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## The Principal's Welcome...

Assalam ualaikum / Hello and welcome to the first edition of Al - Qalam for this academic year. As the Principal and Chief Executive of TIBHS it gives me immense pleasure in welcoming all new Year 7 pupils and parents to the next chapter of the amazing journey that is TIBHS. Furthermore, a warm welcome back to all pupils and parents from Years 8-10.

Our pupils and staff have now settled in nicely to the new site as we bid a fond farewell to the Robinson Street campus. Here at Shadsworth, our pupils and staff have the luxury of additional space, extra classrooms, indoor sports facilities and room to breathe!

The school would also like to welcome all new staff that have started at TIBHS since

September and wish all departing staff a successful onward career elsewhere.

TIBHS is a very busy school with lots of learning, activities, sport and events taking place all the time. This edition will give you a flavour of the variety of events pupils are exposed to. Therefore, I hope you enjoy reading the articles so diligently written by the children themselves in this edition of Al Qalam.

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## TIBHS Meets the World



The Theatre of Dreams stood proudly in the night sky as the boys of Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School descended onto the, once fearful, football ground. As the night sky wrapped itself around the stadium, the anticipation grew.

Kick off was vastly approaching and the excitement grew as the crowd began to clap the players, including Messi, Ronaldo and Angel Di Maria, off the field after their sterling efforts in the warm up.

Anticipation rose... the crowd roared as the players emerged from the tunnel. The roar of the crowd was deafening as the players took centre stage as the national anthems began to, respectfully, ring around the ground.

The first half, however, lacked pace at times, but this did not deter the fans from cheering on the immortals of the footballing world. The crowd went wild when Lionel Messi graced us with his marvellous and awe-inspiring ability. His pace was electric and the crowd matched this as they were mesmerised by his brilliance.

During the second half, the crowd erupted as one and began a three minute Mexican wave around the ground: something the boys of TIBHS were only too content to join in with. The crowd was in full voice and viewers from around the world could see that unity and cohesion brought a first-rate performance, by the fans, as they paraded their unique skills during the recital of the Mexican wave.

Towards the end of the game, both Portugal and Argentina poured forward in search of a last gasp winner to send the crowd home delighted. End to end attacks were carried out in search of a winner. Then, just at the last second, Guerreiro grabbed the winner! The crowd soared up unanimously, with utter delight and relief that they had seen a goal, as the Portuguese players celebrated their last minute winner.

Fans, upon leaving the ground, were in complete agreement that occasions like this are rare and the experience truly was one in which you had to be there to appreciate its uniqueness in full, and lucky for us, due to the efforts of Mr Matadar and Mr Ramsay, we were!

## TIBHS Takes Centre Stage



Public speaking is a skill that everyone regards as an extremely high level skill. With this comes determination, resilience and perseverance in order to be successful. Over the course of the last few weeks, effortless and tireless work has gone into creating a successful speech based around the topic of role models. The boys, who include Adam Desai, Mohammed Muhammad, Muhammed Suleman and Muhammed Hasan, have

worked incredibly hard, with Mr Matadar and Mr Ramsay, in order to produce a truly inspiring performance in front of a live audience.

The boys showed that they have the necessary qualities to deliver a speech worthy of ample credit. Their passion and desire for their subject willed them on as they took centre stage at the Foxfields Country Hotel in Billington. In front of pupils of, not only their own age but against pupils in years eleven, twelve and thirteen from various schools, they delivered their speech with professionalism, enthusiasm and passion.

Adam Desai delivered a truly remarkable speech that mesmerised, not only the audience, but the judges as well. His passion and desire for the subject he spoke about came through flawlessly as he delivered his speech with professionalism, uniqueness and charisma. The round of applause he received was justifiably well deserved.

As teachers, there is no greater joy than to observe pupils representing our school inspirationally. They captivated the audience from start to finish and were unanimously applauded, at the end, for their efforts and hard work. The boys can take heart from their inspirational performance and know that they represented themselves, their families and TIBHS magnificently well. *Congratulations boys, you made us all very proud!*

## Every Kid a Quid

No, the school is not selling us all off for 100 pieces of copper! This new initiative, led by Mr Matadar, is a novel way of ensuring we, the students of TIBHS, develop a lifelong habit of regular donation. As we all know, the school places a big importance on all pupils and staff raising lots of money for charity which, in turn, leads to the students achieving sections of the Tauheedul Baccalaureate.



Each Friday we donate £1 to charity – it's as simple as that. By donating regularly, instead of having 1 big fundraiser each year, the school are instilling good habits relating to charitable donations. £1 a week is not a huge commitment but combined with everyone else's donations the school can raise thousands for good causes. So far, in the short space of time that the school has run "Every Kid a Quid" we have all raised almost £700 in less than a month.

