



# PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to this half term's newsletter. Since returning in April there has been a lot going on at school.

Within a day of returning we entered into the holy month of Ramadhan and the school devoted itself to a time fasting, prayer and reflection. In particular, at PMGHS, Ramadhan is a time for charity and for giving. I never cease to be amazed by the warmth and generosity of our pupils, parents and staff. There are more details in this newsletter about the money raised for Eid gifts for children in Palestine and for the support of the needy, and we continue to raise money to support those in India who need our help. Well done to our staff, pupils and parents for their outstanding commitment.

The earlier lockdown meant that we had been unable to run our selection process to find our new prefect team and our new Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl. We have had the highest number of applicants from our current Year 10 than we have ever had before. I was delighted to see how strongly they wished to take on the role of prefect and to give something back to the school that has nurtured them. We are almost ready to announce the new prefect team and should be able to put the details in at the last minute, just before the newsletter goes to press. Thank you to all of those who applied and well done to the successful candidates.

This has been our last full half term with our Year 11s. After the holidays they will work remotely and independently preparing for their post-16 study and careers development. As you may be aware, Covid has meant that GCSE examinations have not gone ahead this year. However, that has not meant an easy end to their time at PMGHS for our Year 11s. Throughout this half term they have completed a whole series of exam-style assessments that their teachers will use when considering the GCSE grade that we send to the exam board, to be awarded in August. I will write in the new school year with details of their achievements. Well done to them all and we wish them well in the summer and in their future careers. We will be inviting them all back to school in November for our annual Awards Evening where we publicly celebrate their achievements and recognise their contribution to the school.

In May I am delighted to have seen the first school trips taking place and the resumption of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. We all look forward to a steady relaxation of the restrictions we have all worked under and a greater return to normality. We have a lot planned for next half term!

My thanks to you all for your ongoing support.

Have a safe and restful half term break.

Mufti Javid Headteacher



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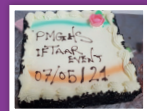
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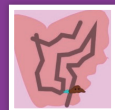
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# PREFECTS ELECTION PROCESS 2021-2022



Pupils had been eagerly waiting for the Prefect Elections process to start, where the pupils had to go through a very vigorous and competitive application process to become Prefects.

## Process of the election:

- Prefect assembly
- Head Girl interview
- Announcement/Shortlisting for Head Girl campaign
- Interview arrangement of Senior Leadership Team prefect
- Prefect interviews
- Head Girl campaign and voting
- Prefect ceremony

The votes have been counted and verified. Pupils at PMGHS have chosen their Head Girls! What a proud moment for the school to announce the new 2021 Head and Deputy Head Girls:

**Head Girl – Aaliyah Patel**

**Deputy Head Girl – Zunaishia Qureshi**



An inspiring message was delivered by Mr Foster to our young girls, empowering them to dream big, stay humble and be the very best they can.

Congratulations to them all and well done to all of those who applied.

The newly appointed prefects together pledge allegiance:

“We the prefects of PMGHS...Promise to do our best in carrying out our duties. Be truthful and just in whatever we do We will always do our best to look into the well-being of our school We will always honour our school Ethos of Patience, Modesty, Gratitude, Humility and Sincerity We will carry out our duties efficiently, and lead by example”.

