



Eden Boys

# Principal's Newsletter December 2015



Assalamu 'alaikum and peace be with you.

I take this opportunity to welcome all our readers and well-wishers to the first edition of our school newsletter. Over the past few months, we have been extremely busy. As a new school, we have all been on an incredible journey since August, and when we reflect on all that we have achieved as a community we can feel proud of just how far we have come and what our boys have accomplished.

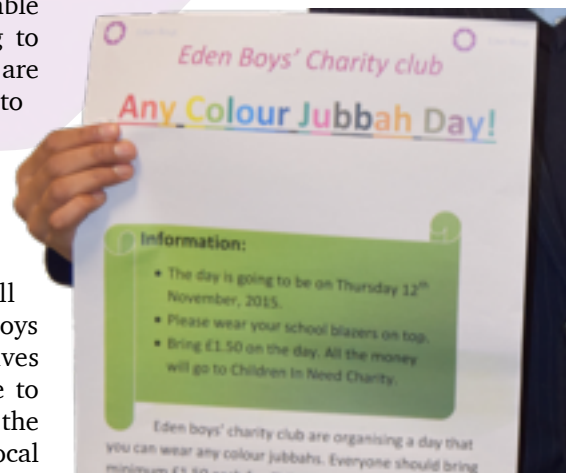
The building on Guildhall Street was handed over to us in the first week of August and the weeks leading up to opening saw us ensuring full installation of ICT, getting displays up and about the school, taking delivery of furniture and other resources. Although this is only our temporary site, our builders, staff and pupils have done an incredible job in

ensuring that the building is a vibrant learning environment for this academic year. Nevertheless, we are all really excited watching the gradual changes that are taking place to our permanent site on London Road. I completed the final visit for 2015 to the site on Monday 14 December and you can really see the building starting to take shape. As we enter the New Year, we will look to involve our boys in the development of the building and I hope a 'Time Capsule' will be installed that will mark that they were the first students of Eden Boys' School, Preston.



Charity Events have been a notable success and it has been humbling to witness how committed our boys are to giving up their time and effort to raise money for a range of worthy causes and for those less fortunate than themselves. The MacMillan Coffee money saw a whole array of cakes and biscuits eaten by all and we were all impressed by how diligently our boys listened when two representatives from MacMillan Cancer care came to speak to them in assembly about the work that MacMillan does in the local area.

Similarly, the Children in Need Day saw boys wearing coloured Jubbahs, completing kick ups in the yard and completing a sponsored silence – particular note must go to Mohammed Ilyas Patel 8M and Talha Umar 7N who individually raised £54.40 and £41.60 respectively. I must take this opportunity to thank each of you for the continuing support you have given our boys in this aspect of their school life and we will continue our charitable focus in the months to come. As in all things, the ethos of this school develops very much through our young people engaging in activities which help others. We are very fortunate to have so many considerate and compassionate members of our school community who demonstrate on a daily basis that thinking about the world we live in and doing something to help remains an important aspect of our character. This was further highlighted this week with our boys keen to support residents in Cumbria devastated by the recent floods.





I am delighted to report that PE lessons are progressing well at UCLAN on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Our boys tell me how much they enjoy using the specialist facilities on site and there is not a week that passes where somebody doesn't ask me to come and take part with them. This all bodes well for the facilities that will be available to them in September 2016. It is also impressive to see how many of our boys attend the Sunday Sports Academy and are keen to participate in an inter-Tauheedul Schools' football event which will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December. I have no doubt that when they play, they will do us proud.

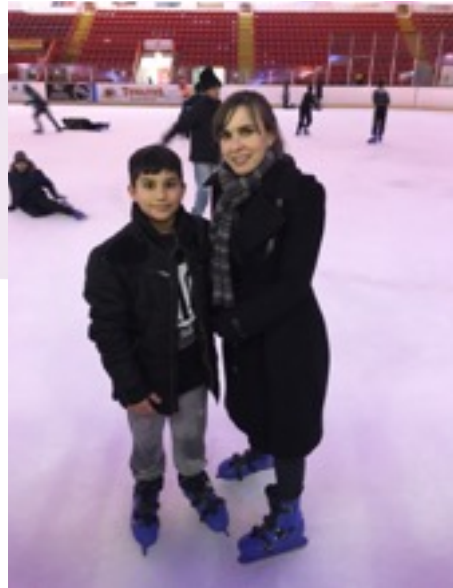


Remembrance Day and Anti Bullying Day provided us as a school with time to stop, think and remember. Mrs Buxton helped us to create some spectacular displays in school to help mark these days and we were further supported by Lancashire Constabulary who helped provide a real insight into issues such as online safety and stereotyping.



