like to offer a place to everyone who wants to come and be part of the PMGHS family. It was a great day and a great achievement by everybody who worked so hard to make it a success. Well done to them all!



# PMGHS

# ★ TALENT DAY

**It was an honour and a privilege to host our first ever PMGHS Talent Day finals on Tues 14th December.**

Talent Day is a day where each pupil chooses something to showcase to their peers and teachers.

Pupils were given a platform to show their creativity, their confidence, their spirituality, and their ability to work together as a team.

It was wonderful to see the excitement and the competitive spirit across the school. Mrs Ahmed described the judging as "extremely difficult" due to the high standard of performances delivered.

Pupils were reminded that although this was a competition and to try their best, they should not forget the main purpose and the lesson learnt from the competition. Pupils were encouraged to keep up the competitive spirit but most of all to use the day as an opportunity to make a firm intention of taking away and implementing some of the valuable spirituality lessons derived from the performances.



## CATEGORY I

### QIRAAT CATEGORY

The Quraan is the primary source of our spiritual nourishment.

*The Almighty mentions in the Quraan:*

**Surely, this Qur'an guides to the way which is just perfect and gives glad tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds so that they shall have a great reward.**

A poet so eloquently describes the beauty of the Quraan through his words.

### Al Qur'aan Your words are so beautiful...

You show me the truth  
You show me wisdom  
You lighten my heart  
You heal my pain  
You brighten my path  
You teach me life  
You teach me tenderness  
You teach me care  
You teach me love  
You teach me patience  
You teach me strength  
I just can't name them all...  
You are my guide  
When I'm lost  
With you I know I'm safe



## CATEGORY 2 NASHEEDS

When the Prophet (Pbuh) entered Madinah, everyone sang out of joy to welcome him with the famous poetry 'Talaul badru alaynaa'...The white moon has rose over us...

From the time of the Prophet (Pbuh) nasheeds have been used as one of best forms of expressing the love for the Prophet and the religion.

## CATEGORY 3 A SPEECH ON CHARACTER

On the character of the greatest man to grace the universe our beloved Prophet Muhammed (SAW)

Hazrat Hassan ibn Thabit [Radiyal Laah Anhu] the famous sahabi who has the honour to also be the poet of the Prophet, beautifully describes the perfection of the Prophet in his poetry:

I have never seen such a lovely personality like yours

And no mother has given birth to such a wonderful personality

You are created free from every fault

You were created, as you wanted to be

Such was the character and personality of our beloved prophet Muhammed that he was described as perfection. His beautiful character summarises all the values that we at PMGHS stand for of Patience, Modesty, Gratitude, Humility and Sincerity.

## CATEGORY 4 SCHOOL ANTHEM

An Anthem is a representation of the tradition, history and beliefs of a nation and its people. We at PMGHS together stand for Patience, Modesty, Gratitude, Humility & Sincerity.

A huge well done to all the finalists for their wonderful performances. They prayed beautifully, they sang remarkably, and they spoke eloquently.

A huge well done to all our pupils and staff for embodying the spirit of PMGHS and demonstrating how, when we come together like this, we are more than the sum of our parts; together we can achieve something greater than any one form, or any one team can. So, a resounding well done to one and all!



## TALENT DAY WINNERS

Category	Form Winners
Category 1 – Qira'ah	9M
Category 2 – Nasheed	9M
Category 3 – Speech	9P
Category 4 – School Anthem	8P

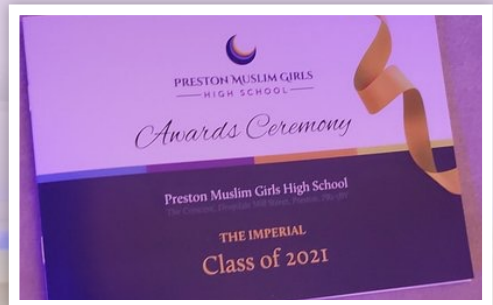
# YEAR 11 AWARDS EVENING

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What a delight to welcome back the Year 11 pupils of 2021 for their Awards Evening. This was a glitzy affair with everyone dressed in their finest to celebrate the achievements of these girls. Although they have all moved on to colleges and sixth form centres it was nice for a moment to be back with their old school friends and their teachers, sharing memories about the good times had and the journey we have all been on.

Mr Patel acted as master of ceremonies and first called the girls out to receive their GCSE Certificates. This was followed by subject prizes presented by Mr Foster, special prizes presented by Miss Malik and the evening culminated with the Headteacher's prize presented by Muft Javid. This was awarded to Amarah Latif, the Head Girl, who had done so much to help steer her year group through the difficult Covid lockdown times. As Guest Speaker for the evening, we were delighted to welcome back Amina Khan, a previous Head Girl of the school who is now in her second year of studying medicine. She spoke from the heart about never giving up and finding your own path through life and what she said was inspiring and thought-provoking to our girls. We thank her for giving up her valuable time.

