

PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS

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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

As I think back to the start of this school term, I marvel at the things we have had to do and all that has been achieved.



Cast your mind back to September and remember that pupils had not been in school since we went

into lockdown in March; we were moving into new school buildings which meant that there were no routines to fall back upon and to cap it all, we were informed that pupils had to be separated in year-group 'bubbles' for their own safety and not allowed to mix. The scale of the challenge to resume normal education for pupils has been considerable. Many pupils were anxious about being back in school, others were worried that they may have fallen behind. Questions came thick and fast - what do we do about lunchtime? how can they use the playground? how can we separate year groups into different buildings when there is only one art room, one science base and one hall? How will we cope with staff and pupil absences from Covid? We have dealt with all of these challenges and many more that come our way on a daily basis. I do not underestimate the amount of additional work that staff and pupils have had to take on and I would like to thank them all for it.

In the first half term there were high numbers of staff and pupil absences as Lancashire's Covid numbers were on the increase. By the grace of the Almighty we have seen a steady increase in attendance and a reduction in infections across the region and within the school. We have all played our part: all pupils and staff wear face coverings whenever they are in communal areas and our cleaning regime is rigorous. AH we are over the worst and we are all looking forward to a new year and the promise that it holds.

School continues to be busy and active. In this newsletter you will find details of competitions in maths and ICT, the Year 7 medieval project in history, the prize winners in the end of term Celebration Assembly and the resumption of Radio PMGHS which sees the Media Prefects broadcasting weekly across the school. Year 11 pupils are now preparing for their mock examinations that will commence days after they return in the new year. We pray for their continuous success in these forthcoming exams. Aameen.

Finally, at this time of the year we should remember those in need. The school charity this term has been the Salvation Army. Last week our school ambassadors delivered gift boxes and donations to them before we break up for the end of term.

I wish you all a restful and a well-deserved break!.

Mufti Javid Headteacher

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ENRICHMENT DAY – SPIRITUALITY

This year all year groups took part in a tranquil and informative Enrichment Day based around spirituality with many interesting activities such as recitation of Surah Kahf, learning about the month of Rabi ul Awwal, Seerah of the Prophet Muhammad PBUH 'Our hero', Quizes and Competition 'Poem on the Prophet

Muhammad PBUH', we also launched our charity – The Salvation Army and the Monday & Thursday Sunnah Fast initiative.

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Our beloved prophet Muhammad PBUH 'Smiled more than anyone'

FESTIVE GIFT BOXES FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Each year, The Salvation Army ensures each child receives a special gift whilst they are recovering in hospital. Recently, the number of children they have had to provide presents for has dramatically increased, meaning they have over 500 children in Preston and the surrounding areas to help.

This year The Salvation Army have launched their annual Toy Appeal a little earlier to ensure that the toys can be quarantined

before being collected and distributed to the children.

A heartfelt thanks to all the pupils, parents and staff who have put a tremendous amount of work, care and effort into creating these extremely beautiful hampers! Each hamper was made with so much love and care; may the Almighty reward you in abundance.





CAREERS ENRICHMENT DAY ACTIVITIES



Year 7 took part in the 'iDEA' badge which is a fun online platform for pupils to learn Digital, Enterprise and Employability skills. There are a series of online challenges that teach aspects of these topics. It is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh awards where there are bronze, silver and gold badges awards available depending on how many of the online challenges are completed. The challenges include coding, gaming, team working and other skills that pupils will learn to help with future employment opportunities.





Year 8 took part in the 'Step into the NHS' competition. This is an exciting competition for pupils in KS3, designed to help raise career aspirations and awareness of the breadth of 350 careers available in the NHS. Pupils were challenged to research and choose an NHS career that interests them. Once chosen, they created materials to promote it, starting with a job description to capture key responsibilities, along with any qualifications, skills and experience needed. This learning is then used to create a fun and lively job advert to appeal to their peers. Pupils can enter individually or in teams of up to four. This is a national competition where pupils could win a class trip and Amazon vouchers.

Year 9 took part in the Energy Game - MegaWatt which has been designed by Curieus Games. This was a fun and exciting opportunity to help pupils learn about the Energy sector and sustainability.

Kieron Hersnip from the National Nuclear Laboratory Limited who is the Early Careers Advisor was joined by Leah Etheridge on Microsoft Teams. She is one of their High Achieving Graduates, a female engineer and a Women in Nuclear Ambassador for a Q&A



Year 11 - Created their own CVs as well as their revision timetable for their upcoming mock exams. They also viewed online videos regarding college applications and courses available for FE. session with the Year 9s. They listened to a little overview about the

industry and what they can offer in the sector.

Year 10 - Flight Lieutenant Rachael Collier from the Royal Air Force delivered a presentation and Q&A session through MT regarding different job opportunities & various career pathways within the RAF. Pupils also learned about the Labour markets and job opportunities within the local area.