As you will read in this newsletter, our boys have enjoyed the different visits that have taken place during the course of this term, notably an attempt to break a World Record for the 'World's Longest Human Circuit', 'A visit to Old Trafford in Manchester to watch Manchester United play Ipswich Town in the Capital One Cup' and another to 'Rock and River' where I was encouraged alongside many

other staff to participate in the various activities including rock climbing and the balance beam. It is therefore fitting in response to a suggestion from our Student Shuraa that we end the term with a visit to the Ice Rink in Blackburn.



Eden Boys' Preston was visited on 25<sup>th</sup> November by Mr George Lloyd who is a DfE advisor. We were joined on the day by Mufti Hamid Patel Chief Executive of the Trust. The purpose of Mr Lloyd's visit was to look at the how effectively the school was progressing since its opening in September across a number of areas including teaching and learning and pupil outcomes. We are delighted to report that the visit was a big success across all areas. Mr Lloyd was particularly impressed with the boys themselves who greeted him warmly on his arrival. They told him both in and out of lessons how much they enjoyed being at the school, valued the extra-curricular events and were eloquently able to describe contemporary issues. He, like us, was very impressed with your son's attendance and punctuality to school, so thank you for your continued support with this. We will continue to keep you updated with any further visits which take place at the school.

We hope the first few months of the school has provided an enriching experience to your sons and laid the foundation for them to succeed and realise their potential. We will continue to develop and grow our school and ensure they are happy, secure and above all proud of their school and what they learn. I take this opportunity to thank all our stakeholders and request you remember us in your supplications and thoughts.

Don't forget that school opens again for the boys on Tuesday, 5th January.

Wassalamu 'alaikum and peace be with you.

**A Middlemass  
Principal**



## North West Cluster Sports Championships

As part of the school's commitment to provide competitive opportunities for its pupils, Eden Boys has developed, in conjunction with Tauheedul Boys Blackburn and Eden Boys Bolton, a programme of competitive inter-school competitions between the three schools. This forms a very important dimension to the PE and Sport programme at Eden Boys. The programme starts with the Year 8 football championships to be held at



the PowerLeague Soccerdome in Blackburn on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December. With 3 teams from Eden Preston joining 3 teams from Blackburn and 3 from Bolton, the day is already causing significant anticipation amongst our players. Mr Matadar, who is driving the North West programme, said *"competition is healthy and provides boys with the opportunity to win gracefully and lose with dignity. These are important life skills that we aim to develop at Eden Boys."*

We will report the outcomes of all the programmed events in future editions of our newsletter.

## Poetry Competition

A group of poetry enthusiasts entered the Young writers' poetry trials competition. We are delighted that a selection of students have been successful. Their work will be published within a special anthology 'The poetry trials- Future voices' providing a lasting record of their achievement. The book is scheduled for publication on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The top 5 poets will be invited to make a video for the Poetry Trials Final. A public vote will decide the champion.

The entrants and titles are as follows, congratulations boys and good luck:

Zaid Bagia - 'My Mother'

Adnan Mohammed- 'Adoration for fathers'

Ali Ahmad - 'The Maze'

Hamza Patel - 'Loving and kind- Your Mother'

Mohammed Zakaria Umar - 'Super Mum'

Hummaad Badat- 'Ronaldo'

Muhammad Umar - 'My Dad'

Khubaib Patel - 'My Role Model'

Addur-Rahman Adam Muhammed (PBUH)

Aanish Moahmmad - 'My Mum and Dad'

Faizan Patel - 'Messi the Best'

Zain Iqbal - 'Imagine'

Mohammad Yousaf - 'My Dad'

Muhammad Isap - 'Why I admire my Father'

Zayd Ahmed - 'My Father'

Murtaza Ehsan - 'Wayne Rooney'

Mohammed Vohra - 'Bird'

Yusuf Bapu - 'Worry Do Not'

Hamzah Nakhuda - 'My Book-Bored'

Aadil Badat - 'A Beautiful Day'

Zain Iqbal - 'Life'

Ebrahim Gangat - 'The Believer'

Sakil Patel - 'First Legend'

Ubaydullah Shabaz - 'Football Frenzy'

Khalid Bapu - 'Fear'

Hanzalah Ukadia - 'Weather Monster'

Muhammed Dhanna - 'Scared'

Taahir Wadee - 'The Prophet (SAW)'