Soon it was time to go through to the main ballroom where a delicious meal was served to over 500 hundred pupils, staff and guests. The talk on the tables was mainly of the old times, as girls reminisced with their schoolmates about the fun they had, the games they played and the triumphs and disasters they met along the way. It was an evening to recognise their success and achievements and to reminisce about a time in their lives that they have now left behind. We wish them all every success in the future.





# FUNDRAISING

This year, pupils were encouraged to raise money for the orphan sponsorship programme through different initiatives. They came up with a number of great ideas from selling homemade cakes and doughnuts, lollipops and sweet cones to iced coffees and hand designed bookmarks. All of which were a huge hit with everyone.

Our donations will InshaA\_\_\_ help pay for the health, food and educational needs of an orphan in vulnerable regions across the world. The orphans will receive quality care, love and support by care givers who monitor their progress and development to ensure they grow both physically and emotionally healthy and well mannered.

Money raised by:

Year 7.....	<b>£1199.48</b>	Year 10.....	<b>£518.30</b>
Year 8.....	<b>£1580.46</b>	Year 11.....	<b>£1170.27</b>
Year 9.....	<b>£1022.67</b>	Staff.....	<b>£1110.27</b>



**Total – £6601.45**



## WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT



This year again, at PMGHS we held a Coffee Morning for parents and pupils to raise money for Macmillan cancer patients and their families. People all over the UK hosted their own Coffee Morning and donations raised on the day were made to Macmillan. Having a Coffee Morning was the perfect chance for parents, pupils and staff to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause. The event was a huge success with pupils and staff donating array of wonderful cakes and bakes. The total amount raised for Macmillan was Alhamdulillah...

## MUSALLA CARPET APPEAL

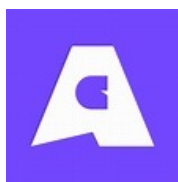


This term our school was invited to take part in the "Musalla Carpet Appeal" for Royal Preston Hospital/ Royal Chorley Hospital. We raised a huge amount in only 1 week Alhamd... This was also accompanied by a "Design a Musalla Competition" where the girls had the choice of designing a musalla. Hospital staff will be voting for the best design which will then installed in the prayer room.

**The total amount raised was a staggering £11,500.00 Alhamd...**



# STEM CAREERS ENRICHMENT DAY



Back in October, we held our first whole school enrichment day of this academic year. The activities for the day were led by the Careers team and we decided to focus on careers in STEM-related industries (science, technology, engineering and maths) following the award of a bursary by Neon (part of Engineering UK) earlier in the year.

As our pupils have missed out on many careers experiences due to the impact of Covid over the last 18 months, we wanted to give each pupil a day to remember! So, we enlisted the help of several local employers who generously supported us with their time and expertise. We also bought in workshops from specialist companies which provide exciting and fun activities purposefully created to engage teenagers in maths and science in new and interesting ways.

Our Year 7 pupils completed a 'Murderous Maths' workshop with the team from AS Creatives, using their maths skills to solve the clues in a detective story. This half day session was followed by the completion of a design project focusing on the work of BP Super Scientist, Ronit Kanwar.

The Year 8 pupils spent the entire day working on a project with a team from Willmott Dixon Construction. Pupils were given the chance to design their own school, hearing from experts within the industry along the way. They then had the opportunity to visit the company offices at their construction site in Broughton for a valuable insight into the many career routes within construction.

Year 9 pupils completed a half day working with Gamma Telecoms, learning about how their business was adapted when the first lockdown was introduced, and also hearing from a number of female technical specialists from the company who shared their career journeys. Following on from this session, these pupils studied the BP



Super Scientist, Ronit Kanwar, and were inspired to design their own engineering invention for the future.

The Year 10 pupils also worked with the team from AS Creatives, again putting their maths knowledge to good use in 'The Priorities Game'. Following this half day session, the pupils took part in the Elite Skills Academy Workshop with the British Army. The girls were taught about the values of teamwork, determination, and perseverance, and they learnt first-hand about the huge variety of careers available within the Army.

