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The Principal's Welcome...

Assalam ualaikum / Hello and welcome to our latest edition of Al Qalam (The Pen). The last term at Tauheedul Boys' has certainly been a busy one – nothing new there! How time flies; it only feels like yesterday our Year 10s were sitting their first GCSEs and now they're in Year 11, preparing once more for their final exams.

The first set of GCSEs sat by our boys last year was most encouraging and to use footballing analogies, in a game of two halves, most of our boys come into the first half in a commanding position, some are level and have everything to play for, but none have lost the game yet and that is a wonderful position to be in.

The last term saw the opening of our new state of the art ICT rooms, art facilities and wudu area which has enhanced the curriculum and facilities for our learners. It is most heartening to hear from visitors who have visited the site speak so highly of the refurbishment of the site. Although this is a temporary site, we are determined that our learners have the best experiences possible whilst they are with us at TIBHS.

Talking about experiences, our Year 7s have settled into their new secondary school well. Many still remember fondly the residential at the start of the academic year as part of their transition process and I am sure the many stories they have from the residential will stay with them for a very long time – I am sure in years to come the staff will certainly remind them of a few!

We have also been fortunate over the last term to welcome many motivational speakers to TIBHS such as the world famous fashion designer Patrick Grant, the entrepreneur Josh Valman and the winner of the Apprentice 2014 Mark Wright. All of the speakers stressed to our boys the importance of self-belief, hard work, determination, discipline and sacrifice if they are to be successful in their chosen careers and indeed life.

We at Tauheedul Boys' take great pride in recruiting and retaining the finest staff acquired, embracing their expertise and developing their craft, so it was particularly pleasing that TIBHS became the first school within the Tauheedul Family to be recognised by Investors in People (IIP) as meeting the Gold Standard for IIP.

I hope that you enjoy this latest edition of the Al – Qalam magazine and will remember the school in your prayers.

Mubaaruck Ibrahim
(Principal & Chief Executive)

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Swimming Gala

On November 24th, the Year 7, 8 and 9 students arrived at QEG's pool to compete in the momentous annual swimming gala. The competitors, each individually selected by the former P.E coach Mr Matarar, had a colossal challenge at hand; opposing seven other competing schools at the aforementioned venue. Added to that, the swimmers were representing their whole year group so they had an immense amount of pressure on their shoulders.

"The anxiety was real and the nerves were really stirring up butterflies," elucidated Muhammed Saleh, a competitor at the gala. "With all eyes on you, with the towering pressure on you, it was scary; some people even fell in the pool before the starting whistle, but it was all a jolt at the same time."

The swimmers, in their groups of six, each selected a particular stroke before taking to the pools and pushing their body to the edge in an attempt to overcome the vast, difficult and fearsome challenge that stood in front of them.

However, due to the vast numbers of swimmers involved, the number of races was different for each stroke. The butterfly and breast stroke swimmers got right into it, with the first race being the final. Despite this, the breast stroke and front stroke

swimmers were made to compete in two heats before gaining the much desired chance of swimming in the final.

Despite the swimmers bold, brave and valiant efforts, it transpired that Tauheedul finished seventh on the position board which proved a disappointment for the boys who truly gave it their all.

However as a school, we show gratitude for the boys admirable attempts and are undoubtedly proud of the Tauheedul swimmers; they sacrificed their blood, sweat and tears representing us as a school.

"We were quite dejected after the result-of course," stated Naeem Patel (also a competitor that evening). "But the atmosphere was just unbelievable! We felt incredibly motivated despite the lack of quality in our performance. How all of us were cheering each other on, it was so amazing! There's only one way to describe that evening: a one of a kind experience."

Ultimately, the annual gala was a huge success. An unbelievable atmosphere; a breath-taking competition and a divergent and rare unification of several schools from across the Borough; the gala was just something that does not come around very often. The evening was, inevitably, quite unforgettable.

by Uwais Wadiwala

Year 9 Trip to UCLAN



In November a group of our Year 9 boys had the opportunity to visit UCLAN and take part in a Life on Mars workshop provided by the UK space agency. Students learnt how to develop and programme robotic rovers in an attempt to search for life on distant planets. They then searched for samples and had the opportunity to use state of the art equipment in a science laboratory to analyse their samples. The workshop gave our students a fantastic chance to use their scientific enquiry and investigative skills through an exciting area of discovery. The boys became very competitive and performed extremely well.