Mohammed Patel - 'Happy Poem'

## Digital Arts Project

Our boys have been learning all about animation in their Digital Arts lessons and the challenge for the term was to have a go at making some of their own. We started by identifying all the different ways that animation could be created and learnt about the different styles. We then focused on stop-motion and set about learning how to make characters out of paper; a style called Cubeecraft. The boys printed out some designs made by other designers and learned about the construction of the figures; it was fiddly but the reward of seeing the finished product made it more than worth it. Before we could design our own characters we first had to learn about narrative structure and the students learned used a template used by Disney called the Hero's Journey. Having planned their narratives the boys had to prepare a character study for either the hero, villain, mentor or ally before they could get to the planning and construction of their characters.

Some of the boys have produced some amazing designs and I look forward to seeing them star in their very own animations.





## Eden Library



*'A book is a gift you can open again and again.'* (Garrison Keillor)

**And indeed the school has been given a gift.**

Eden Boys' Preston has opened its Cannon Street gates to visitors beyond the realm of the world we know – into a new world; a world of imagination, freedom, escape and joy. The school has launched its noveltastic and exciting school library. Students have been roaring at the doors of the English classroom crying to borrow a book: cool trendy students who have pleaded for the Tom Gates series; book worms who have engulfed themselves into the tales and trials of Harry Potter who flew into the English Classroom earlier this term, and studious students who have got to grips with worldly affairs and the old classics that have come to haunt the now famous library corner! Dickens, Shelley, and Shakespeare are just a few of the old relics who are visiting us not too far behind Kinney and Horowitz.

*'Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.'*

**A world of magic, imagination, action and escape has hit the English classroom.**

The students are given the opportunity to change their reading book regularly. The purpose is to encourage students to read which will not just impact upon their learning in English, but all subjects. More importantly, it creates something unreal beyond what is real. It opens up doors into an unknown world and gives students an opportunity to escape. You never know where you will travel to!

*'I love books. I love that moment when you open one and sink into it. You can escape from the world, into a story that is way more interesting than yours will ever be.'* (Elizabeth Scott)



## World Maths Day

Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> brought us our first World Maths Day at Eden Boys', Preston, and we celebrated it in style by holding a maths trail with a difference around school. Each member of staff wore a badge bearing a maths problem, and the students rushed around school trying to find all the problems and work out the answers.

Vast mathematical knowledge was not needed, just a positive approach to problem solving and occasionally a bit of teamwork.

I really enjoyed the day, particularly seeing how some of the students were so keen to solve the problems and the original ways of coming up with the answers. I'm already planning and looking forward to next year's quiz.

The prize for each year group was a box of Cadbury Mini Heros, and congratulations go to Ibrahim Munshi (8I) and three students from 7M; Hummaad Badat, Hamzah Nakhuda and Sakil Patel who won the prizes for their year groups.

**Mr Matadar**

The total number of players in 2 football teams, a netball team and 3 basketball teams?

**Mr Witcher**

In binary, what is added to 1010101 to get 10101010?

**Mrs Hussain**

A butcher in the market is 5'10" tall.

What does he weigh?

## Charity Club

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November we raised £346.25 for Children in Need. The charity club successfully raised money by a sponsored silence, a kick-up challenge and 'any coloured jubbah day'. The kick-up challenge was won by Maaz Kaba 8I, congratulations!

*"The sponsored silence was tough, but I enjoyed taking on the challenge and raising money for charity", enthused Mohammed Ilyas 8M.*



*"The sponsored silence was extremely hard, but was really fun. I like it very much and am happy that the money has gone to children less fortunate than us. Also the any colour jubbah day was a great success thanks to all of the students' participation", detailed Talhah Umar 7N.*



## Outdoor Pursuits Day

When we got to Rock and River, we were introduced to the staff who worked there who sorted us out into groups; we then proceeded to our first activity. My group had archery first. It was amazing fun and, to some people like me, it was a whole new experience. After our first activity finished we all got together at a little hut for a break. When we were all done and satisfied, we continued to our second activity. This time around my group did raft building; this was incredible and everyone loved it, even though the water was ice cold. For most people, jumping into the lake was the best part and overall everyone had a very good time. After a shower, a change of clothes and lunch we were ready for the third activity. This time, my group were going to try indoor climbing. Now this was my first time, but after a few tries, I seemed to have gotten the hang of it and it was really fun. We all competed in different challenges and I could tell everyone had a good time. When the third activity finished we all met up at the hut and thanked all the staff for a wonderful time at Rock and River before heading back to school.