MEDIA NEWS

Hi, we are the media team:

Jasmine Farouk (Head Media Prefect), Harisah Malik (Deputy Media Prefect), Aniesha Giash (Deputy Media Prefect).

Currently, we are the school's media prefects and as this is our last full-term overseeing media presentations, we wanted to talk to you about our experiences.

Each week we create media PowerPoints for the



school where we gather news from the past week to inform the rest of the school what has happened. These PowerPoints include international news, national news, local news and PMGHS news. These include anything from politics to sports.

Recently, we have been given the opportunity to do a PMGHS radio broadcast. Although, it is nerve-racking at first, after it isaired its worth all the stress! For the broadcast we do our normal scaffold of news that is already detailed in PowerPoints and interview staff members as well as students.

Some challenges we have had to face whilst doing the Media update every week is the balance between schoolwork and our responsibilities as media prefects. However, this is supported by the media team supervisor Mr Foster who provides us with lots of encouragement.

We have presented school Radio PMGHS' twice and in that time, we have had four interviewees: Mr Patel, Amaara Latif (Head girl), Mr Yelland and Sadia Ahmed (Deputy Head girl).

Overall, being the media prefects has been a rewarding position to have and we are really grateful we were given the opportunity to do this job; it's a shame we only have one term left to be media prefects.

By Jasmine Farouk, Harisah Malik and Aniesha Giash

A reminder from Deputy Head girl Sadia Ahmed for year 11's from the live interview: "The Almighty does not burden a soul more than it can bear"



AL-IMDAAD FOUNDATION

AH... Pupils, parents and staff all helped in raising a staggering £9000.07 for our annual charity, the Al-Imdaad Foundation. The money raised will be used to support the orphans we sponsor.





Year 11 Shura and Council Representatives meet and discuss some school related matters.

Some highlights from the interview with French teacher Mr Yelland:

"Exams need to take place as they are the best form of linear testing from languages."

> "The removal of the speaking exam is exactly right."

THOUGHTS ON OUR MOCK EXAMS BY YEAR II PUPILS

Hello! our names are Ridha Ahmad and Zara Hussain. We are year 11 pupils and we are going to be sitting our GCSE mock exams in January 2021.

Throughout the first lockdown in March, we carried out online lessons. Some of the Year 11 pupils found this challenging as virtual learning was a new concept for us. Fortunately,



since we started year 11 in September, all the teachers have been very supportive with our learning. They have provided us with extra help such as revision materials, extra intervention after school and some teachers have even carried out one to one sessions with some of the pupils.

The positive side to this stressful time is that we have always turned to the Almighty for his help. Having spent 5 years in a faith school and our own family morals and ethics we have always learnt to turn to the Almighty whenever we are struggling in life and going through a difficult time. The advice we would like to give to the current Year 10's would be to start revising now, to always revisit old content and never leave any type of work or revision to the last minute. In these mock exams, our aim is to achieve the grades we deserve and become successful in our future.

By Ridha Ahmad and Zara Hussain

As most of the Year 11s know by now; our mocks are coming up in January! As the situation with GCSE's is still uncertain, remember to **revise, work hard and prepare well** for the exams.

Y7 MEDIEVAL HISTORY

Year 7 have been wonderfully engaged in medieval history this term. Here are some of their letters to the Anglo-Saxon Witan where pupils produced a piece of persuasive writing to argue who should be crowned the next King of England in 1066.

They also got creative and designed scenes based on the Bayeux Tapestry, showcasing their knowledge of the Battle of Hastings!!



YEAR 8 CYBERFIRST GIRLS COMPETITION 2021 'INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION'

This is the second time the computer science department in our school has signed up to the cyberFirst Girls competition.

The CyberFirst Girls Competition provides a fun but challenging way to inspire the next generation of young women to consider a career in Cyber security.

It consists of three distinct phases:

1. The online qualifying round to identify the top teams that will qualify for the semi-final round

2. The semi-final where teams will battle it out to qualify for a place in the Grand Final

3. The Grand Final where the top ten teams from the regions in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will gather to compete for the title of CyberFirst Girls Competition Winners 2021 National Cyber Security Centre Whatever your ability, from beginner to expert, CyberFirst Girls Competition is an opportunity to learn something new about cyber security.

Hope you have all signed up with your team of 4. Last year we went to the Semi-Finals. Can we get to the finals this year?

2021 Girls Competition Key Dates

30th November 2020	Team registration opens
25th January 12 (noon) - 3rd February 2021 (12 noon)	Online qualifying round
12th March 2021	Home nations and English regions semi-final
26th April 2021	Grand Final





CYBERFIRST GIRLS COMPETITION 2021

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We are extremely proud of the achievements of our pupils. Congratulations to all our pupils who achieved an award during our end of term Celebration Assembly.

SPECIAL MUSLIMAH AWARD



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

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