



9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Assalaamu Alaikum, Peace be upon you,

7<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah 1437

I hope this letter reaches you in the best of Imaan and health.

As you will be aware the blessed month of Dhul Hijjah has started. Dhul Hijjah is the last month of the Islamic calendar. There are many virtues with regards to this month mentioned in the Holy Qur'aan and Ahaadeeth; especially the first ten days. The Almighty has taken oath of ten nights in Soorah Al-Fajr. According to the majority of the commentators of Qur'an, the nights are those of the (first) ten days of Dhul Hijjah. Abu Hurayrah (may the Almighty be pleased with him) related that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said,

*"On no days is the worship of the Almighty desired more than in the (first) ten days of Dhul Hijjah. The fast on each of these days is equal to the fast of a whole year, and the worship of each of these nights is equal to the worship of Laylatul Qadr." (Tirmidhee, Ibn e Mājah)*

Furthermore, the mother of the believers, Hafsaah (may the Almighty be pleased with her) reports that the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to fast the (first) nine days of Dhul Hijjah. (Nasaee, Ahmad, Abu Dāwood)

From these ten days, the Day of 'Arafah holds extra significance. This year the Day of 'Arafah will be on **Sunday 11 September 2016**.

As part of the school's spirituality programme, we would like to encourage students to fast on this day. It is reported by Imaam Muslim (RA);

*"Fasting on the Day of 'Arafah absolves the (minor) sins for two years: the previous year and the coming year."*

Another great act of worship during Dhul Hijjah is Qurbaani (sacrificing an animal). The present-day Qurbaani is offered for the Almighty and in memory of the honourable father (Ibraaheem A.S) and his most obedient son (Ismaaeel A.S). Qurbaani can only be performed during the three days of 'Eid, namely the 10th, 11th and 12th of Dhul Hijjah.

### **Eid ul Adha Holidays**

School will remain closed for 'Eid ul Adha on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Please ensure that your son returns to school on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at 8.00am.

Yours faithfully,

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