Finally, our Year 11 pupils took part in our annual mock interview event throughout the morning. Twenty local professionals from a wide range of backgrounds volunteered their time to give every Year 11 pupil the experience of an interview situation. This is immeasurably valuable for our pupils, as it prepares them for future interviews



for their sixth form of choice (and beyond). In the afternoon, pupils were given a choice of guest speakers from a STEM background. Each speaker outlined their educational choices and the influences in their life that took them to their chosen career. They also talked about their specialism and the routes that could be taken to get into their profession. Pupils were privileged to hear from Dr Jenny Gibson (clinical psychologist), Dr Anna Williams (Head of the Forensics Academy at UCLAN), Layla Mahmood (petroleum engineer), Afsana Patel (financial funds manager), Aasiyah Chhadat (audiologist) and Fatima AlHalwachi (IT network manager).

We are certain that every pupil will have gained a valuable insight into the vast array of careers that fall under the umbrella of 'STEM' and we hope that they have been inspired by the professionals whom they have spent time with during our enrichment day. We are incredibly grateful for the support we received from local businesses and the community, and for the grant of money provided by Neon which launched the whole concept for this day.



## Apprenticeships

Year 11 pupils were fortunate enough to receive an insight into the ASK Programme during their Careers assembly. Amazing Apprenticeships have supported the Education & Skills Funding Agency, part of the Department for Education, to deliver the ASK programme since 2015. In this time, millions of individuals have been able to access a range of high-quality resources and materials to help them to navigate the apprenticeship, traineeship and T Levels landscape.

The ASK programme has transformed the careers landscape across England by engaging individuals and wider school and college communities to better understand how amazing apprenticeships are.

## TRAINING 2000

We were delighted to welcome Vicki Webster from Training 2000 to speak to our Year 11s about the wealth of training and apprenticeship options available post-16.

First established in 1966, Training 2000 is a training provider offering business solutions, commercial courses, and Apprenticeship programmes. In 2017, Training 2000 became part of the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) meaning that apprentices have a direct progression pathway to a Degree Apprenticeship.



## Lancaster University

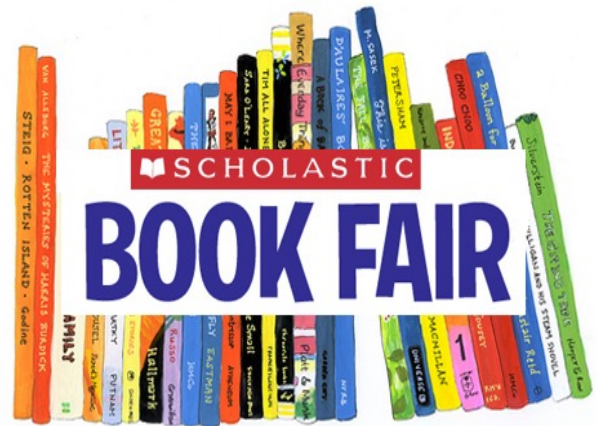
In November, our Year 11 pupils spent the day at Lancaster University. Here they heard from staff and students all about life at the University, the wide variety of study options and the fantastic range of facilities that are on offer! Our student ambassadors for the day were from a variety of courses, including medicine, law and chemical engineering. These ambassadors answered all of our pupils' questions about study and about life on campus. Some of the student ambassadors were also young Muslim women, who were eager to share their experiences of studying at a top-class university and of how their faith is an important part of student life. We were delighted to be joined by Dr Talib, who spoke at length about self-belief and seizing the opportunities that life presents you with. In addition, we learned about the Lancaster Access Programme which has a multitude of learning opportunities that are available to our pupils now. Our day was finished with a tour of the campus, including the nationally recognised Health Innovation Campus and the Sports Complex. We hope that this valuable experience is one that will help to shape our pupils' futures.





# LIBRARY NEWS

The school library held a Scholastic Book Fair where pupils were able to browse the brilliant collection of over 200 books, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers! Books were available for the pupils to buy at amazing prices, and for every book bought we earned free books for the school!



# DESIGN A BOOKMARK COMPETITION

The winners of the 'Design a Bookmark Competition' have been announced!  
The talented creators of these amazing bookmarks have received a £5 book voucher.  
Well done!