By Aminoor Islam 7N



## Homework Club

S o m e t i m e s students will need access to a computer and the internet to ensure that they can complete their homework to the very best standard. Here at Eden Boys' Preston we understand that this can sometimes be difficult at home. If students wish to use the computers at school to do their work they can do so at break time and lunchtime between 12:10 and 12:40 daily by prior arrangement with Mr Witcher. It's good to see so many boys making use of the facilities already!



## ¡Hablamos Español!



Eden Boys' Preston prides itself on allowing our boys to develop life-long skills. On Wednesday lunchtimes our students are given the opportunity to extend their linguistic skills by attending Spanish Club. Pupils learn about the Spanish language and culture through games, competition, songs, activity sheets and drama.



The boys really enjoy these activities since they allow them to show off their flair for languages. The pupils are so keen to learn more that they have even requested a trip to Spain. Following demand from our pupils, we would like to extend the polyglot club to include other languages; watch this space!



## GCSEs are Changing Nationally

Our curriculum, assessment structure and teaching pedagogy ensures that we set every learner up for success.

*"At the heart of our reforms has been a determination to place knowledge back at the core of what pupils learn in school... changes are about ensuring young people leave school with qualifications that demand the respect of employers and universities..."*

*The best schools know that you can only close the gap by raising the bar for everyone, by expecting the best for everyone, and creating the conditions where every young person can achieve that best."*

The Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP

GCSEs will have changed by the time your son completes his exams. New GCSE content will be taught from Sept 2015 for English Language, English Literature and Maths. Geography, History, Religious Studies, Citizenship, French, Science and Computer Science will commence in Sep 2016 with Arabic, PE and Art changing in Sept 2017.

GCSEs will be more difficult in content, tests and pass marks. The way GCSEs will be graded will also change. The table shows 'current and new GCSE' grading.

Current GCSE grade	New GCSE grade(s)	Details
A*	8, 9	A secure 'A*' is a grade 9.
A	7, 8	'A'/'A' borderline is a grade 8. A low and mid 'A' is a grade 7. This is fixed.
B	5, 6	A secure 'B' is a grade 6. 'B/C' borderline is a grade 5.
C	4, 5	A low and mid 'C' is a grade 4. This is fixed.
D	3	A 'D' grade or high grade 'E' is a grade 3.
E	2, 3	A low grade 'E' or high grade 'F' is a grade 2.
F	1, 2	A low 'F' or 'G' grade is a grade 1. This is fixed.
G	1	
U	U	

Our assessment strategy will ensure teachers, pupils and parents are fully prepared for these changes. We will be holding Pupil and Parent Curriculum and Assessment Meetings to explain the changes and how they will benefit our learners.

## We are Going Cashless

We are in the process of setting up ParentPay enabling parents to make payments online for meals, transport and trips. We will be writing to all parents over the next few weeks with full details.

Cash is Not Accepted

## Dangers of E-cigs and Shisha Pens

The school has been informed by the local police of the rise in young children using e-cigarettes and shisha pens. These items are completely banned from school and any child found carrying or using such device will be dealt with according to the school's policy on bringing banned items into school. From a parenting perspective, it is vital that parents check bags and pockets of their sons on a regular basis to ensure they are not carrying harmful items. Such items are dangerous and can cause children to develop harmful habits which can lead to long term health issues. The school asks that parents remain vigilant and reports to school any shop they suspect of selling these products to young children. The school will inform the police immediately.

## Quote competition

Our aim at Eden is simple – we want to provide the **best possible education** in the **most secure environment**.

We will help all of our learners to achieve their goals, dreams and ambitions. In return we want our learners to turn up every day, on time, ready to learn.

We love the hunger, thirst and passion for learning demonstrated by our pupils - second best effort just won't do here - it's not cool to fail.

Our learners have sourced or created inspirational sayings on learning as part of our quote competition:

Fifth Place: Asad Patel, 7A  
*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."*  
 Mahatma Ghandi

Fourth Place: Rafee Chowdury, 7N  
*"United by our passion for learning, motivated by Success."*

Third Place: Yusuf Bapu, 7M  
 If A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10, K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18, S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26

$K+N+O+W+L+E+D+G+E$   
 $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

$H+A+R+D + W+O+R+K$   
 $8+1+18+4 + 23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

*Both are important, but the total fall just short of 100%*

$A+T+T+I+T+U+D+E$   
 $1+20+20+9+20+24+4+5 = 100\%$

Second Place: Ahmed Khansab, 7M  
*"Success is no accident, it is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love what you are doing."*