### Spirituality Prefect

Head: Aaminah Adam  
Deputy: Zaynab Patel

### Community Prefect

Head: Tasmiya Hussain  
Deputy: Safwah Voraji

### Well Being Prefect

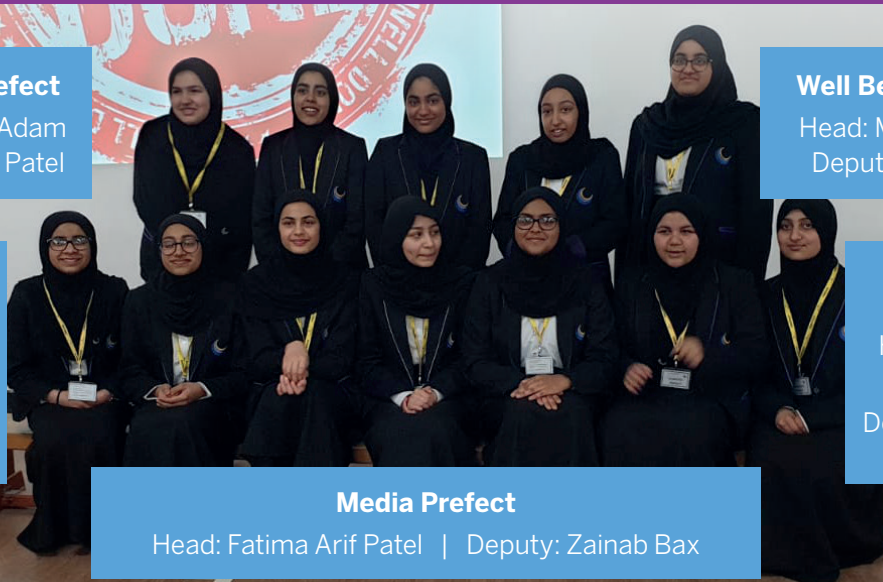
Head: Maryam Isap  
Deputy: Safa Bux

### Learning Prefect

Head: Fatima Usman Patel  
Deputy: Zaynab Patel

### Media Prefect

Head: Fatima Arif Patel | Deputy: Zainab Bax







## Prefects

Aisha Bargit  
 Fatima Asif Patel  
 Khansa Pathan  
 Muskaan Farooq  
 Maariyah Dedat  
 Maryam Hafeji  
 Ayesha Aslam  
 Mariyah Sajid Patel  
 Sabah Tanveer  
 Aasiyah Khan  
 Mubsharah Zia  
 Ammaarah Gurjee  
 Husna Adam  
 Fatima Ahmed

Aakifah Umar  
 Ilhaam Munnee  
 Fatima Lukman Patel  
 Raabiah Desai  
 Aleena Dal  
 Aleyah Yusuf  
 Mariyam Rashid  
 Chamila Badat  
 Raeesah Ahmed  
 Khadeejah Umerji  
 Asma Chana  
 Aamirah Patel  
 Aamina Kaba  
 Simra Walli





**“The best of mankind are those who benefit mankind.”**



A UK based registered charity providing relief globally, operating with a 100% donations policy.

## Eid Gifts for Palestine

This term we have worked with Benefit Mankind to provide Iftaar packs and Eid gifts for the orphan children of Palestine. As we entered the month of Ramadhan, we looked back at all those people who didn't have food to break their fast last year. We, as a school, wanted to provide for them by following the sunnah.

We fundraised by selling milk cakes, cookies, brownies, and other delicious treats. Alhamdulillah, it was a great success and we raised a total of £5000 for the Iftaar packs and £5410 for the Eid gifts, which is a smashing total of £10,410.

A heartfelt thanks to all staff, pupils and parents who contributed and made this a success. May the Almighty reward you in abundance.

We pray the Almighty accepts our humble efforts and allows us to continue nurturing a spirit of generosity in our pupils and for assisting the worldwide Ummah.



### PMGHS Food Packs for Palestine

<https://youtu.be/yeL98MdKgZ4>

### The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said:

**‘Whoever feeds a fasting person will have a reward like that of the fasting person, without any reduction in his own reward.’**

## Emergency India Appeal

Towards the end of Ramadhan, we launched a 2-week Emergency appeal for the devastations in India. We worked alongside Benefit Mankind to aid and support Alipore Hospital which is in danger of being overwhelmed because of its lack of oxygen supplies and support for the poor.





# IFTAAR MEAL

We hosted an iftaar meal during Ramadhan for the staff and Year 11 pupils. Our non-Muslim staff also kept a sponsored fast to raise money for the Benefit Mankind charity. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and everyone had an absolutely brilliant time.

Thanks to all staff, parents and pupils who made this a success. It is this spirit of collectiveness and unity that makes our school so special!



## Ramadhan Brunch time activities

A weekly activity rota was created for the students during brunch time. The girls were given the opportunity of having a weekly guest speaker session where the respected Imams of Preston delivered a talk. A huge Jazak... to the Maulana's - Junaid Ingar, Amir Isap and Riyaz Dola. A great sense of spirituality and love for deen was felt in the school as the Imams delivered their talks and the girls were truly inspired.

## RAMADHAN QURAN CHALLENGE

We hosted a Quran competition where pupils were encouraged to pray more Quran throughout the month of Ramadhan. Well done to all the girls who took part in this competition and a special congratulations to those who won the competition.



This Ramadhan we will be hosting a...

### Ramadhan Quran Challenge

Who can recite the most Quran throughout this month?

