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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Assalamu Alaikum ww

I would like to start this newsletter by extending my gratitude and special thanks to the pupils, parents, staff, and governors of our school. As you are aware, this has been my first term as the Headteacher at our wonderful school and it was an extremely busy yet rewarding first term. Without your continued support and duas, we would not be enjoying the success we have today.



In October we hosted our 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 the icing on the cake were our Pupil Ambassadors who were 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 emailed me to say, 'your Open Day really showcased what an amazing school you have, the staff were happy, polite, and very passionate about their school and subjects. What sold the school in the best light for me were the pupils, they were fantastic role models which is exactly how I would want my daughter to be when she grows up'. 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, charity fundraising activities, careers events and book fairs, to name just a few of the exciting things that have been happening. In addition, please take a look at our website where we have lots of information about our curriculum and in particular around reading and the different avenues in relation to how we are engaging our learners through some new reading initiatives.

Our amazing Enrichment Day which was based around the theme of Well-being was also a huge success. Again, our website has a section about this for further information about how you can ensure your daughter is able to gain assistance in relation to wellbeing and safeguarding, in particular during the holidays.

Our autumn term reaches a climax for us in the final week with the Celebration Assembly.

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 4th, 2023.

Mr R Patel

Mr R Patel Headteacher

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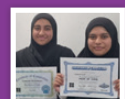
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WELCOME

A special welcome to the parents of all 124 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 124 new pupils we have had a few new staff who have joined us. They are:

Asma Vali (Head of Year 9)
Mehzabin Patel (Admin)
Elli Midgley (English)
Hafsah Patel (Maths)
Shahzia Hussain (Maths)
Asiya Ibrahim (Science)
Claire Jones (FPN)
Seema Bux (Scouts co-ordinator)
Bareerah Akubat (TA)
Sameera Zinga (TA)
Mohammed Desai (Security)
Ebrahim Bux (Security)

Should you need to speak to someone regarding your daughter, please contact the relevant Head of Year.

Year 7 - Miss Akubat
Year 8 - Miss Ahmed
Year 9 - Mrs Vali
Year 10 - Mrs Lhari
Year 11 - Mrs Member

YEAR 11 GCSE AWARDS EVENING

What a delight to welcome back the Year 11 pupils of 2022 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.

Mrs Kalang acted as master of ceremonies and first called the girls out to receive their GCSE Certificates. This was followed by subject and special prizes presented by Mr Foster, and the evening culminated with the Headteacher's prizes presented by Mr Patel.

As Guest Speaker for the evening, we were delighted to welcome Imran Hakim, inventor of the iTeddy (Dragons Den). He spoke about how he

started off with borrowing just £2000 from his dad to follow his dream. He spoke about never giving up and finding your own path through life and what he said was inspiring and thought-provoking to our girls. We thank him for giving up his valuable time to come and speak to the girls.

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.

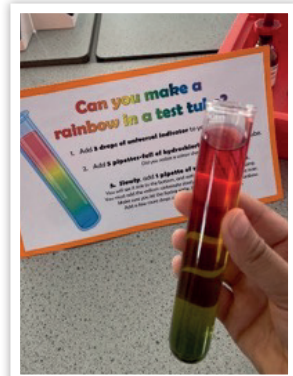
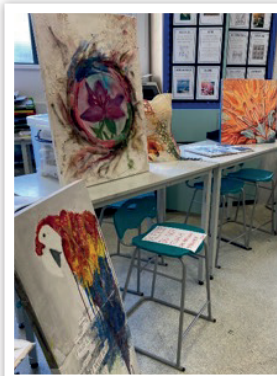


OPEN DAY

On 8th October at 10.00am the gates finally opened to welcome everyone to the PMGHS Open Day 2022. 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.

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. Inshallah _____ - 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!



OLD TRAFFORD MANCHESTER UNITED VISIT

The Year 7 pupils visited Old Trafford for a Manchester United Stadium and Education Tour in November. This was part of their Football stadium cultural capital experience. One of the Year 7 pupils gave an account of what they experienced on the day.

In Year 7, as part of our Physical Education (PE) topic, football, we visited the grand Theatre of Dreams in Manchester, Old Trafford.

My experience of the trip was thrilling, for this was my first time exploring the home of my heroes, Manchester United: it was a nobility for me, being able to delve into the history and game aspects of the team first-hand. The personnel who worked there were exceedingly kind, and each had adequate extents of information. In particular, our guide, who we toured around the stadium with, was incredibly compassionate about his job and club; we navigated our way from the lobby into the museum, took a sneak peek at the splendid trophy room, examined the complexity of the field, and even got a chance to be seated at the dugouts! Other activities we did were arriving in the dressing rooms of the players and trying on the kits that legendary footballers once wore.

Overall, not only did I form a broader understanding about the beautiful game, but correspondingly created fond memories at Old Trafford. The outing was enlivening and wonderful, and I do hope that future students will see it that way, too.

By Aaminah Rizwan Desai, 7P



BRONTE PARSONAGE MUSEUM VISIT

My trip to Haworth was such an enriching experience. It felt like turning back time, into this marvellous era filled with enticing literature. Haworth was the place where three of the best female writers lived: Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Bronte. You may have heard of some of their works such as 'Jane Eyre' (Charlotte Bronte), 'Wuthering Heights' (Emily Bronte) and 'The Tenant of Wildfell Hall' (Anne Bronte). Seeing the home of these talented writers inspired me with the fascinating stories of the sisters and the vintage

beauty of Haworth. We visited the sister's house, the church their father oversaw, and we had a stroll around Haworth itself. It was a trip packed with inspiring stories and interesting information. It was a trip worth a lifetime, especially for those who love writing. I would love to go back and visit Haworth once more, and once again experience its historical and literary value.