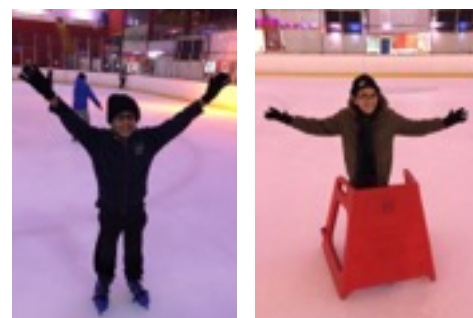
**Winner:**  
*"The capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill, the willingness to learn is choice."*  
**Brian Herbert**

Well done to Aanish Mohammad, 7M who was presented with a Game voucher.

We love the way your quote encapsulates our message around pupil centred learning. The ball is in your court boys!

## Ice-skating Trip

As a progressive school, we, at Eden Boys, believe that widening experiences for our boys is vital for them to get a good all round education. As part of its Physical Education *"Give it a go"* initiative, Eden Boys recently took all of its pupils ice skating to enhance the PE curriculum. Many boys had never been ice skating before and to see them develop confidence on the ice was great to see.

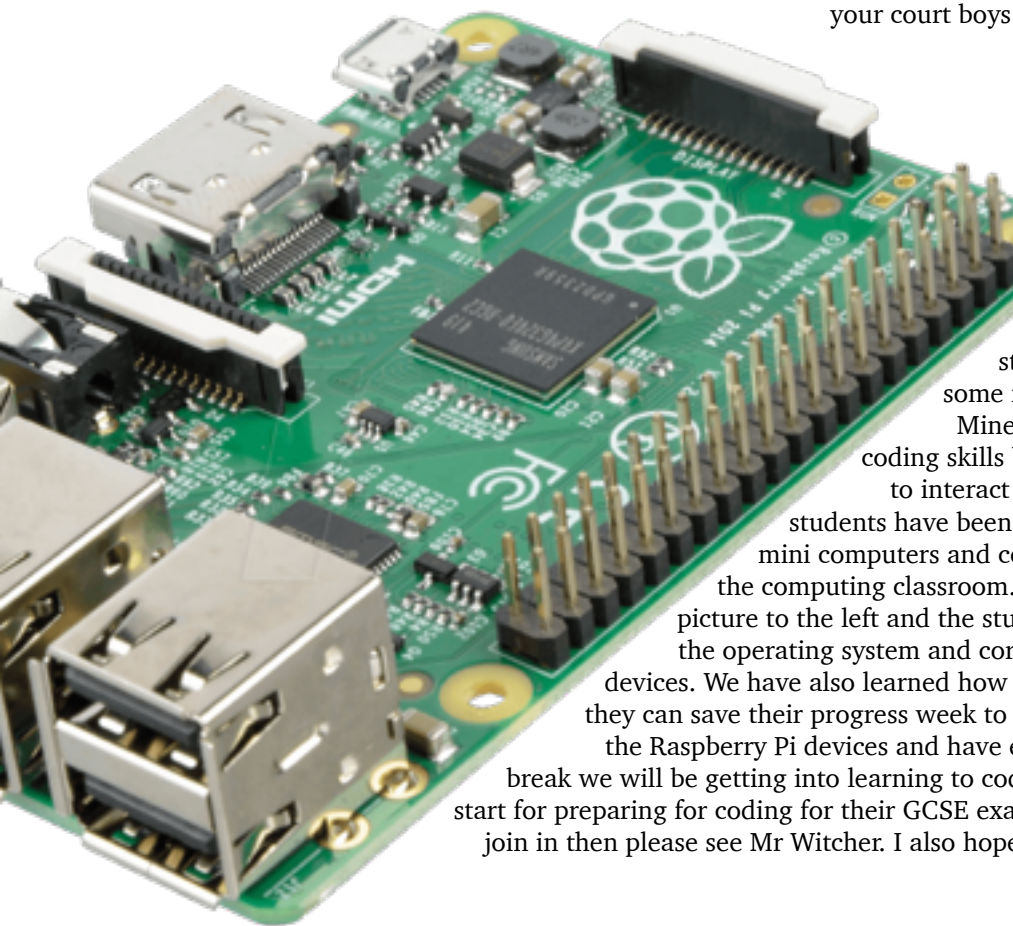


The ice skating session was also a chance for pupils to unwind after a long and difficult autumn term and to participate in something more social whilst learning a new skill - especially having completed their half termly assessments.