- This challenge will take place **within** form classes.
- You will be competing with the girls in your form to see who can recite the most Quran in this month.
- We will be checking up on this every 10 days, whoever has prayed the most within the 10 days will receive a small prize.
- At the end of Ramadhan there will be **One winner from each year group**, who will receive the FINAL PRIZE.

### Competition Corner:

- Each form classroom is going to be decorated for the holy month of Ramadhan.
- **Your Task:** Over the holidays your project is to create or bring in one thing to put in your classroom as decoration e.g this could be something dangling from the ceiling, a model, poster or banners etc.
- The classrooms will be inspected, and there will be a winning form from each year group.
- Prizes will be given to the winners!
- Start getting Creative!

## Ramadhan Classroom Decorations

This Ramadhan we introduced a competition for all year groups. Pupils were given the task to get crafty over the holidays and prepare decorations for their form rooms in order to create a spiritually uplifting environment within the school. The standard of work the girls produced was excellent. Well done to the winning forms 7M, 8M, 9P, 10H, 11M.



# MY FASTING EXPERIENCE



**Assalamualaikum, I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed celebration for Eid. I certainly enjoyed celebrating my very first Eid after taking part in the Ramadhan fasts.**

When I was a trainee teacher at this school a couple of years ago, I knew straight away that I wanted to embrace the Islamic ethos of the school, not just in word but in practice too and decided to take part in the Sunnah fasts as a trainee. At that time, I was overwhelmed with the support of the pupils and even received a biryani for my Iftaar from one pupil. With helpful guidance from staff and pupils each day I learned more about the Islamic faith and the meanings behind the actions.



**Mrs L Marsden**

So, this year, when I felt the buzz and excitement leading up to Ramadhan, I was also enthusiastic to get involved and support the girls with their fasting. I took the brave decision to commit to fast every school day during Ramadhan, and honestly everyone's support was astounding. I had so many words of encouragement from my pupils every day which kept me going. I was given a timetable to help me with my Iftaar times each night which I kept on my phone and checked every day (I will be honest as the month went on I would look at those times getting later each night and worry it would be too difficult!) However, I had guidance and support from my fellow colleagues and friends and not to mention the overwhelming kindness from all those that brought me tasty savouries, dates, and treats to look forward to for Iftaar. My husband and children were happy to enjoy the wonderful things that came home with me!

Whilst they did not fast, my family also made some sacrifices last month as I didn't share many meals with them, they had to get used to mummy coming home from school and having a nap because I was tired and therefore missed their teatime and the interaction we usually share as a family during our meals. My lovely husband was very supportive and did more cooking than usual to help me out, and he even waited to share a meal or two with me some evenings, so I wasn't always eating alone. It was so nice to share the things I have been learning with my family as it provided us with good discussions about faith, actions, and charity.

I have learned that the point of fasting was not simply to feel hunger, but to undergo a spiritual cleansing, so I used it as a time to feel grateful for the blessings I have, to be mindful of my thoughts and words, and to think of those less fortunate. I was so very pleased to be able to raise money for our school's chosen charity, Benefit Mankind through the generosity of the pupils that sponsored me for my fasts. Jazak... to all of those that gave so willingly for such an important cause.

Whilst I am so happy to now be able to enjoy a black coffee in the morning before school, I have found myself missing Ramadhan this week. I miss the invisible but strong feeling we had around school as we were all fasting, I miss the peacefulness, determination and clarity that fasting gave me. I am already looking forward to next year!

Finally, thank you again for all the support, with a special thanks to my wonderful form 10H, and my year 10 history girls who were beyond generous with their Eid gifts, it was nice to hear that I had made them proud.