Saffanah Showkat



READING AT PMGHS

Reading is immensely valuable and extremely enjoyable; we have been working to ensure that our school is an environment which stimulates, maintains, and develops an enquiring mind; we expose our pupils to reading material whenever possible.

This term we have we immersed our pupils in an array of opportunities celebrate and enjoy reading.

Restaurant Reads

We have introduced Restaurant Reads in the canteen; these allow us to encourage reading at lunchtime. Our pupils are able to sit and read whilst enjoying their snacks and meals in the hall. There are news articles, stories, facts and information about inspirational people and the world around them displayed on the tables. This helps our pupils to improve their vocabulary and general knowledge.



Recommended reading from our pupils

Our pupils love reading and want to share their love of books with their peers. Please visit our website to read about all the different books our pupils are enjoying at the moment:

<https://pmghs.com/index.php/education/reading-at-pmghs/recommended-reading-from-our-pupils/>

Bookbuzz

All Year 7 pupils take part in the Bookbuzz reading programme which is designed to inspire a love of reading. We gave our pupils the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 17 titles. These books are all carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure. The aim is to encourage reading via book ownership. Pupils also have the chance to swap their books with other pupils should they wish later in the year. All the books are also available in the library for pupils to borrow.



READING AT PMGHS

Roald Dahl Day

On Tuesday, 13th September, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day. This was the perfect opportunity to celebrate the exceptional storyteller, ignite a passion for reading in our pupils, and show our unity as a school.

Subjects across the curriculum introduced the pupils to a selection of Roald Dahl's most famous stories, and taught their own subject using these sources.

Please visit our website to watch the video of the day:

<https://pmghs.com/index.php/education/reading-at-pmghs/roald-dahl-day/>



Lancashire Book of the Year

PMGHS has been chosen to take part in
Lancashire Book of the Year 2023!

We will be receiving a collection of new books which have been submitted by publishers as the best books they have produced for the 12-14 age group.



A lucky group of year 9 pupils will be selected to read and discuss them. Then they will vote for their favourite, attend the exciting award ceremony and even get the chance to meet the authors themselves!

'BANKING' READING KNOWLEDGE

NEW!

KS3 'Bank' your knowledge

Reading is a knowledge rich activity. We have asked our pupils to 'bank' their knowledge! **This will allow them to revisit their knowledge and help them to retain it!**

How can they 'bank' their knowledge?

They have been provided with an A5 exercise book which we will be referring to as a '**Reading Bank**'. This is going to be used to record any new words that they have learnt or any interesting and effective linguistic devices they come across.

Essentially, they are learning from 'expert' writers! Recording it is all about remembering the experts' craft.

NEW!

KS3 'Reading Banks.'

Look at how some pupils have transformed their 'Reading Banks':



NEW!

KS4 Creating Scrapbooks

Reading is a knowledge rich activity.

We want the pupils to 'bank' their knowledge and celebrate their reading!

Each form group will create a scrapbook where they **write reviews**, **share** interesting pieces of information that they have learnt, or **celebrate a book** in a creative and original way!

Pupils can choose how they present their form scrapbook and its contents.

NEW!

COMPETITION TIME...

**KS3:
THE BEST 'READING BANKS' WILL
WIN PRIZES.**

**KS4:
THE FORM WITH THE BEST
SCRAPBOOK WILL WIN A PRIZE.**



**LET THE COMPETITION
COMMENCE!**



Library trolley out each break-times/wet lunchtimes making library resources more easily accessible across the school – pupils don't necessarily have to visit the library to have access to books. Hopefully they will notice this at lunch today!

- Recently invested in 'Borrower Synchronisation' feature for the library system so it updates any user details and login information every night by connecting with SIMS. This has ironed out any logging in problems for pupils and there has been a noticeable increase in pupils logging into the library website at home and reserving books etc.
- Suggestions box in the library is used regularly and I take the pupils interests on board when ordering new books.
- Different departments also email me recommended reading for their subjects, so I ensure I have copies of those in the library too.
- Dedicated space in the library for HiLo, EAL, Easy Reads etc. This has been helpful in supporting the new reading interventions that we have put in place.
- We have a subscription with the Clear Vision Project who lend us braille resources for visually impaired students.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

For National Poetry Day, we invited the Poet, Amina Atiq, to our school to read poetry, deliver workshops and empower our children.

Please visit our website to watch the video of the day:

<https://pmghs.com/index.php/education/reading-at-pmghs/national-poetry-day/>

A pupil from Year 9 wrote about the day and how she enjoyed it:

Pupil Voice

I participated in National Poetry day. PMGHS gave us the opportunity to not only become inspired by bringing a professional poet to school, but also develop our confidence and character by preforming our poems on stage. The day was a gateway for pupils to express what they were passionate about and discover the power our words hold.

During the day, we took part in a workshop where we were able to create a piece of poetry which allowed us to find meaning and connection and explore our identity. This was a great opportunity to not just make our inner voices heard, but to develop confidence in our writing. We learnt many things such as vocal exercises to deliver a poem,

how to actually perform poetry and unite with our audience on a common ground.

Personally, I discovered the power of my words and learnt how I can allow my skills to flourish. I now understand how beautiful poetry can be when it has a meaning and comes from the heart. It was an amazing experience from writing my poem to preforming it on stage. I truly felt inspired by the other pupils' poems too and learnt how to overcome fear when it came to performing it on stage. National Poetry Day allowed me to explore my potential. Overall, it was an amazing, eventful, and empowering experience filled with originality and imagination. I loved it!

Mishel, Year 9



EXPOSURE TO LITERARY CAREERS

Shabana Hussain, children's author, visits PMGHS

Shabana proudly shared her journey on becoming a successful children's author, talking about the importance of providing children with the exposure to the Muslim perspective in literature.

Our pupils were captivated by her inspiring story which ignited their passion for pursuing publishing prospects!