Mr Matadar commented, *"experiences such as these are vital to refresh and re-energise the boys for learning. The ice skating sessions were aimed at finishing the term on a very positive note in readiness for the spring term in January."*

## Computing Club

On Mondays, our Year 7 students are starting to learn brand new skills whilst using some familiar ones also. Titled 'Programming with Minecraft', our club aims to get students learning coding skills by using the Python programming language to interact with the popular game Minecraft. So far the students have been busy setting up our brand new Raspberry Pi mini computers and connecting them to our existing equipment in the computing classroom. The Raspberry Pi's come shipped like in the picture to the left and the students have had to fit them into cases, install the operating system and correctly connect the relevant input and output devices. We have also learned how to set up separate logins for students so that they can save their progress week to week. The students have learned a lot about the Raspberry Pi devices and have enjoyed using Minecraft. After the Christmas break we will be getting into learning to code which will give the students a great head-start for preparing for coding for their GCSE exam in Computer Science. If you would like to join in then please see Mr Witcher. I also hope to start a club for our Year 8 students soon.





## UKMT Team Challenge

I am very pleased and excited to be able to write about our impending trip to the regional finals of the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Team Challenge. The UKMT Team Challenge is organised and run by the School of Mathematics at the University of Leeds, and Regional Finals run at over 65 centres across the United Kingdom from February to April.

A team of four Year 8 students will be selected to compete against teams from other schools from our area at the Regional final, to be held at Lancaster Royal Grammar School, on Wednesday April 27, 2016.

After some coaching and practice, our team will be confident and prepared to take on the rest at a variety of tasks. They will need to be able to work independently and as part of the team to solve problems and puzzles which will require all their skills of logic and deduction. Whether against other teams or against the clock, each round will be challenging and lively. There are four very competitive rounds to complete; the Group Round, Crossnumber, Shuttle Round and Relay.

An example of a question from last year's group round is;

*"Andrew drove one and a half miles to work and then walked back home at a tenth of his average driving speed. The two journeys lasted a total of 33 minutes. What was Andrew's average walking speed in mph?"*

I am very much looking forward to working with the brightest minds at Eden Boys' School. If there are any interested year 8 students who can solve the problem above and would like to be considered for the team, please speak to Mrs Buxton as soon as possible.

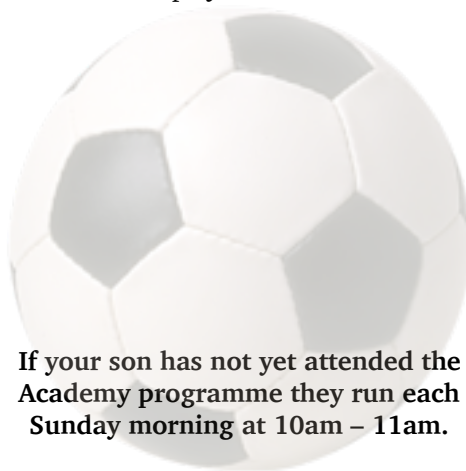
The winning team at each Regional Final and a few runners-up will receive an invitation to the National Final to be held at the Royal Horticultural Halls, London in June next year. Watch this space!!



## Eden Sports Academy

This term saw Eden Boys' School launch its weekend Sports Academy. Based in the heart of the local community, the Academy's aim is to enrich the experiences the pupils receive as part of their school life. The Academy is run in partnership with Red Rose Sports Club who are a pioneering community sports hub that has been operating in Preston for nearly 20 years. With large numbers of pupils attending each Sunday morning it is pleasing to see that the pupils value the opportunities that are provided for them by the school. Mr Matadar, Assistant Principal at Eden Boys' School commented, *"it is so pleasing to see boys give up a lie in on a Sunday morning to come and participate in competitive sporting activities. This attitude is so important if we are going to foster positive attitudes to lifelong participation in sport."*

The school believes firmly in the power of sport to develop disciplined routines and it is this that excites the Principal, Miss Middlemass. She commented, *"no matter what sport our boys want to excel at, we are here to nurture and guide them to be successful. We fully believe that our boys should not only work hard at Eden but also play hard."*



**If your son has not yet attended the Academy programme they run each Sunday morning at 10am – 11am.**

## Assessment

Pupils have undertaken their baseline and first half assessments across all subjects.

You will have received the first of five report cards that you will receive during this school year.