Young Enterprise Programme

Having won the 'Dragons' Den' competition for TIBHS in the Autumn term, the eleven determined members of team 'Invictus' are now more than ready to take on the nation in the 'Young Enterprise Competition'. These individual members of the Young Enterprise Programme – each budding entrepreneurs in their own right - have been exploring new ideas to produce a revolutionary product which is bound to 'WOW' the masses. Having taken up this opportunity, they are now taking our school forward in enterprise, and eventually hope to make their mark in the business world. Muhammed Suleman (Managing Director of team 'Invictus') told me 'Small opportunities lead to great enterprises, and this is an opportunity like no other'.

They were each asked to bring ideas to the table and then decide on which ones they would take further. When questioned the team told me that their preferred idea is more than a little revolutionary; they have found a gap in the

market for revision guides aimed at students studying for their GCSE exams. The English subject, arguably the most imperative GCSE one can have, is a case in point. Students now plan to create tailored books such as a guide to 'A Christmas Carol' with all annotations and exam techniques included – a perfect revision resource. Through market research they had found that literature books which are annotated and include all exam techniques (similar to that which is available for other subjects) are not available to students in English. 'Invictus' believe this could be tremendously beneficial to all GCSE English students.

Over the next couple of months they will be working to make this idea a reality. They'll have a lot to do; creating the product, managing finances, marketing and much more. Pay attention to this column as it is only getting better and do make sure you read the next edition!

by Faheem Issa, Year 10

Year 9 Blackburn Rovers Business Trip

On Tuesday 6th October 2015, the Year 9 Business studies pupils had a tremendous and truly life changing experience on a visit to Blackburn Rovers. Ewood Park is much more than a football pitch; it is a diverse business with so many different functions of which all are highly rated. The trip was a real success and Year 9 loved it; including taking weird pictures and selfies! The pupils benefitted from the business trip as it gave them a deeper understanding of "business behind the scenes." The team building activities were described as: "stimulating" by students on the trip that day.

Muhammed Raesh, 9M2 elaborated more on this by describing the day as being "amazing, awesome and exciting."

Obviously, not all of it was breath-taking, it was the waiting that got us annoyed and not to mention only a 15 minute lunch break. In fact, our hopes were set high on meeting some football players, but no such luck!

For football fans all around, the stadium tour is an experience you wouldn't want to miss! I would say that the tour was probably the best part of the entire day. I mean, we saw nearly everything; from state of the art changing rooms to shiny



golden football trophies. Some people even managed to take a sneaky selfie in front of the famous sponsor board. On the whole, it was a really interesting and memorable event.

Amaan Ismail, 9M2 commented "after long lessons, it was quite a treat to get a tour of the stadium". Finally, at the end of the day we all took part in a team building challenge which was quite fun and everyone had something to do. You need to come and see the action for yourself at Ewood Park. You're guaranteed fun for all no matter what age you are!

by Ibrahim Patel, Year 9

Runshaw and Clitheroe Colleges

After four hardworking years at Tauheedul our current Year 11 student's high school life will soon be coming to an end. As this chapter closes a new one begins – College.

Not too long ago Runshaw and Clitheroe College came to TIBHS to try to entice the students to attend their esteemed campuses. Both provided a glimpse into the day-to-day life with Clitheroe offering extra-curricular activities and Runshaw having an additional day off (the students were definitely pleased about that!). After the initial videos, they were told about the application and interview process and were asked, if interested, to start applying as places are limited. Most importantly however, they understood that both colleges required a minimum of 5 GCSEs