Pupil Voice

The author who came to deliver a talk to us helped me to understand different career choices and truly think about literature as a springboard for stimulating imagination, passion and awareness of issues that are important in the world today.

The author spoke of her journey and how she never gave up despite rejection; this was inspirational and reminded us all that we should overcome hardship and put belief in the Almighty, and perseverance indeed pays!

The author talked about why she chose the topics of bullying and death and how they were important issues to address to help young children talk about them easily and deal with issues as they arise. This resonated with me because these topics are hard for us to deal with.

We explored diversity in the assembly and the importance of respect and kindness towards everyone; these are British values and ones that we are encouraged to embrace in our school.

The author was a bridge for us to see into the real world and hear about the countless possibilities of different careers within the arts sector.

From conversations I had with other pupils, it was clear that the talk motivated readers of today to become writers of tomorrow!

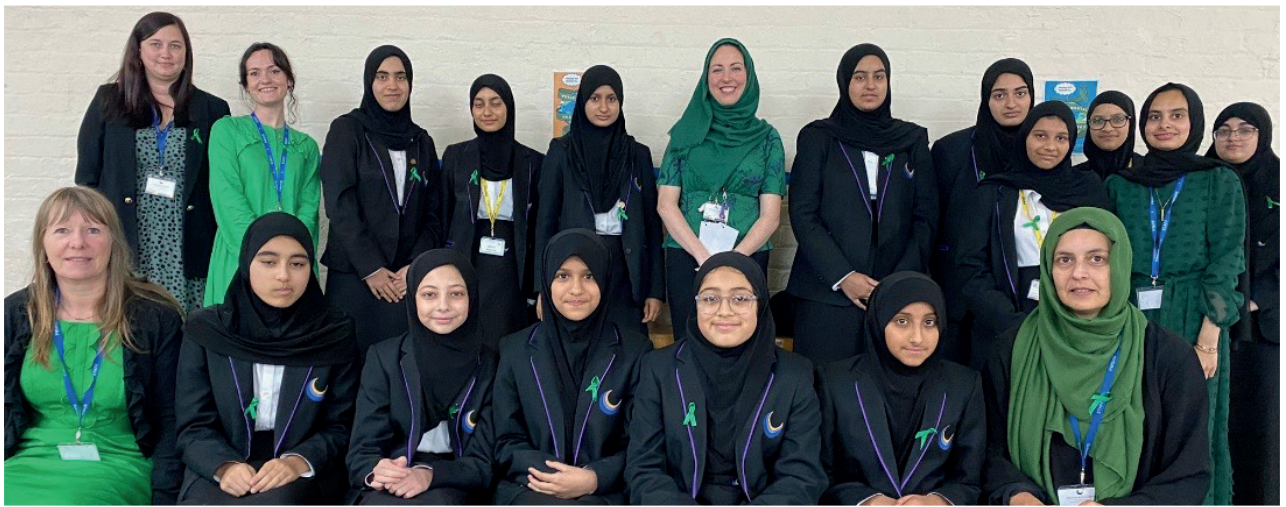
Mishel, Year 9



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

Monday 10 October saw the pupils and staff taking part in Mental Health Awareness Day. We were one of thousands of schools across the country who come together to show their support for young people and acknowledge that how they feel matters. To raise awareness both pupils and staff were able to wear a green accessory to school. We also sold green ribbons in support of this day.

Pupils and staff raised just over £190 for the charity Young Minds, a leading charity helping and supporting young people with issues around mental health.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING ENRICHMENT DAY

PMGHS recognizes that the wellbeing of our girls is important. We care for our girls, and we want to ensure that their individual needs are known and met. A variety of mental health support is available in school, from trained staff to pupil ambassadors.

Our aim is to equip our girls with the tools they need to look after their own Mental wellbeing. The support we provide ranges from form time discussions, literature and wellbeing enrichment days which are led by pupils, teachers, and external providers.

Our intention is to enable pupils acquire knowledge and understanding of what mental health is and to develop skills and habits, which help strengthen both character and mindset.



CAREER TALK

CAREER
TALK

Learn · Grow · Thrive

We invited local professionals into school to talk to the Year 7's and 11's about their unique career journey as part of the Careers Enrichment and PSHE lesson. This was a valuable opportunity for the pupils to hear first-hand what different careers are like. The guest speakers talked about what qualifications they studied and what inspired them to choose their career path. Pupils also had the opportunity for a Q&A session. The goal of Career Talks is to equip pupils with the inspiration and information, and to make better informed decisions about their future career paths.



YEAR 11 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Our Year 11 pupils have been developing their interview techniques by engaging in Mock Interviews this term as part of the Careers Enrichment. Local employers volunteered their precious time to provide the Year 11's the opportunity to develop self-confidence and improve interview techniques. Each pupil was given essential feedback from our professional volunteers, which will help them make progress for the future. The event was a great success with interviewers praising the effort and commitment from the pupils. Feedback from our volunteers was extremely positive. Although some students were feeling the pre interview nerves they all left feeling proud of what they had accomplished and improved confidence ready for future interviews!



BAE SYSTEMS STEM ROADSHOW

Year 7 and 8 pupils were treated to an educational and entertaining BAE Roadshow. This was delivered by the Education Programme at BAE Systems, which is supported by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. The roadshow was organised to inspire our pupils to take an interest in jobs relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). The team, with the support of Mr Magnet, demonstrated a series of practical applications of scientific concepts. Pupils learnt the basics of how magnets work, what is magnetic, the uses of electromagnetism and the strength of how a magnetic force can suspend a human body in the air.



