



PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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PMGHS VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

A very successful virtual open event was launched on Saturday 10th October 2020 on our website www.pmghs.com

The Impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic on school life has significantly changed the way in which we now have to work. As a result of the Department for Education Guidance, in relation to avoiding gatherings of people and our intention to minimise visitors to the school the event took place virtually. We hope this will have provided prospective pupils and parents from the comfort of their own homes an insight into our very successful school.

For more information on our virtual open event and to access our prospectus, additional information booklet and course guide please click the link below <https://pmghs.com/virtual/>



Outstanding Feedback from some of our pupils

'PMGHS has pushed me to be the confident person that I am today'

Aaminah Ahmed

'I am indebted to PMGHS for all the support and guidance they have given me'

Amaara Latif, Head Girl

'Our teachers are the best role models to look up to'

Sadia Ahmed, Deputy Head Girl

'Our school has taught me to become charitable, compassionate and generous'

Khadijah Issa

The memories I made at PMGHS will stay with me forever' **Leylah Hafeji**

'PMGHS has a caring environment which inspires me to be the best I can'

Humairah Musa

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. We hope it will provide you with a glimpse into the life of our pupils at the school, their wonderful achievements and the remarkable commitment of our staff.

Of course, it has been an extremely challenging term, with staff and pupils testing positive with Covid-19, and many others needing to self-isolate, however it feels so rewarding and heart-warming to see staff and pupils returning to school. The hustle and bustle in the corridors and the smiling faces are a sight to cherish. May the Almighty keep everyone safe and happy, Aameen.



Staff and pupils are delighted with the new building and the facilities it provides, not forgetting experiencing outdoor play space for the first time in the history of the school.

Strange times demands creative approaches! Schools up and down the country could not hold Open Days and Evenings as usual this year due to the pandemic. On our Virtual Open Event it was encouraging to know that over 1200 people had logged in to see what we have to offer. We were humbled by the extremely positive comments by viewers and through the mercy of the Almighty, each year we are over subscribed for the places we can offer. As a reminder, the closing date for new admissions is 31st October 2020.

However good our results may be though; they are not the only reason for our being. We believe in developing a wide range of qualities in our young people, developing them: physically, morally, socially and spiritually, as well as educationally. I am delighted that the hard work of our staff, parents and young people has been recognised in the results, but I am more pleased to see our pupils leave PMGHS as confident young Muslimahs, equipped with the skills and qualifications that they need to prosper in the future. May the Almighty protect them and guide them at every step in their lives. Aameen.

We develop empathy in our pupils for those who are less fortunate than ourselves, and this term we continue to support the orphans of Sri Lanka we have adopted, through generous donations and other fundraising activities such as doughnut sales. Pupils are already devising new and innovative ways to raise money for other good causes.

The rest of the newsletter gives you a small taste of the many and varied activities that take place at the school. PMGHS is a busy yet a happy place to be. I hope that you enjoy our newsletter. Thank you so much for your continued support. Our school's success is built on a close partnership between home and school – long may it continue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Mufti Javid'.

Mufti Javid Headteacher

WELCOME TO PMGHS

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. A special welcome to the parents of all 120 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 the 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 be 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 120 new pupils we have had a few new staff who have joined us. They are as follows:

Mr W Mitchell (ICT)
Miss L Marsden (History)
Miss F Akubat (Head of Yr 10)
Miss Kamal (Finance)
Miss K Patel (TA)

We have also now introduced Head of Years for each year group. Should you need to speak to someone regarding your daughter, please contact the relevant Head of Year.

Head of Years	
Year 7	Mrs Vadia
Year 8	Miss Ahmed
Year 9	Miss Vaez
Year 10	Miss Akubat
Year 11	Mrs Member

TOP SCHOOL IN LANCASHIRE GCSE 2020 RESULTS

Over 270 grades 8 and 9 were achieved across many subjects

For the last three years we have been the top performing secondary school for progress in the whole of Lancashire. This year our progress score has gone up, and the school is 11th in the whole country.