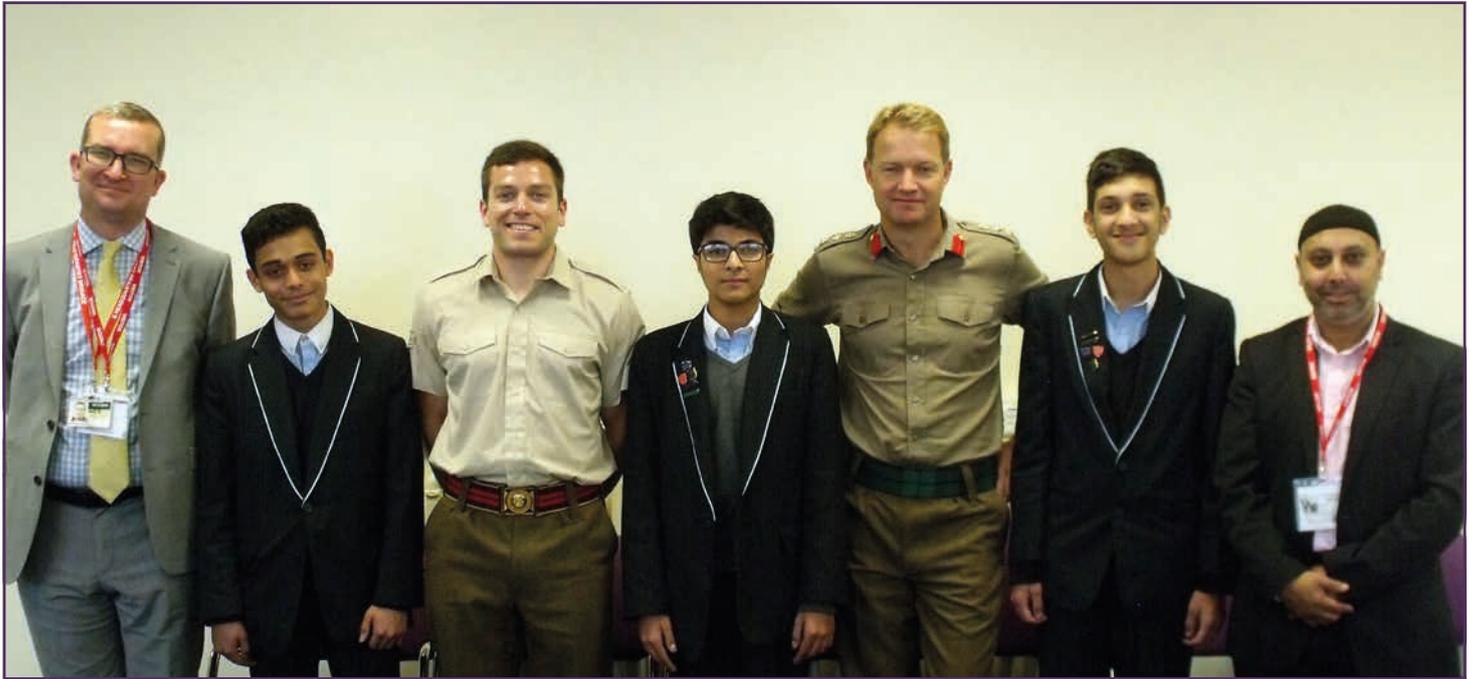
at a grade B, so they still had work to do this year to progress into further education. The students are feeling positive that through hard work and determination, their dreams will be one step closer to becoming a reality.

"The college visits were a momentous occasion for all the Year 11s at TIBHS. Having so many colleges from across Lancashire visit our school, showcasing what they have to offer, from A-levels to Vocational study and from BTEC to apprenticeships. A big decision lies ahead for them and their parents' Head of Year 11 – Mr M.Patel

by Qaasim Suleman



Visit from Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst



Personnel from the Royal Military Academy spoke to our Year 10 & 11 boys with regards to the social impact the army has within the UK and abroad.

The college sports an illustrious list of alumni including Prince Harry, Prince William, Winston Churchill, King Abdullah of Jordan and Mohammed ibn Zayed (Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi).

The event supported the PSHC based key objective of 'The roles played by public institutions and voluntary groups in society, and the ways in which citizens work together to improve their communities'. Moreover, it helped build career aspirations of those who may look to enter into a career with the army.

Our Battlefields Tour!

Through using leading edge teaching and learning approaches, we were able to conduct historical enquiries and develop a deeper understanding to the significance of the First World War.

In Belgium, we visited the cemetery of Neuve Chappelle, this is one way we commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the start of the Somme and Third Ypres battles.