BAE SYSTEMS



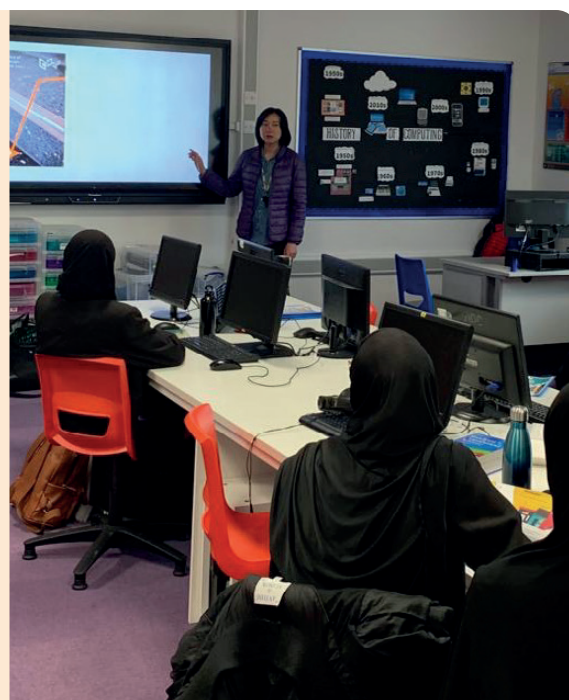
WILLMOTT DIXON – OI SAN

Year 10 pupils had the pleasure of Oi San from Willmott Dixon talking to them about how to design their own home and about women in construction.



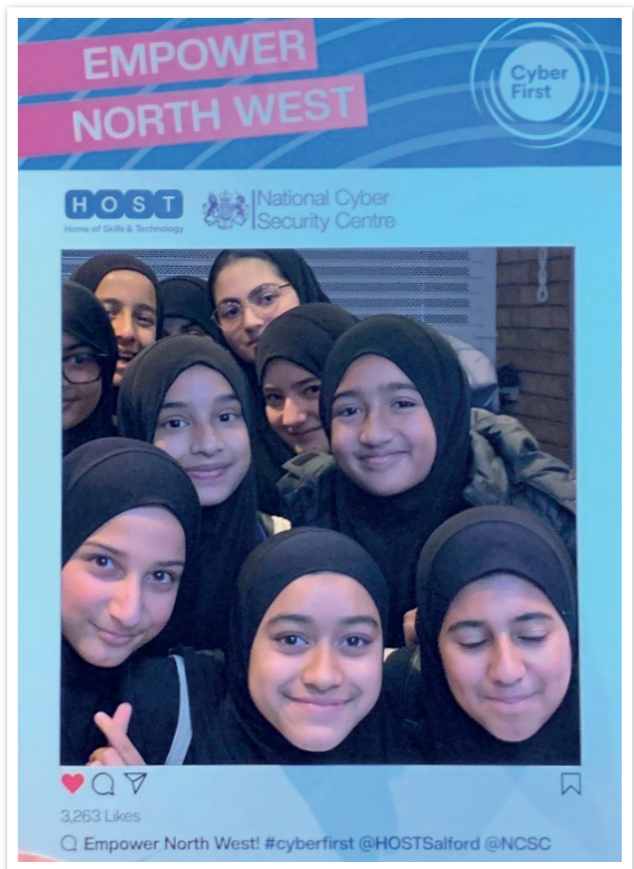
**WILLMOTT DIXON
CONSTRUCTION**

Willmott Dixon is a privately-owned construction and interior fit-out specialist with the ambition to create a huge and lasting positive impact on our society.



CYBERFIRST SCHOOLS NORTHWEST EMPOWER EVENT

Selective Year 8 pupils attended the CyberFirst Schools Northwest Empower event. The event is designed to transform the way that young girls think about careers in computing and challenge the underrepresentation of women in tech careers. This event took place at Blackburn Rovers FC, Elwood Park. The scheme is fully funded by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). Pupils took part on the day in a range of activities which will help provide them with better learning and career opportunities in cyber and tech. There were various interactive and engaging activities and representatives from businesses, apprenticeship schemes and universities. Keynote speeches were led by inspiring women in STEM. All pupils were presented with a certificate in recognition of taking part in the CyberFirst event. The goal of these Empower events is to reach young girls at a pivotal moment in their education, to change their perspectives on computing and to inspire the next generation of cyber professionals.



Year 11's had the opportunity to visit Lancaster University as part of the school careers' programme.

During the visit, the pupil's had the opportunity to talk with staff and students about the range of courses they have available, the UCAS application process and about the demands of university study. In addition, there was also a guided tour of the campus and its wide range of facilities.



My experience at Lancaster University

This visit to Lancaster University was very interesting and made me curious about life after college. Being in year 11, there are so many choices to make and going on this trip made me realise that university life is not exactly how many people make it out to be. When we arrived at Lancaster University, we were greeted by the student ambassadors. It was good to see that there were some former PMGHS pupils who were student ambassadors. Dr Talib who is the Dean of Graduate College inspired us all with her talk about her career journey. We were then introduced to all the student ambassadors. We were split into groups and given a tour of the campus. The campus was magnificent. There was even a separate building for physics, chemistry, and a whole building for nursing. We saw the library which had three different floors for different types of studying. There were pods that the University students could book for group studying in the library, and outside in the forest area. All the ambassadors were very helpful and answered even the smallest questions for us, and they told us why they decided to come to Lancaster University. After our tour, we prayed salah. The University's prayer room was beautiful mashallah. For lunch, we had chicken burgers with chips, a cookie, and a juice. After lunch, we attended a talk about the importance of mental wellbeing and the student support offered at the University. We took part in a taster lesson in English and Creative writing. During our tour, there was a quiz which we took part in, and the winners received a small prize. Overall, this trip really benefitted lots of us because it gave us an insight on what University life and studying is all about.