The initiative is run by Mr Matadar, who constantly encourages us all to donate money. He also asks the students where they would like the money to be donated. So far TIBHS has donated to BBC Children in Need and a further donation is soon to be made to Blackburn Hospital.

At Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School, all students show how grateful they are for the worldly possessions they have, for they know that many children around the world go with the most basic of items such as food and shelter. If there is one thing that TIBHS has taught all of its students, it is that we should give to charity because one day we may require the charitable giving of others during times of hardship. A big thank you to everyone who donates regularly and to those who will continue to support "Every Kid a Quid."

## I'm New At Tauheedul!

Over the previous educational weeks at Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School, a handful of eloquent young boys have arrived late to this academic institution. However, this is not due to the soon-to-be pupils' unlikely inadequacy, it was because of their late invitation to this school; when staff had eventually realised that these 'new starters' have sheer optimism and capability. You all may reconsider underestimating these students- they possess true potential!

After spending a morning with my new peers, I instinctively knew that I was in a climate of educational excellence. I knew that the environment surrounding me was one that would allow me to thrive and flourish, immensely. Not only did I see many familiar faces, but I also gained warmth from the kindness shown by my teachers. Their approach, coupled with my enthusiasm to learn,

would lead me to achieve the way the school, my parents and I would wish.

As well as the enormity of all my lessons, I am also faced with the prospect of taking part in further enrichment outside of the classroom. Not only can I work hard here, I can play just as hard. Immediately, I knew that I was finally in the place I was destined to be.

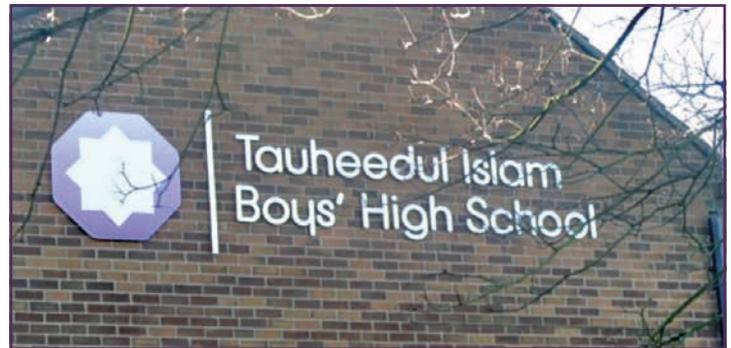
I come to school with a beaming smile, a thirst to learn and an eagerness to develop. I am supported admirably by my teachers, peers and Head of Year who all give me the confidence to succeed. Whilst I do not know where my career will take me right now, TIBHS will signpost me in the right direction and prepare me for the wider world out there.

## New School Building

After much anxiety, controversy and excitement, finally, the inexplicable occurred... The move, into the much speculated building, finally became a reality. After two years of occupying an old, derelict building, we have finally got a better suited school for growing young men. The labyrinth of classrooms, corridors and staircases dazzled the eager pupils and led them to believe that they were really part of the 'outstanding' school they were ranked at by OFSTED.

The many students were enthralled by the substantial Tauheedul building after being, temporarily, disappointed in an anticlimactic experience by the weather. Spirits were immense in spite of the bad weather as students exchanged stories from the summer holidays and what the new school had to offer for them after being in an alternative school site for two years. Their aspirations were rewarded with the magnificent school that we now possess. The large gates flew open smoothly and all students surged in with eager anticipation. Inevitably, they were all astonished as they took a single hopeful glance at the stupendous playground that had been foreseen for numerous years.

When the students entered the brilliant building, they were dumbfounded by the maze of corridors and staircases that gracefully stood before them. They were first led to the hall, where our newly appointed Principal, Mr. Ibrahim, introduced himself, welcomed the students and faithfully began an elaborate speech regarding the school's expectations. He talked about the values of this school and time and time again he stressed upon the importance of discipline. He wants to create a school of well-mannered disciplined boys at his time here. His goals also coincide with the school's vision statement which is: *To create an inspirational lifelong learning campus... where we leap further than we imagined... run faster than we aspired... reach higher than we dreamt... to become the people the Almighty meant us to be...we will instil a sense of outstanding aspiration and the highest expectation of oneself and others.*



Subsequent to the exhilarating speech from our inspiring Principal, the thrilled pupils were taken on a tour of the vast new school we had been waiting for, for many years. The first reaction was astonishment which was clearly etched on our students' faces. It was extremely unexpected; it was absolutely amazing. What they witnessed was the ideal school, the perfect environment and a safe and secure spiritual community engraved with the values of peace and concord. Every single classroom in our amazing school has a distinctive colour that makes it illuminate its particular subject that will be taught in the allocated classroom. The point of this is to create a vibrant, colourful atmosphere for a perfect learning environment in order to further encourage students to achieve higher levels in their assessments. The vibrant colours make the perfect classroom; the perfect school.