Neuve Chappelle, the Indian Memorial itself maintains the memory of those of the Indian brigades, battalions and regiments who fought and died in the First World War, thus allowing us to create a personal connection to the First World War through interacting with the battlefield sites, participating in remembrance ceremonies, recording, reflecting and sharing our own experiences to many schools across the country.

Furthermore this learning experience allowed us to enhance our spiritual awareness and show gratitude to all our ancestors for their sacrifice and hardship. Moreover, the purpose of this trip we both felt, was to bring different organisations together, extend local, regional, national and global networks by reaching into communities to educate students' and teachers' understanding of what the First World War meant, and why it is commemorated.

by **Muhammad Mohammed** and **Umar Isap**

Year 8 Manchester Imperial War Museum Trip



On 27th November, a chosen group of disciplined Year 8 students embarked on an exhilarating trip to the Imperial War Museum (IWM) in Manchester to expand their knowledge about the bloodbath that was known as World War 1.

This fantastic history trip, carefully and well-organised by the staff of the Humanities department, would allow the eager students to participate in various activities outside the classroom rather than inside, whilst representing our school and epitomising excellent behaviour and intellect in the name of TIBHS. Read on to find out how the Year 8s' day went and what IWM had to offer!



Excitement flowed through the air as the pupils stepped off of the coach and took in a deep breath of Manchester. Just as the staff thought the exuberance started to fade away, they witnessed a huge leaning structure above their heads. This symbolised the struggle of the fight back then and how everything was leaning back and forth between each country in battle. Eventually, we headed inside

the building where we were happily greeted by the staff of the museum who introduced themselves and discussed the upcoming schedule for the day. First and foremost, we were going to participate in a workshop where we would be able to observe replicas of uniform, equipment and weapons from the war itself. In addition, we had to prepare presentations where we would bestow our research, findings and quotes to the rest of the group. This was the education behind the trip, but there was still much more in store for our school.

Fresh from an enlightening lesson which included holding a facsimile of a grenade, we strolled across to the museum itself. After roaming around the museum for a couple of moments, we had the opportunity to watch a 360 degrees light show which showed the many happenings in WW1. This was a thrilling experience for all of the students and allowed them to see the war from a visual perspective.

by Rais Esat



ISA Trip to the Cenotaph and Manchester Art Gallery



On Saturday 7th November, the ISA group made a journey to the Manchester Cenotaph, to recall the end of hostilities of World War I.

Early morning, the group gathered at the school gates where the minibus arrived and the students, along with Miss Yakub and Mr Nunns, hurried inside. The group made their way towards the memorial site, after laying a wreath, we stood for a minute, deliberating upon those who braved their lives for us.

Later, after a 2 minute walk, we came to the art gallery, where we spent some time viewing the work.

Overall, we had a great time, we increased our respect for those who fought for our country in the war, and the conditions they faced.

by **Muhammed Elyas Patel** and **Qaasim Suleman**

Careers Convention

Our annual careers event brought together employers, businesses and training providers to come to talk to students and their parents about their particular career field. Students in Year 10 and 11 took full advantage of this opportunity and made the most of asking questions to help them develop in the future. Over 25 organisations attended the event including; Blackburn College, Myerscough College, St Mary's, Cardinal Newman, BAE Systems, UCLAN, Lancashire Police, Lancashire WBL Executive Forum, Eric Wright Construction, Training 2000, BT, KPMG, Bolton University and many more! Students had the opportunity to explore their chosen career area and further education plans by speaking directly with a professional representative from that area.

Feedback from employers:

Hi, Just to say I had a wonderful experience on Saturday. The young people were mature and inquisitive; parents were friendly and interested in asking many questions too. I felt it was an informative event. The welcome from the school was second to none and I would gladly give up all my Saturday's for such a pleasing event. **Jane Clarke, Lancashire Forum Administrator**

We would like to thank you for considering and inviting AMT Lawyers to the Careers Convention at TIBHS. The whole team at AMT was extremely impressed with the organisation and turn out the convention received. This is surely a credit to your hard work and organisation. **Avesh Ahmed, Head of Marketing & Business Development, AMT Lawyers**



Year 9 Enterprise Day

The students in Year 9 were given the opportunity to start their own business and put their entrepreneurial skills to the test, during the Year 9 Enterprise Day on 9th November 2015. Given a scenario, they had to build a prototype of a tent that would withstand the weather conditions of the Antarctic.