A fantastic achievement! A special well done to Sameena Isat, Aiza Asif, Saba Bibi, Kawthar Bodi, Fowziyah Adam and Ammaarah Ingar who between them have netted an impressive 60 grades at grades 8 and 9, the highest available.

Our most improved pupil is Ammaarah Ingar who, on average, made almost four grades more progress than she would have been expected to make. That is an amazing achievement.

Grades 8 and 9 demonstrate the very highest performance of pupils across the country, and PMGHS are delighted to report that over 300 grades 8 and 9 (169 grades at 8 and 133 grades at 9) were achieved across all of the subjects.

Almost 60% (58.1%) of all of the grades achieved in the school were at grades 9 – 7, with 98.2% of the grades being at 9 – 4. This was an increase from the 2019 results which saw 48% at grades 9 – 7 and 91% at grades 9 – 4.

Our headlines are:

- 12 subjects achieved 100% pass rates
- 17 subjects achieved + 90%
- Almost 60% of all grades achieved were the top grades 7, 8, * 9 (equivalent to grades A and A*)

Congratulations to all our pupils. Their results give them an excellent foundation to build upon. In addition, many thanks to parents and governors for all their support.

MEET THE PUPIL



Aisha Pandor

Tell us a bit about yourself?

My name is Aisha Pandor and I am in Year 7 at Preston Muslim Girls High School. I have four sisters and I am the second eldest. My sister's and I are very close, they are like my best friends and we do almost everything together. However, when I want to spend time by myself, I like to read as I find it very relaxing.

Why did you choose to attend PMGHS?

I chose to attend PMGHS because I had heard it was a very good school from my friends and family. I have always wanted to attend a Muslim girls' school, and this is the best girl's school in the country!

What is your favourite subject and why?

My favourite subject is Math's because it allows you to challenge yourself and I enjoy working with numbers.

How is Secondary school different to Primary school?

Secondary school is very different to Primary school because we are encouraged to work independently most of the times whereas in Primary school the teachers give us a lot of help. We are also required to make a lot of decisions by ourselves which makes me feel very grown up.

What would you like to do when you leave education?

When I leave education, I would love to become a dialysis nurse or work in the health care profession because my dad was a dialysis patient and watching the nurses and doctors who were there to help and support him have really inspired me with the work that they do.

Sunnah Fast

**Monday and Thursday
Sunnah Fast Programme
Nov - Jan 2020/2021**

As part of the development of pupils' spirituality, the school will be launching the 'Monday and Thursday Fast Programme' from week beginning 9th November 2020. With daylight hours now shortening, it is felt that this Sunnah (practice) can now be revived in our school till the end of January 2021. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) encouraged his followers to fast on these days.

- Aa'ishah (may the Almighty be pleased with her) narrated: The Prophet (peace and blessings of the Almighty be upon him) was keen to fast on Mondays and Thursdays. (Tirmidhi, Nasaa'i, Ibn Maajah)
- Abu Hurayrah (may the Almighty be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of the Almighty (peace and blessings of the Almighty be upon him) said: "Deeds are shown (to the Almighty) on Mondays and Thursdays, and I like my deeds to be shown when I am fasting." (Tirmidhi)
- Sahl ibn Sa'd reported that the prophet peace be upon him, said: "There is a gate to Paradise that is called Ar-Rayyaan. On the Day of resurrection, it will say: 'where are those who fasted?' When the last one has passed through the gate will be locked." [Al-Bukhaari and Muslim]

Fasting encourages self-discipline and empathy for those who are impoverished, however, we are keen to stress that this fast is optional. Pupils must be mindful that Mondays and Thursdays will be normal school days and they must be physically well to manage the fast, without letting it affect their learning.

I hope and pray that these small actions nurture and develop invaluable qualities and ethics within us all.