Aaliya Idrees Patel 11H



UK UNIVERSITY AND APPRENTICESHIP CAREERS SEARCH FAIR



Year 11's attended the UK University & Apprenticeship Careers Search Fair as part of the school careers' programme. The event took place at Liverpool FC's Anfield Stadium. There were multitude of exhibitors including Russell Group, modern and specialist institutions and apprenticeship providers from a variety of sectors. During this visit, pupils had the opportunity to talk with staff and students from numerous universities and colleges about the range of courses they have available. In addition, they were able to network with representatives from a wide range of multi-national companies. These company representatives were on hand to discuss the apprenticeship opportunities available and the application processes. Year 11 pupils were also provided with a free online UK University & Apprenticeship Search Options Magazine and many other promotional items around the exhibition.



My experience at the Anfield Careers Event

Last month we visited Anfield Stadium at Liverpool Football Club to attend a careers event where we had the opportunity to speak to different people from several universities, businesses, and apprenticeship providers. They presented us with numerous options and career paths for us to work towards in our future. We were given an insight on various career pathways. There was also so much information on further and higher education, apprenticeships, UCAS points and the application processes. We had to walk around to different stations where we were handed information booklets and university prospectus, leaflets (which covered everything from GCSE subjects to A – levels), personalised equipment and so much more! Then we attended a speech which further explained everything about our day and the activities we were going to take part in, and the numerous options that are available for us to take in the future. I personally found this experience well informative and engaging. After an eventful & informative morning regarding careers, we all really enjoyed spending the afternoon at Anfield Stadium. We walked around the ground and visited the Hillsborough Memorial and the statue of Bill Shankly. This event was organised very well and ran smoothly, and I can definitely say the experience was memorable. It has helped me to plan my future and understand exactly where my ambitions lie at this moment of my life. I would definitely recommend this event to the future generations. Thank you for this amazing experience!

Zainab Matadar 11M

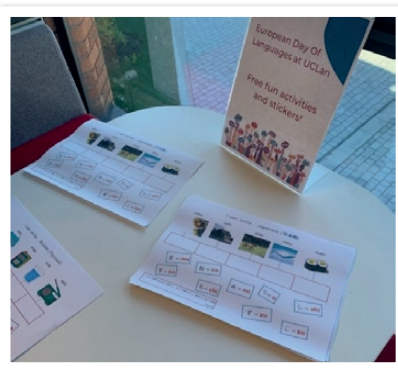


EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES EVENT AT UCLAN



Selective Year 10 pupils attended the European Day of Languages event at UCLAN. There were talks by senior language lecturers about the importance of learning languages and how this can impact on career options. In addition, pupils had the opportunity to tour the language facilities at the university and took part in taster sessions in British Sign Language, Spanish and TESOL (teaching English to travel the world).

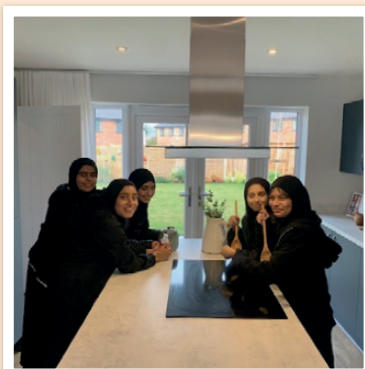
The event was a fantastic learning day for all to experience with the additional activities which pupils enjoyed immensely.



‘HOMES FOR EVERYONE’ PROJECT

Selective Year 10 pupils have been taking part in an exciting ‘Homes for Everyone’ project with Willmott Dixon. Willmott Dixon is the UK's leading independent construction and property services company. They are currently building homes in the Preston area. The project is aimed to inspire female pupils to think about the industry as a potential career route whilst also increasing employability skills for work in general. During this project, pupils will develop essential skills such as design and creativity, teamwork, project management and report writing. In addition, it will help them to

develop better communication and team-working skills. Pupils recently visited the site and the D'urton Grange Show homes in Broughton which they all enjoyed immensely. They also had the opportunity of meeting Oi San who is an architect. She currently works for AEW Architects in Manchester and was invited by Willmott Dixon to come into the school and speak to the pupils regarding designing new homes. Oi San went through floor plans and digital designs with the pupils. They found the lesson very interesting and realised that there is a lot of planning and design work involved in building new homes.



HOUR OF CODE – COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK 2022

This week students in Year 9 have been taking part in the annual Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Anyone anywhere can organise an Hour of Code event or try any of the over 500+ one-hour tutorials, available in over 45 languages. They took part in this to coincide with Computer Science Education Week.

Students have been working on practicing their programming skills through a variety of different activities hosted on the website, <https://hourofcode.com/uk>. This has helped them develop their knowledge and understanding of computer programming concepts, whilst also showing them that, in this changing world, computer literacy is becoming a more and more important part of society.



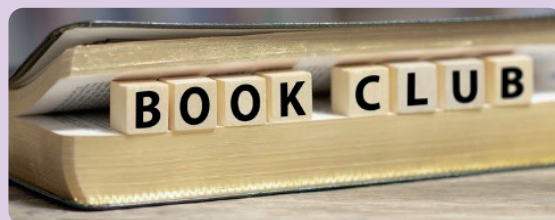
LIBRARY NEWS

PMGHS has been chosen as a judging school for the Lancashire Book of the Year 2023 competition!

Lancashire Book of the Year is the longest running young people's book award in the country and winner of the competition is voted for exclusively by Year 9 pupils across Lancashire.

A group of Year 9 pupils have been meeting with the school librarian, Miss Smalley, to discuss this exciting opportunity and have started reading the books on the longlist for the competition. These books have been put forward for the award by publishers as being the best books they had produced for the 12-14 age group. The Book Club will continue to meet regularly to talk about their favourite books from the collection and over the coming months each pupil taking part will be asked to vote for the book they think should win the award!

All the pupils involved in this fantastic event will be invited to attend a special celebration where they will get to meet the authors and see the winner of the competition being announced!