Throughout the day they were set tasks to help them develop leadership, teamwork and creative thinking skills. They were put under pressure to meet deadlines, overcome obstacles and to take responsibility for their roles, reflecting working life. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the day's activities, with the winning team taking medals and chocolates home.

Year 11 Enterprise Day

Year 11 took part in enterprise activities with the theme of recycling as part of a social enterprise challenge. Our students were given an insight into an innovative career where they can make a real difference to the world.

The social enterprise was promoted through unique rewards, demands and challenges and for many budding social entrepreneurs there was a clear message given to the boys throughout the day that in order to make a dream a reality, a lot of hard work and commitment is required. The enterprise day was designed to build on the skills and knowledge our boys would need to help fulfil their future aspirations whether that is in business or otherwise.



Year 11 students were given an amazing opportunity to participate in higher education workshops at the University of Central Lancashire on 11th November 2015. Workshops included Forensic Science, Paramedic, Engineering and Sport.

The event was initiated to inspire and motivate learners to excel in their GCSEs and apply to Universities in the near future. Students learnt about first aid and recovery in paramedics,

to making their own circuits in engineering. The boys were also involved in scanning finger prints and finding missing clues in a mini version of CSI. Finally, students were also involved in coming up with their own game, with their own rules and having to include all 15 players in Sports! Surely, a first! The session ended with an inspiring presentation and a question and answer session with a Hafiz who is currently in his last year studying at the University.

Year 10 Spring Trade Fair

The time has come for our Young Enterprise company, "Invictus" to shine at the Spring Trade Fair. Having allocated roles of Managing Directors, Finance, HR, Marketing, Sales, Design, Research and Operations Managers, each member of the team will prove their worth in this unique opportunity offered by Young Enterprise.

The boys set up a stall at The Trafford Centre, 'Apprentice Style' for a day's trading giving our boys hands on experience of selling and marketing in the real world. The student-run companies were judged by a team of business professionals from various sectors of the business community as well as a 'Mystery Shopper' who was looking for excellent customer service and product knowledge.

Invictus' innovative idea is to sell annotated versions of the famous English play, written by Shakespeare, Macbeth, as a GCSE revision guide. As a fundraiser, the students developed ideas and

decided that the fastest way to make some money would be to sell sweet cones. A great business decision as this proved popular on the day, Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School was the highest selling stall on the day; this encouraged the boys and made them more determined to want to make more money on their quest to run a successful young enterprise. The day gave the boys an exclusive opportunity to reflect on the positives of the experience, to evaluate what went well and areas for development. It also allowed them to make sure their product is successful moving forward, which for them, will be the Dragons' Den and the Young Enterprise Fair Trade final.

"Students from Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School came to one of our workshops and they were extremely well prepared; their behaviour was impeccable, flawless and they were exceptionally well-mannered throughout; they seemed very determined to succeed and that's why we love working with the school." Suzanne Smith, YE Senior Manager.



Year 7 Residential

I begin with the memorable words of renowned British writer - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle:

“For strange effects and extraordinary combinations we must go to life itself, which is always far more daring than any effort of the imagination”

This thought provoking quote embodies the vision of the pastoral team at Tauheedul Boys’ which is to constantly strive to create exceptional, innovative experiences for all students, but especially for those who join the Tauheedul family at the start of the academic year. As a result, we organised a fantastic opportunity to assist the Year 7 students in transitioning from primary to life at secondary school; which in itself can be quite daunting.

Our Year 7’s embarked on a very exciting residential and spiritual retreat to the YMCA National Centre Lakeside in Cumbria, as part of our transition programme aimed at helping all Year 7’s settle in to their new school surroundings and build positive relationships with their form members.