SPIRITUALITY AT THE HEART OF OUR SCHOOL



Shura and Council Representatives

We believe in developing pupils' self-esteem and confidence. Through the Student and Shura Councils pupils are encouraged to voice their opinions and play an active role in their school community. Each form elects its own representatives for both councils which meet regularly. These groups are important in shaping the character of the school and in developing pupil leadership skills.

Student Council and Shura Reps consists of keen and willing members who put themselves forward for the roles. The reps usually meet in week 4 of every term to discuss pertinent issues and raise them with the staff and governors. Photographs along with a list of names of all the Student Council and Student Shura reps are displayed on the notice board in the Dr Khan Building. Please do encourage your daughter to contact them with any issues that they would like some help or support with.

A small group of Student Council representatives from each year group held a socially distant meeting in the school hall with Mufti Javid, to discuss how the girls felt being back to school with the new Covid-19 arrangements. All year groups agreed they have settled in well and are thoroughly enjoying school. All girls represented their year groups with great confidence and passion. Ammara, our Head Girl has also set up a MS Teams group and will be using it to share communications with the rest of the girls.

In addition, we are continuing with our weekly Hadeeth and Sunnah Programme and Halaqaahs. There is also a weekly spiritual goal set for the pupils, and they are rewarded weekly for completing the goals through achievement points. Alongside the Spiritual goal we have introduced academic goals which will focus on their targets for learning.

This term our pupils have been studying the 'Khulafaa Rashidun in their Halaqaahs (The 4 rightly guided caliphs). The girls have demonstrated great enthusiasm in trying their utmost best to emulate the qualities of these great companions.

Fifth year into our Sri Lankan Orphans Sponsorship Programme

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we have launched our fundraising commitment for the Sri Lankan Orphans. We are now in the fifth year of our Sri Lankan Orphans Programme, with each form supporting a named orphan, we now have a total of 18 orphans Alhamd..., and the pupils' donations have made a huge difference.

Through the mercy of our lord, we lead secure privileged lives here in Britain, and so we always want to keep the less fortunate in our thoughts and prayers. "Blessed is the wealth of a Muslim from which he gives to the poor, the orphan and the wayfarer" (Muslim)

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and generosity in helping us fulfil our vision of nurturing our pupils and creating one big global family.

Updates on Fundraising

Krispy Kreme doughnuts were sold to raise money for the Sri Lankan orphans. Alhamd..., through Allah's mercy the event was a huge success. We have managed to raise a staggering £1000.00



PREPARING OUR YEAR 11's FOR THEIR GCSE's

We understand that it has been a challenging period since the National Lockdown, affecting the learning of our pupils. To provide early intervention we are delivering additional sessions during/after school.

Year 11 Booster/ Intervention Timetable Autumn Term 2020

(All sessions take place in the CB Building Top Floor or CB5 excluding Art/Textiles)

Day	Time	Subject	Intervention/Booster	Year 11 Groups
Monday	12.30-1.30	Urdu	Intervention	15 students – Room CB5 Lunch will be supervised by the teacher during the session.
	3.10-4.00	History	Booster	All History Classes
	3.10-4.00	Geography	Booster	All Geography Classes
Tuesday	12.30-1.30	Creative I Media	Booster 1 class group per week	Lunch will be supervised by the teacher during the session. Class Rotation to be organised by the teacher.
	3.10-4.00	English	Booster – whole year group	11A 11B 11C 11D 11E
Wednesday	8.-8.30am	Arabic	Intervention	Targeted students 11 students in Room CB5
	3.10-4.00	Science	Booster – whole year group	11A 11B 11C 11D 11E
Thursday	3.10-4.00	Design and Technology: Art	Intervention	Targeted students *names will be parent mailed a day in advance of the session.
	3.10-4.00	Textiles Design	Booster – Textiles class	
Friday	12.15 -12.30			Break for year 11 in rooms
	12.30-1.30	Mathematics	Booster – whole year group	11A 11B 11C 11D 11E