Lancashire Book of the Year BOOK CLUB



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We made a great start to the year with a variety of clubs that the girls could join to enhance their education beyond classroom-based learning.

It has been an excellent opportunity for the pupils to recognise their own personal interest and goals outside of the curriculum and an important opportunity for pupils to have fun and relax, whilst also enhancing their life experiences.

Here are some comments from the girls who have taken part in some of the clubs.

Multi-Sports

We started this term with netball. It is really fun and interesting because we have learnt new skills. It is a good opportunity to have fun with friends as well as get some exercise. We have really enjoyed it - **Rumisa Safi, Amina Aqueel Abrar, Imaan Shahid Year 7**

CAD

I like CAD club because it gives us an opportunity to go on the computer to design and make things that we like. I have learnt a lot and so far, we have made a keyring using the laser cutter which has been really fun - **Sumayya, Ayesha Umar and Maariyah Year 7**



Arabic art

In Arabic art club we are learning how to write different letters in Arabic calligraphy. So far, we've learnt how to write alif and baa. It can be tricky but, I am grateful that we have a teacher to help us at every step, making sure we are all progressing. The best thing is that we've been given our own ink pot and bamboo calligraphy pen so we can practise at home too!

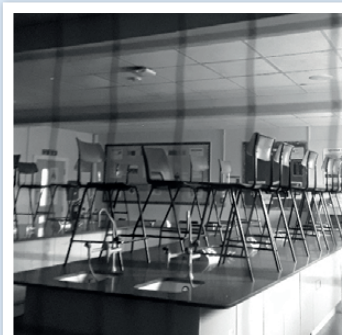
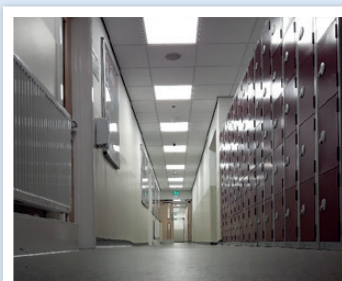
Aaishah Mulla 7P



Photography

"I love photography club because I can express my ideas through photos. We have a topic each week to help us explore different ways of taking photographs. I use a camera, the iPad and editing tools to create awesome pictures".

Fatimah Nomani 7H



Football

"I thoroughly enjoy our football sessions at Westview. We have a more positive attitude toward the game, and it has allowed us to showcase our talents. It has been great for motivation and has unleashed our competitive side. Thanks to Mrs Nalla, Miss Naeem and Mrs Ahmed for their encouragement and participation too".

Amirah Ahmed Year 10

fundraising

Sri Lankan Orphans Sponsorship Programme



AL-IMDAAD
FOUNDATION
Striving to serve Humanity

"Myself and the caretaker of an orphan will be in Paradise like this," and he held his two fingers together. (Hadeeth, Sahih Bukhari).

All children are entitled to basic rights relating to health, education, nutrition, and protection. Yet each year, millions are subjected to abuse, and even more are orphaned due to war, famine, HIV/Aids, poverty, and natural disasters. We at PMGHS want to recognise and stretch out our hands for our brothers and sisters.

We have again launched our fundraising commitment for the Sri Lankan Orphans for the seventh year running, with each form supporting a named orphan. We now have a total of 18 orphans that we sponsor 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)

This year, pupils were encouraged to raise money through different initiatives. They came up with several 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.

Emergency Pakistan Flood Appeal

This term we launched a 4-week Emergency appeal for the devastations in Pakistan. We worked alongside Islamic Relief to aid and support the catastrophic flooding in Pakistan that left one-third of the country underwater. Our pupils raised money by selling various things including Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. A High tea was organised for Staff to raise money for this Pakistan Appeal. Alhamdulillah, we raised a smashing **£4764.89**.



Macmillan Coffee

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 **£700.00** Alhamdulillah.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Year 7 Awards

Subject	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Endeavour
English	Raghad Assakereh (7P)	Fatimah Younus (7M)	Fatimah Nomani (7H)	Bushra Ilyas (7G)
Maths	Amina Miah (7M)	Ayesha Intwala (7G)	Hana Rahim (7M)	Maryam Patel (7H)
Science	Ayisha Aslam (7M)	Aaishah Mulla (7P)	Marwah Rahman (7G)	Afia Master (7M)
French	Eman Mobeen Kausar (7G)	Qandeel Fatima (7H)	Sumaya Ikram (7H)	Yasmine El Kadi (7G)
Urdu	Aamina Patel (7M)	Fatima Badat (7G)	Fatima Dudhara (7P)	Maryam Siddiqi (7H)
Arabic	Maryam Alkachkach (7M)	Afia Master (7M)	Aaminah Master (7P)	Maryam Sultan (7P)
Geography	Ayisha Aslam (7M)	Manaal Bibi (7M)	Hana Rahim (7M)	Huda Sajid (7M)
History	Safiya Nawaz (7H)	Hafsa Amin (7P)	Manaal Bibi (7M)	Malak Elkady (7G)
Religious Studies	Rayhaana Desai (7H)	Aasiyah Bapu (7H)	Afia Master (7M)	Amina Aqeel Abrar (7M)
DT	Aasiyah Ismail (7P)	Fatima Dudhara (7P)	Sama Abdelaal (7P)	Aamina M Patel (7M)
Art	Amanah Khan (7H)	Aysa Pepi (7H)	Saarah Vahaluwala (7H)	Aasiyah Mulla (7H)
Food Prep	Ayesha Vali (7M)	Aamina Patel (7M)	Aaminah Desai (7P)	Aaishah Mulla (7P)
Computer Science	Ayesha Intwala (7G)	Ajwa Mehmood (7G)	Haleema Adam (7H)	Safiya Nawaz (7H)
Music with Nasheeds	Aaminah Adam (7H)	Amanah Khan (7H)	Hannah Zafar (7H)	Aasiyah Mulla (7H)
Drama	Ayesha Vali (7M)	Aaminah Desai (7P)	Haadiya Tabassum (7P)	Sara Yakub (7P)
Physical Education	Ammarah Wadie (7H)	Rumana Khurdam (7G)	Aaminah Adam (7H)	Fatimah Younus (7M)