The duration of the residential trip was held over the course of three days, whereby all students had time to take part in a multitude of activities where they developed a greater understanding of teamwork and communication skills. Learners built their confidence and self-esteem through activities that really challenged them and allowed them to face their fears. During the day students spent time canoeing on Lake Windermere with a picturesque backdrop or abseiling down steep rock faces. By sunset, students were performing Magrib salah on fields opposite the Lake; it was a truly inspirational and spiritual experience for all those who attended. The evenings were dedicated towards spending time with friends around a camp fire, devouring burgers and toasted marshmallows.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all the boys, “It was spectacular.” Huzaiifa Patel, 7T1, “An eye-opener!” Salman Toorawa, 7T4 “The residential trip was a BLAST!” Hakeem Khan 7T2, and parents “I am very grateful to all who organised the Yr7 residential and to those staff who took their own time out to attend and assist on the trip. My son had a fab time, made new friends and came back home elated. He even managed to get some homework done whilst he was away!” Mr Ditta - Parent.

Qurbani Project

Every year, at the time of Eid-ul-Adha, Muslims sacrifice an animal in the name of God. According to the Islamic calendar, this date falls on the 10th Dhul Hijjah every year. Qurbani meat is usually distributed among the poor, as a way of directly contributing to the welfare of those less fortunate than ourselves.

“The best expenditure on the day of Eid-ul-Adha is to spend one’s money in sacrifice” (Hadith)

Each year, the Tauheedul Charity runs numerous projects in order to help the needy. One such scheme is the Global Food Programme, which aims to help millions of starving children around the world. Part of this programme is the annual Qurbani Project that distributes the sacrificed meat in over eighteen different countries around the world.

We are so often distracted by our excessive celebrations that we forget those who don’t even have enough for a single meal. Through the generous donations and support of communities from across the UK, the programme helped thousands of children in rural villages and crises affected regions. They are certainly grateful for the help and constant support.

Adam, a child from India commented “I would like to thank the children and young people of the UK, for providing my family with food. We have not been able to afford meat for several years. Thank you for enabling us to rejoice at the time of Eid.”

by Jameel Waghat

Peer Mentoring

In TIBHS it is very important that students with Special Educational Needs are accurately identified, assessed and supported by work that is tailored to each child’s particular needs.

TIBHS provides this unique and highly structured support in class, as part of normal day-to-day lessons. As a truly inclusive school where every pupil is valued, we want all students to take a full part in every lesson and in all aspects of school life alongside their peers. However, sometimes, a pupil’s personalised assessment shows that they would benefit from additional one-to-one tuition or to work as part of a small group.

Therefore, we believe that the addition of the experienced and proficient Year 11s to aid the learning curve of the younger boys is very beneficial. Consequently, we have developed the Peer Mentor scheme to assist any student who personally believes that he would benefit from an additional academic push.

Every peer mentor is given a student which they are solely responsible to cultivate academically and spiritually, benefitting both themselves and their associates. We look forward to the progress these students will endeavour to make and feel truly honoured to have such an impact on their academic lives.

by Uwais Ougradar

Anti-Bullying Roadshow 2015



The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme, which forms part of the charity 'The Diana Award,' was originally set up in 2011.

Now the programme trains young people across the UK and Ireland to be Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in their schools and local communities. On Tuesday 10th November 2015, over 600 young Anti-Bullying Ambassadors aged 5-18 from across the UK came together in Blackpool to participate in a hands on event designed to inspire young people to creatively explore bullying issues through drama, singing, photography, rap, art and public speaking. The spectacular event was hosted by the esteemed celebrity talents: Ceallach Spellman, Max Bowden, Molly Rainford, Concept and Lola Saunders! The training day, held at the world famous Winter Gardens in Blackpool, brought together young people from Primary and Secondary schools across the country to learn more about bullying and understand the best way to tackle it.

One student who participated commented, "I am extremely passionate about standing up to all types of bullying, as I understand the horrendous effects that bullying can have and the immense mental strain it can hold upon someone."



Anti-bullying week focused on empowering young people to make a stand against bullying, whether it is happening to them or to someone else, face to face, or online. The students, having completed the workshops, had to demonstrate what they had learned by converting their knowledge into a short performance. This led to an informative yet enjoyable closure to the day. Their mission was simple - to inspire and recognise social action in young people. The day was a perfect way to educate the masses and inspire a younger generation, and in my opinion it was a resounding success.



Macmillan Event

On Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd November the International Club held a charity event to fund Macmillan Cancer Support.

Flavoursome and delightful confectionary were sold to caretakers, historians, geographers, receptionists, mathematicians, scientists and teaching assistants.

