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## Welcome to Eden Boys' School

From Miss A Middlemass (Principal)

A warm welcome to all boys and their families to our new School. I hope all boys have spent this half term getting used to the surroundings and have become accustomed to the high expectations we have of all our pupils, parents and staff in ensuring that everyone connected to the School is ultimately successful.

We are here to help in any way we can and our staff will support you as much as is needed.

I hope you enjoy reading this first edition of our Pastoral Bulletin.

## Attendance

**Current School Attendance : 98.6%**

The School would like to remind parents and pupils that there is a direct link between high academic achievement and excellent attendance. We humbly request that all parents avoid their sons taking needless days off School as this will heavily impact his learning. The School's policy is to contact parents when pupils are absent to ascertain the reasons why. Please do not be offended when you get a call from school requesting your son's attendance as this is normal policy. If you would like to discuss any elements of your son's attendance please contact your son's Head of Year, Moulana Minhaj.



Termly rewards are handed out to all pupils that have 100% attendance to congratulate them on their achievements.

*"Success is the sum of great efforts, repeated day in, day out"*

Robert Collier

## Rock & River—Be Adventurous

As part of the settling In process at Eden Boys, all pupils recently went to a "team bonding and leadership" day at Rock & River Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Mawdesley. The days were organised to allow all boys to get experience of difficult situations and for staff to see how they cope in unfamiliar surroundings. The staff learned a great deal about the boys from the activities they participated in. As one pupil commented, "I love this School. I'm going to have a great time here!"



## From the School of High Aspirations to the Theatre of Dreams

The School recently ran a very successful visit to Manchester United Football Club to follow on from the very successful induction days that were held there during the Summer. Watching a professional football match inspired the boys and their teachers to aim high and become successful too. It was also important to see the boys relax and unwind away from the pressures of Secondary School. We intend to provide many more opportunities for your sons to experience different things whilst he is with us at Eden Boys.



The boys are keen to want to visit different places and are always sharing their aspirations with staff at school. We hope to be able to make these opportunities available for all children.

## Ex-HMI Inspection

During the first week of June, welcomed two ex-HMI Inspectors to the school.

TIBHS

Both extremely experienced inspectors came to see if we are maintaining the high standards we expect from ourselves. After two gruelling days, both ex-HMI inspectors were ecstatic and labelled TIBHS as "a highly effective and outstanding school, whose pupils' attendance is second to none, whose respect for their school and teachers is reflected in outstanding behaviour, who make outstanding progress and who are developing in to

## Muharram 1437 AH

Muharram is one of the four sacred months of the Islamic calendar mentioned in the Qur'an.

Muharram has been blessed with certain virtues. Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of the Almighty be upon him) said, "The best of fasts besides the month of Ramadhan is the fasting of Allah's month of Muharram and the best of Salah besides the fardh (compulsory) salah is the Tahajjud Salah (performed after midnight before dawn)."

The 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Muharram known as the day of 'Ashura', is a very significant day in the Islamic calendar. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, has exhorted us to fast on this day. He is reported to have said, "It is an expiation for the (minor) sins of the previous year." (Muslim)

The Prophet fasted and encouraged his companions to fast on this day. Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas says, 'I did not see the Prophet anxiously await the fast of any day, which he gave preference to over other days, but this day, the day of Ashura.' (Bukhari)

### Opening in September 2016

We are delighted to inform you that the work on our permanent home on London Road has commenced.

We are spending 7 million pounds on the project to develop the former Universal House site into a world class facility.

The completion date is July 2016 and the work is on schedule.

**We are delighted that all new pupils will join us in this brand new state of the art complex.**

## Punctuality is a reflection of discipline

Islam is a religion of discipline. It tells us how to regulate our lives in order to gain *success*. These requirements cover all aspects of our lives: our worship, our human-relations, our transactions, our behaviour, our social habits.

Disciplining our lives according to Islamic teachings is important for us in order to have a good 'Aakhirah'. Absence of this discipline is bound to make one's life miserable on this earth as well as in the Hereafter. The Qur'an teaches us how the Almighty's creation follows a disciplined course.

'He causes the night to pass into the day and the day into the night, and He has made the sun and the moon to serve you; each one follows its course for an appointed term.'

(Surah Fatir 35:13)

Thus, discipline is very important in our lives. Acts of worship in Islam portray discipline; how and when an act is supposed to be performed. Hence, it indicates towards punctuality. Punctuality is a characteristic of 'being on time and completing tasks on time'. Islam places great emphasis on performing actions at the right time. Actions performed at the right time are rewarded immensely. Abdullah bin Mas'ud asked the Prophet Muhammad, 'Which action is most beloved to the Almighty?' He replied, "Salah performed at its prescribed time." (Bukhari). This hadith clearly shows the importance of punctuality.

'Hajj' is another example of punctuality. It is performed once a year in a fixed month, on a fixed date, at a fixed place, at a fixed time. Whoever is a part of the pilgrimage to Hajj has to follow the timings. For example, on the 'Day of Arafah', the main day of Hajj, the pilgrim must go to Arafah and stay till Magrib. If the pilgrim leaves earlier than Magrib, then his Hajj is not valid.

To conclude, "*punctuality is a quality made even more valuable because it is found in so few people. Punctuality is not usually thought of in our day as a major virtue.*"

## Banned items in school

- Mobile phones
- E-cigs
- Lasers
- Ipods
- Handheld consoles
- Harmful items e.g. pellet gun
- Mp3 players
- Shisha pens
- Drugs
- Cigarettes
- Chewing gum

## Next term dates

**Monday 2nd November 2015 to Friday 18th December**

"Leap further than we imagined... Run faster than we aspired... Reach higher than we dreamt... To become the people that the Almighty meant us to be."