Due to this alluring place of academic understanding, students of Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School will leave this institution with imperative composure and self-assurance because of this school's security and calibre. Not only can it positively captivate students, but it can also inspire students to work to the best of their academic ability given the facilities and resources that are provided for the pupils. Hopefully, this can accumulate a robust incentive to perform well in all aspects of the school.

## Swimming Success

TIBHS continues to make waves in the swimming pool following the latest competitive gala attended by the swimming team. The Blackburn with Darwen Swimming Gala, amazingly in its 102nd year, saw some admirable performances from all the pupils that swam so bravely.

Highlights of the performances included podium positions for the following boys in the following categories:

- 🌟 Umair Maksud Patel (Y9): 25m Butterfly
- 🌟 Amine Gherensi (Y7): 25m Freestyle
- 🌟 Hamzah Isap (Y8): 25m Breaststroke

Competing against established schools such as QEGS, St Wilfrid's High School and St Bede's High School was a tough act; nevertheless, all competitors swam with conviction to put in some amazing displays and smash several Personal Best times along the way.

Swimming is on the way up at TIBHS and the countless hours that Mr Matadar spends poolside every Saturday morning is beginning to show the fruits of his and the pupils' efforts. Next year, at the 103rd gala, TIBHS will be ready to give even the most successful of schools in the borough a swim for their money!

## Student Shura – Manchester City Centre

On this particular Saturday, the fortunate Student Shura representatives of Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School travelled to the famed Manchester City Centre to be educated by the delights of the city's museum and art gallery. During the journey there, various discussions were had about what inevitably lies ahead for this particular group of pupils. The focus of the day was to allow TIBHS to pay its own private respects to the fallen dead of the major World Wars. This was a combination of many weeks' work which culminated in the laying of a wreath to commemorate all those that died in needless war.

Once the thrilled students arrived in Manchester after preparing for their encounter of the city centre, they, whilst under the supervision of (also) excited teachers, walked briskly to a nearby café to consume, with reflection, the events of the morning.

Laying down the wreath of the First World War is to pay a welcoming tribute to all those unfortunate members of society who lost their lives in a killing battle of the world, which promptly started on the 28th July, 1914 and fortunately came to a lucky halt on the 11th November, 1918 – which was of course an immense event in history. Camera lenses flicked to the drizzling rain of Manchester as the circle of red flowers were laid down in solemnness. May all those who dedicated their lives be accepted into paradise in their individual ascensions.



For their third and final experience of the day, the Student Shura representatives entered Manchester City Centre's museum and art gallery. Artists from numerous sections included womens' battle lifestyle, times of extreme hardship, injury and hospital care and even the environment of war and the dissimilar weapons they all operated. Later on, a scrumptious lunch was consumed – with a delicious dessert with a wide range of cakes thrown in for very good measure! A joyous trip to the colossal gift shop followed where students could purchase miscellaneous souvenirs and novelty items to mark their superb day out in Manchester. Surely, all of the Student Shura representatives would successfully implant this momentous event in history in their minds in order to reminisce this moment in time at a later point in their life. This was one trip that no-one would forget!

## The Bake Sale and Charity

As hungry students were dismissed from their lessons, for their well-earned breaks, they immediately approached the readied bake sale. Students generously brought in extra money in order to help raise money for a very worth-while cause.

Students were flabbergasted by the inexpensive prices of just £1 per item of food. Staff were advising the pupils to line up in a very sensible and orderly way, however, this was not because the students were behaving inadequately, it was because of the popularity of the event which had achieved a high level of publicity and had shadowed the students with slight raucousness. Treats included delicious slices of various cakes, delectable sweets of any shape or size and many chocolates and tasty biscuits just waiting to be gobbled down by the pupils (or even staff!) As the almighty bake sale was such a fan with the ravenous students and the impressed staff, the owners of this bake sale - also known as the charity club – considered holding this occasion once again on another day because of its monumental popularity it rightfully deserved. The bake sale successfully earned approximately £250 in merely two lunchtimes- due to the students' generosity.

You are possibly contemplating why this flawless bake sale was held in the first place? The answer to this theory is quite depressing. Many young children, intelligent children and adults of this generation are currently, as we speak, suffering from extreme poverty or possessing the state of being homeless, living in a derelict

cardboard box as a makeshift home – forlorn. This is because these unfortunate citizens are very poor, and are continuously crying for blessed assistance from us lucky people. The name of these foundational and charitable institutions is called BBC Children In Need. This institution raises millions of pounds for children's charities annually each November. We hope to involve all students in fundraising for BBC Children In Need next year.