This report card tells you:

- The latest figures for your son's attendance and punctuality to school.
- Your son's End of Year Target Level in each subject.
- Your son's End of Year Forecast Level in each subject- this is the level your son's teacher feels he is going to achieve at the end of the year (based upon his current progress).
- Whether your son is working above, on or below his end of year target in each subject.

I am sure that you will have taken the time to look through the report card and set targets for improvement with your son.

Learners have also received their Curriculum Guidance Booklets. As shared at the Curriculum Meeting in October, the Curriculum Guidance booklet shows the learning journey your son will undertake in each of his subjects. In the progress review section, your son will record his data targets for each subject. Following each assessment your son will record his test result and forecast here as well as what he did well in the assessment and what he needs to improve. Please take time to discuss performance in each subject following each assessment.

Our Intervention Programme commenced in November. Initially the focus has been on pupils who have come to us below nationally expected levels (level 4c or below) in English and maths. The programme is tailored to suit individual needs providing personalised learning with the English and maths teams. We thank the English and maths teams for giving up their time to provide this additional support and the learners for engaging so positively with it.



## New Building Progress

Work on our new building on London Road is well underway. The asbestos has been removed and parts of the complex are being demolished for a brand new sports facility. Partition walls have been inserted in the Main School Building. The site will have indoor and outdoor sports facilities. The work is on schedule and estimated to finish in July 2016. We are planning to move to the site in August ready for September 2016.



## Science Club

Currently in the science club pupils are facing a challenge – to build a self-propelled vehicle using common household materials such as rubber bands, CDs, string, lolly sticks, sellotape etc.



In the New Year, when the teams have built their vehicles – teams will have the opportunity to race their vehicles with each other. The winning team will be the one whose vehicle travels the furthest. See our next issue for the winning designs!

## What's the point of school uniform?

The Eden School promotes excellence and aspiration in everything its pupils do. The school uniform is designed to reinforce this spirit of excellence. It is smart and practical, encourages pupils to take pride in being part of their school and enables them to act as ambassadors for the Tauheedul educational experience. The uniform is also designed to portray a professional and business-like image.

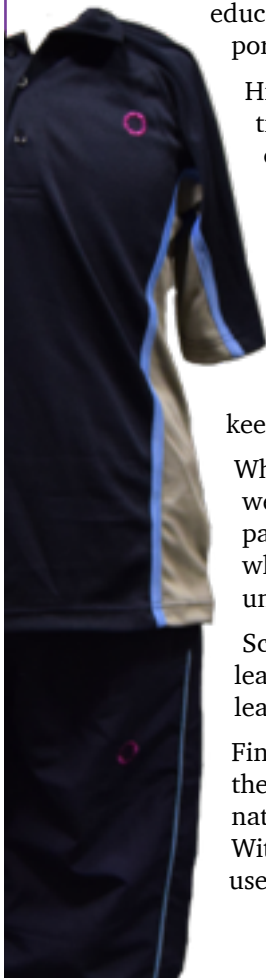
High standards of presentation are required at all times when wearing the school uniform, with clean clothes, tidy hair and no jewellery (except where agreed on grounds of faith). Whenever the school uniform is worn, it must be complete and not mixed with non-uniform clothing. This includes when travelling to and from school.

School uniforms are made compulsory for all students since it helps lessen social conflicts within the school because not all students can keep up with the latest trends in fashion.

When there is no debate on what a student is allowed wear to school, then that makes mornings easier for parents and for children. Everyone knows exactly what the child needs to wear, their regulated school uniform.

School uniform is important in creating an effective learning atmosphere where students focus on their learning not their clothing.

Finally, wearing school uniforms also prepares students for their future career. If they are employed by big companies, naturally they have to wear corporate and formal attires. With this, it will be easy for them to adjust since they are used to wear formal uniforms when they were in school.



## Admissions 2016

As you will be aware, we held a number of 'Open Evening and Open Morning Events' for prospective year 7 students for 2016. We were delighted to see so many people visit us and find out more about what we do at Eden Boys. The final date for applications was 31st October 2015. As a school, we will now work closely with Lancashire County Council to apply our admissions policy and we look forward to the coming terms ahead where we will meet the students who will join us at our new London Road site.

## Equipment

In order to maximise learning, it is important that you son comes to school fully equipped for lessons. Key equipment includes a pen (with black ink), a pencil (HB), pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler, protractor and a compass. All boys should also have a dictionary with thesaurus and a calculator. Calculators can be purchased from school at a cost of around £7.00

## Anti-bullying Week

As part of anti-bullying week Eden Boys was visited by Lancashire Police who spoke to all pupils about the importance of respect and tolerance between each other. They spoke to the pupils about the dangers of bullying and the devastating effects that bullying can have on victims. The police presented the boys with hard hitting facts and details about the forms that bullying can take and how victims of bullying can deal with it when it arises. We ask all pupils and parents to raise any concerns with the school if they suspect their child is being bullied. The school operates a zero tolerance approach to bullying and will investigate it thoroughly to ensure it is identified and stopped immediately with no further reoccurrence.