Aysha Bharatwala

7M

Khadeejah Randeri

7M

Fatima Patel

10M



Yumna Umar

8H

Zaina Bhyat

8P



# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Subject	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Endeavour
Arabic	Humairaa Patel 11P	Aaminah Adam 11G	Zainab Khanu 10G	Faryal Rajar 9P	Safiya Ali 8P
Art	Aleena Dal 11G	Khadija Tilly 10H	Jamila Zadran 9P	Umaymah Patel 9G	Fariha Iqbal 7P
Business Studies	Rana Bhatia 11P	Azima Patel 11G	Alisha I Hussain 10M	Saniyah Mamuji 10P	Rukaiya Angraj 11M
Computer Science	Sarah Patel 10G	Humayrah Malik 8G	Asiyah Khanporia 8G	Aaliya Idrees Patel 10H	Humairaa Patel 11P
Creative iMedia	Zahraa Saiyed 11M	Humaira Master 8H	Nuara Alswaihi 10P	Maaryah Wadie 8H	Aamina Isa 11G
D.T/Textiles	Raabiah Desai 11H	Umamah Ibrahim 11M	Aisha Wadee 9P	Zainab Kadva 10M	Asiya Patel 9P
English	Halima Hansrod 9H	Donia Kassem 10M	Farah Mulla 11P	Aysha Farooq 9P	Mubshrah Zia 11G
Food Prep	Sana Tanveer 11H	Aaliyah Mohtat 10H	Shakira Patel 9G	Aaminah Essop 8M	Zeenat Patel 7H
French	Saudah Bashar 10P	Aalia Patel 9G	Saffanah Showkat 8M	Khadeejah Randeri 7M	Aliya Ahmad 11H
Geography	Zinneera Wadia 9G	Aram Alsharef 9P	Sara Ekhwan 8G	Afia Ahmed 7P	Asiyah Desai 11H
Health and Social	Nada Mahmoud Khouliani 11G	Asiyah Desai 11H	Unaysah Atcha 10M	Suhana Mulla 10G	Leya Patel 11P
History	Minna Malik 10H	Safiya Patel 8H	Aisha Jamal 9H	Sohila Khattab 7M	Amina Hussain 7M
Maths	Zainab Walibhai 9M	Yasmin Khouliani 8M	Fatimah Sarfaraz Patel 10P	Misbah Palejwala 11M	Khadijah Tagari 11G
P.E	Khansa Pathan 11M	Rumaysa Ibrahim 10M	Samarrah Ismail 7G	Maariyah Wadie 8P	Aamirah Ahmed 9P
R.E	Ammarah Ghodiwala 8M	Aaliya Idrees Patel 10H	Aysha Iqbal Bhana 7P	Aishah Isap 9M	Mubshrah Zia 11G
Science	Anisa Hossain 8P	Khadeejah Umar 11M	Maariyah Dedat 11P	Iman Hussain 11M	Yasmin Khouliani 8M
Urdu	Ayesha Fiaz 10P	Anisa Vorajee 9G	Marwa Stanikzi 7M	Aaminah Randerah 8H	Hajiera Batool Sheikh 10G

# OTHER NEWS...

## Please Note

As the weather has become colder, a number of pupils sensibly choose to wear outdoor coats to and from school. May I remind you that our school uniform policy states that any coat must be either predominantly plain black or blue. Hoodies, fleeces, and scarves have never been part of our uniform and they are not permitted. If your daughter comes to school by bike, it will help if they are as highly visible as possible. Lights on a bicycle definitely help, as does the wearing of high visibility jackets or bands. If your daughter cycles to/from school, please remind them of the importance of road awareness and safety. We want all pupils to arrive and depart safely, therefore we ask parents not to park their cars on the main road outside the school which puts pupils and other car users at risk, instead please can you park somewhere safe away from the school.

Can I also remind you to ensure your daughter arrives to school on time, ready for the beginning of the day at 8.25am looking smart, alert and eager to learn. Punctuality is such an important lesson for life beyond Preston Muslim Girls High School and we are determined that everyone arrives to school on time.

## Resources, Packed Lunches and PE Kits

**Polite notice:** We would like to stress the importance of ensuring that all our pupils are fully equipped with resources, packed lunches and PE kits before they come to school. This will minimise unnecessary contact in and out of school for parents and allow us to adhere to government guidelines in keeping all our pupils, staff and parents safe.

## Drop off/ Pick up times -

Can we please implore you to be extra considerate to local residents when you are dropping off or waiting to collect your daughters at the end of the school day. In particular, the residents of Deepdale Mill and Isherwood street are finding it increasingly busy at the beginning and end of a school day, to get to and from their vehicles and are sometimes unable to park outside their own homes.

## Attendance@PMGHS

PMGHS places high importance on regular school attendance by students.

Parents who make regular school attendance a priority are helping their children learn to accept responsibility and that is an important lesson for a successful life. We encourage all our girls to attend school and to arrive on-time.

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

## Medical/Dental Appointments

Please try and avoid arranging medical/dental appointments during school hours. If necessary, please ensure your daughter attends school first and then leaves for the appointment. This will have minimum impact on her attendance. Evidence of appointment will be required when you come to pick up your daughter.

*Finally...We pray you all have a well-deserved and restful break.*



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