Headteacher Award

Aamina Iqram Patel
(7G)

Muslimah Award

Aaminah Desai
(7P)

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Year 8 Awards

Subject	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Endeavour
English	Maryam Akhtar (8M)	Aysha Iqbal Bhana (8P)	Zeenat Patel (8H)	Taiba Saeed (8H)
Maths	Zoniyan Ahmed (8G)	Rashid, Hajra (8H)	Zaynab Hussain (8P)	Aamira Patel (8P)
Science	Aliya Patel (8M)	Hira Kamran (8G)	Sanaa Neki (8H)	Simra Siddiqi (8M)
French	Lamees Munnee (8H)	Ayesha Wahid Patel (8P)	Aamena Ikheria (8P)	Aaminah Matadar (8H)
Urdu	Zahra Patel (8G)	Tahreem Saeed (8P)	Khadeejah Randeri (8M)	Isra Waqas (8H)
Arabic	Umamah Rawat (8H)	Maryam Ibrahim (8M)	Aaminah Adam (8P)	Humerah Natha (8P)
Geography	Zaynab Hussain (8P)	Sohila Khattab (8M)	Laiba Pathan (8G)	Maryam Akhtar (8M)
History	Habibah Islam (8G)	Aaliyah Tailor (8M)	Afiya Hakim (8H)	Fatema Larya (8M)
Religious Studies	Umme-Kulthoom Gangat (8G)	Husna Mamsa (8G)	Aysha Iqbal Bhana (8P)	Humerah Natha (8P)
DT	Sana Kazi (8H)	Lamees Munnee (8H)	Fatima Shafique (8H)	Maryam Munshi (8G)
Art	Aminah Hussain (8M)	Khadeejah Randeri (8M)	Eliza Adeel-Abrar (8P)	Mariam Ashfaq Ahmad (8P)
Food Prep	Aaishah Patel (8H)	Amsah Tunio (8H)	Fatema Vahaluwala (8G)	Kulthum Patel (8G)
Computer Science	Fariha Iqbal (8P)	Aamena Ikheria (8P)	Hasina Hansrot (8P)	Tahreem Saeed (8P)
Music with Nasheeds	Zaynab Hussain (8P)	Simra Siddiqi (8M)	Zorain Awais (8M)	Areesha Sajjad (8H)
Drama	Lamees Munnee (8H)	Haleema Khaleq (8H)	Zara Patel (8M)	Maryam Akhtar (8M)
Physical Education	Rida Ali (8P)	Aaminah Shoaib Patel (8G)	Zeenat Patel (8H)	Amarah Ghafoor (8M)

Headteacher Award

Khadijah Ibrahim
(8P)

Muslimah Award

Aamenah Isat
(8M)

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Year 9 Awards

Subject	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Endeavour
English	Zahra Gangat (9G)	Ayesha Jamal (9M)	Sanaa Natha (9G)	Aatiqah Patel (9H)
Maths	Zahraa Casooji (9P)	Maleeha Khan (9M)	Malaikah Razzaq (9H)	Amina Bhad (9G)
Science	Lara Ekhwan (9M)	Mariam Shahzad (9H)	Aysha Gangat (9M)	Zarah Hussain (9M)
French	Unaisah Saleh (9H)	Safura Tilly (9H)	Anisa Hossain (9P)	Hajrah Dukandar (9H)
Urdu	Safiya Patel (9H)	Ayesha Jamal (9M)	Yumna Umar (9H)	Fatima Ilyas (9P)
Arabic	Zainab Rimas Mohamed (9H)	Humaira Master (9H)	Maarya Wadie (9H)	Hajra Saleh (9G)
Geography	Kamela Amin (9P)	Sanaa Natha (9G)	Maryam Vorajee (9H)	Deena Ismail (9M)
History	Khudaijah Patel (9H)	Muryam Ali (9P)	Vasilah Nawab (9G)	Saffaa Rehman (9G)
Religious Studies	Safura Tilly (9H)	Aaminah Randerea (9H)	Safiya Patel (9H)	Aysha Gangat (9M)
DT	Aisha Pandor (9G)	Humairaa Dedat (9P)	Fatima Gani (9P)	Zayna Motara (9G)
Art	Iqra Jan (9M)	Maarya Wadie (9H)	Saffanah Showkat (9M)	Noorhan Syed (9H)
Food Prep	Asiyah Khanporia (9G)	Safiya Patel (9H)	Sabah Ahmad (9P)	Sara Ekhwan (9G)
Computer Science	Mishel Rafiq (9M)	Zahraa Casooji (9P)	Anah Ikram (9P)	Lujain Razia (9M)
Music with Nasheeds	Unaisah Saleh (9H)	Maida Siddique (9H)	Yumna Umar (9H)	Saffanah Showkat (9M)
Drama	Noor Elhakim (9P)	Humayrah Malik (9G)	Sana Choudry (9G)	Asiyah Khaporia (9G)
Physical Education	Humaira Master (9H)	Maariyah Isap (9M)	Aizah Intwala (9G)	Noor Elhakim (9P)

Headteacher Award

Mishel Rafiq
(9M)

Muslimah Award

Khadija Saeed Kilani
(9H)