## Science at Eden Boys' Preston

With the recent arrival of the science equipment pupils are enjoying their science lessons. Year 7 have just completed their light topic. They were illuminated by what they learned.





# Attendance Update

	Term 1 Attendance in Rank Order
7I	98.40%
7M	98.30%
8I	98%
7N	97.80%
8M	97.40%
7A	96.60%

Huge congratulations go to the list of boys on the right who have all managed to achieve **100%** attendance over the term, a few of whom are photographed below. Well done boys and keep it up!

**100%  
attendance!**



**Going to school every day is the single most important part of a child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.** We all want our children to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with children coming to school each and every day.

Children develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life.

Missing school can have a big impact on children academically and socially. It can affect their exam results, as well as it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a child misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

## A typical scenario

Many pupils have an attendance rate of around 90%. Most parents and students think that this is very good. However, if a student has a 90% attendance record, it means that he is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half-day every week**. A 90% attendance rate means that the student has missed the equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in the school year. If his attendance rate is at 90% throughout KS3 and KS4 (5 years) he has missed the equivalent of about **one half of a school year**.

## Did you know?

- A child who is absent one day per week from school misses an equivalent of two years of their school life.
- 90% of students with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all.
- Poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable.

Adam, Abdur Rahmaan  
Ahmad, Ali  
Ahmed, Awais  
Babar, Yaseen Akram  
Badat, Aadil  
Badat, Hummaad  
Badat, Zakariya  
Bangee, Usman  
Bapu, Hayyaan  
Bapu, Khalid  
Butt, Umar  
Chothia, Muhammad  
Chowdhury, Rafee  
Dadabhoy, Abdullah  
Desai, Affan  
Desai, Ismaeel  
Ehsan, Murtaza  
Gangat, Ebrahim  
Gurjee, Mohammed Zaid  
Hasan, Ammar Idrish  
Hoque, Wafi Walid  
Hussain, Mohammed  
Ibrahim, Umar Faruq  
Iqbal, Zain  
Ismail, Haider  
Ismail, Sullaiman  
Khan, Arafeen  
Khan, Hasanat  
Khan, Hassan  
Khan, Saifulislam  
Khan, Talha Zabiulla  
Mahbub, Farhan  
Mohammed, Adaam  
Mohammed, Aqeel  
Mohammed, Jameel  
Mohammed, Shakeel  
Moosa, Faizan  
Mulla, Zeeshan  
Munshi, Ibrahim  
Munshi, Muhammad Zakariyya  
Nabeel, Affan  
Nakhuda, Hamzah  
Omer, Ismaeel  
Panchbhaya, Talha  
Panchbhaya, Umayr Imtiaz  
Patel, Faizan  
Patel, Hamzah  
Patel, Khubaib  
Patel, Mohammed Ilyas  
Patel, Mohmed Sakib  
Patel, Muhammed Mua'az  
Patel, Sakil  
Shah, Husnain  
Shaikh, Yaseen  
Sohail, Ziaul Rahman  
Suleman, Raihaan  
Suleman, Shakeel  
Sultan, Mustafa  
Toorawa, Muhammed Saad  
Umar, Aamir  
Umar, Talhah  
Umarji, Usmaan  
Zaman, Musa



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### SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY PATTERN

# 2016 / 2017

(All dates are inclusive)

#### AUTUMN TERM 2016

Staff Inset	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2016
Re-open (for students) on	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2016
'Eid ul Adha 1437 *	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 *
Mid Term Closure	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Closure after school on	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016
Xmas Holiday	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2016 – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

Number of openings 74

#### SPRING TERM 2017

Staff Inset	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Re-open (for students) on	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Mid Term Closure	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Closure after school on	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
Easter Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2017

Number of openings 54

#### SUMMER TERM 2017

Re-open on	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
May Day Closure	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
Mid Term Closure	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017
'Eid ul Fitr 1438 *	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 *
Closure after school on	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

Number of openings 62

TOTAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS – 190

Staff Insets : two full days and six twilight sessions

\* Please note – 'Eid holidays may be revised slightly according to the sighting of the moon