**Mrs L Marsden**

# STEMETTES EASTER EXPLORE

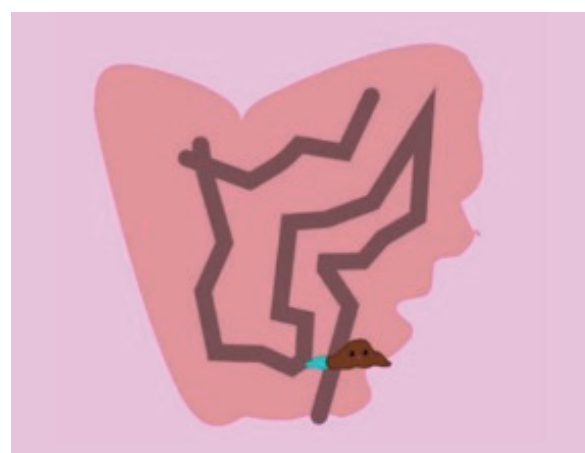
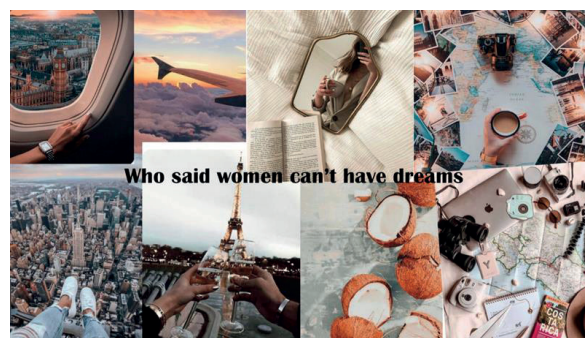
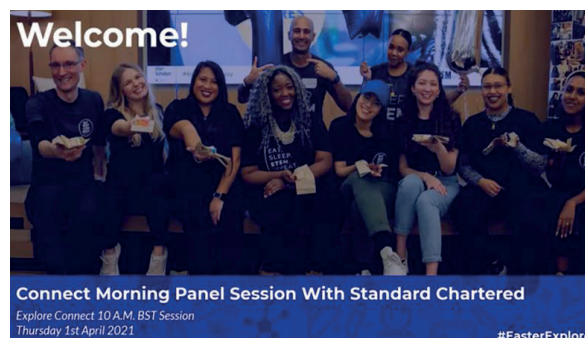
One of our Year 8s, Khadija Patel, shares their experience with Stemettes over the Easter holidays. After a whole week of participation in a variety of sessions across the STEM subjects she received a certificate and a goody bag to go along with it. See images of some of her work from calligraphy to Scratch programming below along with her certificate and goody bag. Read more about these stemettes programme here:

<https://pmghs.com/stemettes-easter-explore/>

## My experience with STEM:

I enjoyed the Easter Explore programme with STEM because it gave me something to do over lockdown and the holiday. Each day, I had three lessons, each with unique and different aspects of STEM. In the morning we would be greeted by a successful STEM role model, for example, we had a mathematician visit us and she made us understand that mathematicians don't just sit at a desk all day and it can be fun. In the afternoon we would be greeted by our partner who we would work with to create a project by the end of the week. For the first week, I was paired with a girl from London, we combined our interests and created a scratch game about the digestive system. I created all the animations and my partner created the scratch game. At the end of the week, we should show our projects to the rest of the group. To finish off each day, we would have a downtime session where we would do something fun and relaxing. My favourite session was with a professional calligraphy artist. This is why I recommend STEM and will do it again in the future.

**Khadija Patel**





# LOOKING AHEAD

<b>07 June 2021</b>	School reopens
<b>07 June 2021</b>	Year 8 HPV vaccinations
<b>10 June 2021</b>	Whole school Enrichment day
<b>10 June 2021</b>	Year 11 Day 1 DofE practice expedition (group 1)
<b>11 June 2021</b>	Year 11 Day 2 DofE practice expedition (group 1)
<b>14 June 2021</b>	Year 10 Test week
<b>17 June 2021</b>	Year 9 charity walk (The Guild Wheel)
<b>21 June 2021</b>	Year 10 DofE assessed expedition (group 2)
<b>24 June 2021</b>	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 Whole school Sports day
<b>28 June 2021</b>	Year 11 DofE practice expedition (group 1)
<b>01 July 2021</b>	Year 10 Sports Studies group outdoor education
<b>02 July 2021</b>	Former Year 11 Awards Ceremony
<b>05 July 2021</b>	Year 6 Moving Up day
<b>05 July 2021</b>	Year 7 Ingleton walk
<b>06 July 2021</b>	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 Pupil Premium Wellbeing Outdoor Education
<b>08 July 2021</b>	Year 10 Day 1 DofE assessment expedition (group 2)
<b>09 July 2021</b>	Year 10 Day 2 DofE assessment expedition (group 2)
<b>13 July 2021</b>	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 end of year trips
<b>15 July 2021</b>	Year 10 Sports Studies group outdoor education
<b>15 July 2021</b>	Year 7 and Year 8 STEM careers event
<b>16 July 2021</b>	End of term
<b>12 August 2021</b>	GCSE Results day

## ADDITIONAL NOTICES

Please be mindful of other road users whilst dropping off and picking up your daughters.  
For school timings, please have a look on our website.



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