CLICK AND COLLECT LIBRARY SERVICE

1. Pupils go to: microlibrarian.net using any computer or mobile phone.
2. Pupils log in using their school email address (e.g. dahl@student.pmghs.com or for Year 7s jacqueline.wilson2020@student.pmghs.com).
3. Pupils enter their password which is set as their date of birth, 8 digits with no spaces or characters e.g. 01022005. We recommend that pupils change their password to ensure their account is kept secure.
4. Pupils can then view, search for and reserve the books that they wish to read (a maximum of two reservations can be placed at a time).
5. Once a pupil has reserved a book, it will be delivered to their form room as soon as it is available by Miss Packwood or Miss Smalley at break/lunch times.
6. Books can be kept for up to two weeks and can be returned to Miss Packwood or Miss Smalley as they visit form rooms.
7. Any queries or issues with logging on should be sent to librarian@pmghs.com



There is hardly a week that goes by without a different piece of research confirming the importance of reading in a child's development. Your child was taught to read at primary school and no doubt you supported this process by ensuring they brought home reading books and you listened to them read. Once at secondary school, parental involvement in reading tends to wane therefore we strongly encourage you to help your daughter to read as often and as widely as possible. Here are a few ideas to get your teenager reading again:

- Keep reading material all over the house, including the kitchen, car and wherever there is a captive audience!
- Model reading. If your son/daughter sees you reading, conversation naturally follows.
- Graphic novels (once dismissed as comics) are now recognised as literature; they may be the key to getting your teenager hooked on books.
- Merge movies with books. Offer your daughter the print version to read before a big film adaptation comes out on film.
- Buy them a book as a present. Any number of websites recommend books for teenagers.
- Ask your daughter to tell you something (characters/plot/twist) about the book they are reading.

LOOKING AHEAD

The School Day

Monday - Thursday	
8:10am - 8:20am	Staff Briefing
8:30am - 8:50am	*Registration/ Assembly
8:50am - 9:40am	PERIOD 1
9:40am - 10:30am	PERIOD 2
10:30am - 10:50am	Morning Break
10:50am - 11:40am	PERIOD 3
11:40am - 12:30pm	PERIOD 4
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm - 2:20pm	PERIOD 5
2:20pm - 3:10pm	PERIOD 6
Friday	
8:30am - 8:45am	*Registration
8:45am - 9:35am	PERIOD 1
9:35am - 10:25am	PERIOD 2
10:25am - 10:45am	Break
10:45am - 11:30am	PERIOD 3
11:30am - 12:15pm	PERIOD 4
12:15pm finish	

*Pupils should be in school for 8:25am

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term	
Inset Day 1 (no pupils in school)	Monday 31st August 2020
Inset Day 2 (no pupils in school)	Tuesday 1st September 2020
School Re-opens for all pupils	Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Virtual Open Event (no pupils in school)	Saturday 10th October 2020
Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020
School Re-opens	Monday 2nd November 2020
End of Term	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term	
School Re-opens	Monday 4th January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021
School Re-opens	Monday 22nd February 2021
End of Term	Friday 26th March 2021
Summer Term	
School Re-opens	Monday 12th April 2021
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Inset Day 3 (no pupils in school)	Thursday 13th May 2021
Inset Day 4 (no pupils in school)	Friday 14th May 2021
Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021
School Re-opens	Monday 7th June 2021
End of Term	Friday 16th July 2021
Inset Day 5 (no pupils in school)	Monday 19th July 2021

Please note - Eid holidays may be revised slightly according to the sighting of the moon.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

As we approach winter, please allow extra travel time to ensure that your daughter arrives at school on-time. In bad weather she should bring a coat preferably dark navy or black.

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.

Finally, the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for September 2021 is 31 October 2020.



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