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Year 10 Awards

Subject	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Endeavour
English	Raida Miah (10G)	Habeebah Chothia (10M)	khadijah Ismail (10P)	Jamila Zadrán (10P)
Maths	Raida Miah (10G)	Halima Hansrod (10H)	Safiyah Maravia (10H)	Khadeejah Patel (10H)
Science	Zara Tagari (10H)	Khadeja Islam (10G)	Thanaa Nomani (10M)	Aram Alsharef (10P)
French	Zainab Patel (10M)	Rukhsar Ali (10P)	Aqeelah Mir (10G)	Maryam Gurjee (10H)
Urdu	Maariyah Patel (10M)	Aisha Patel (10M)	Eishaal Ghumman Inayat (10P)	Khadija Patel (10M)
Arabic	Jamila Zadrán (10P)	Raida Miah (10G)	Aqssa Amin (10P)	Maryam Albayati (10G)
Geography	Alesha Shahzad (10H)	Khadija Patel (10M)	Sabihah Hussain (10M)	Azeemah Patel (10M)
History	Ashiya Adam (10G)	Aisha Khan (10P)	Misba Ada (10H)	Sana Khan (10G)
Religious Studies	Khadeejah Patel (10H)	Maymunah Khan (10M)	Zara Khan (10P)	Hafsa Beshiri (10P)
DT	Ashiya Adam (10G)	Khadija Ismail (10P)	Aisha Wadee (10P)	Aafiyah Patel (10H)
Art	Khadija Akubat (10G)	Aaliyah Neki (10G)	Maariyah Patel (10M)	Amina Adam (10G)
Food Prep	Aatikah Patel (10M)	Khadeja Islam (10G)	Hafsa Ahmad (10P)	Raida Miah (10G)
Computer Science	Jamila Zadrán (10P)	Aishah Isap (10M)	Eishaal Ghumman Inayat (10P)	Aisha Jamal (10M)
Business Studies	Anisah Vorajee (10G)	Faryal Rajar (10P)	Aram Alsharef (10P)	Fatima Noor Amin (10M)
Health & Social Care	Fatima Desai (10G)	Aalia Patel (10G)	Maryam Umerjee (10P)	Zara Tagari (10H)
Physical Education	Zainab Walibhai (10M)	Ameena Kalhoro (10H)	Faatimah Munshi (10P)	Amirah Ahmed (10P)
Sports Studies	Safiyah Maravia (10H)	Safiyya Member (10H)	Thanaa Nomani (10M)	Aaminah Patel (10G)

Headteacher Award

Umaymah Patel
(10G)

Muslimah Award

Mariah Patel
(10H)

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Year 11 Awards

Subject	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Endeavour
English	Sameedah Hussain (11M)	Malaika Malik (11H)	Saarah Lakha (11H)	Aaliyah Dadabhoy (11M)
Maths	Unaysah Atcha (11M)	Zahra Umarji (11G)	Lubnaa Patel (11H)	Haajar Ismail (11M)
Science	Amina Kinloch (11H)	Raneem Khoulani (11H)	Sameedah Hussain (11M)	Ayesha Hassan (11P)
French	Hanaa Gurji (11M)	Areesha Khan (11H)	Alisha Yusuf (11P)	Rabia Hussain (11M)
Urdu	Maryam Aslam (11M)	Laiba Amin (11H)	Zaina Ali (11M)	Sanaa Patel (11G)
Arabic	Marwa Alkachkach (11G)	Zainab Matadar (11M)	Safa Sabir (11M)	Zahra Khan (11M)
Geography	Ayesha Hassan (11P)	Maariyah Tagari (11H)	Maysaa Ali (11P)	Fatima Taushif Patel (11M)
History	Imaani Vohra (11G)	Areesha Khan (11H)	Sarah Patel (11G)	Humayrah Vohra (11P)
Religious Studies	Halima Valli (11M)	Aliya Jogiat (11H)	Suhana Mulla (11G)	Javeria Ali (11G)
DT	Rahimah Rahman (11P)	Zarlish Sajid (11H)	Minna Malik (11H)	Zainab Kadva (11M)
Art	Raneem Khoulani (11H)	Khadija Tilly (11H)	Rokaya Kilani (11H)	Marwa Alkachkach (11H)
Food Prep	Fatima Saiyed (11P)	Maysaa Ali (11P)	Aaliyah Mohtat (11H)	Sara Kalang (11P)
Computer Science	Aamina Kinloch (11H)	Amaani Sola (11G)	Mariam Philips (11M)	Aliya Jogiat (11H)
Business Studies	Fatima Pepi (11G)	Hafsah Ali (11P)	Ayesha Esmail (11P)	Ayesha Imran (11H)
Health & Social Care	Aliyah Tutla (11G)	Suhana Mulla (11G)	Ayesha Hassan (11P)	Imaani Vohra (11G)
Physical Education	Thanaa Asmal (11M)	Zainub Hansrod (11G)	Bushra Al Hamdy (11P)	Aaliya Idrees Patel (11H)
Sports Studies	Zainab Khanu (11G)	Muskan Sarmi (11H)	Rumaysa Ibrahim (11M)	Zainab Matadar (11M)

Headteacher Award

Aaliya Idrees Patel
(11H)

Muslimah Award

Shifaa Patel
(11M)

OTHER NEWS...

Mobile Phone Policy

A gentle reminder to explain the school's policy on mobile phones and what is and isn't allowed. We all recognise the many ways that mobile phones can make our lives more convenient. However, they have no place in school. School is a place where young people need to focus on their learning, their personal development, and the development of their faith. Mobile phones are a distraction from these goals and that is why they are banned in school. Furthermore, in school, mobile phones represent a risk to safeguarding as images that are captured, without permission, can be shared and posted on sites beyond the knowledge or control of the school. This is unacceptable.

For these reasons I take the issue of mobile phones in school very seriously and there will be consequences for pupils who breach this policy. Please discuss the seriousness of this with your daughter and make sure that she understands the reasons for this stance and that she complies with the policy which can be found on our school website.

Please note

As the weather has become colder, several 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. 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.

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.

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.

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

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



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