The event took place just before break time which started at 10:10am. The four Year 9's: Hamzah Isap, Uwais Wadiwala, Muhammed Patel and Qaasim Suleman served the teachers.

Some things which were sold included simply doughnuts, lemon cheesecake, red velvet cake, victoria sponge cake and chocolate cornflakes. These were the great treats generously bought in by the international school award group.

The next day, the remaining cakes were sold at the tuck shop to the students. Students queued impatiently to get a chance to buy some of our delights. In total we raised £190.

by **Muhammed Elyas Patel** and **Qaasim Suleman**

Positive Parenting

On 19th November 2015, the first Positive Parenting session was held for this academic year.

The focus of the session was to support parents with improving adolescent behaviour by giving practical techniques to influence socially appropriate etiquettes.

Parents were presented with a variety of strategies and tools to decide which ones would suit them best to implement at home.

Parents engaged in the session through interactive workshops. This also gave parents an opportunity to gain advice and strategies from an educational, psychological and Islamic perspective.

The next session is due to be held in March.



Of Mice and Men Production

George and Lennie's search for The American Dream led them to Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School. Their epic journey and quest for a stake in their own ranch took them far and wide, as far as Blackburn, Lancashire.

In an awe-inspiring performance of the novel, *Of Mice and Men*, the pupils - in Year 11 - were able to witness, first-hand, the friendship and brotherly love that George and Lennie had for one another.

Of Mice and Men is a remarkable journey where two men travel in search of The American Dream: a dream which sadly never materialises. Our pupils opened their hearts to the two ranch workers and followed them on their search for a better life. Whilst on their journey, they encounter many obstacles that jeopardise their ultimate goal of one day owning their own ranch together. Nonetheless, it is their everlasting friendship that carries them through the hardships

and difficulties of life in the 1930s. The award winning performances of both George and Lennie will remain firmly in the hearts of all our boys, the tragic end of this story left a lingering impression on the audience.

The English department arranged for a production team to come in and deliver a live performance of John Steinbeck's classic novel, *Of Mice and Men*. This was to ensure that the boys saw a live performance of a GCSE text they will have a final examination on, this summer. The cultural and moral purpose of the performance engaged the boys and it was heartening to see that the performance was observed with respect, admiration and appreciation. The work and evident talent of the Manchester Actor's Company was gratifying; the boys valued the experience immensely.

We look forward to putting on more live performances for our boys in the future.

'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens



On Friday 20th November 2015 - Years 9, 10 and 11 were very privileged to have been part of the audience for a breathtaking performance of 'A Christmas Carol', presented by three (highly) qualified members of the renowned theatre company 'The Manchester Actors Company'.

This gripping yet educational piece of theatre genius could not have had words to do it justice. Yet, if we the students had to choose only one word to adequately fit its description, the choice could only be; thrilling! Absolutely, without any sort of doubt at all, this performance was truly sublime.

In the previous half-term, the aforementioned year groups were studying this enticing novel, which was brilliantly taught by the five knowledgeable teachers in the English department; all of whom are exceedingly skilled.

Year 10 student Mohammedazeem Rokad stated 'This was definitely one of the best experiences I have ever had, and maybe even the top theatre performance I have seen by far. I felt I had travelled back in time to the nineteenth century; this performance has assisted me with my understanding of the book. All in all, it was a blast!'

by Muhammad Vali

Visit from Mark Wright

(winner of the Apprentice 2014)



The Apprentice – the hardest most gruelling process out there, taking candidates to the limit, where true colours come to shine. Well, being part of such a process let alone winning it would be a considerable achievement in itself.

Here at TIBHS this Autumn, we were honoured with the presence of Mark Wright, winner of the Apprentice 2014. This was a real treat to all of us, I mean who doesn't love the Apprentice! Students listened with rapt attention to his anecdotes and experiences and were truly motivated by what he had to say.

He shared everything with us, from the reality of the rivalry between himself and Daniel (they were good friends behind the scenes), to the actual process with which the candidates were chosen. We felt inspired by his story, and I'm sure we will all benefit when applying some of his words of wisdom to the choices and challenges we will face in the world of work.

Visit from Josh Valman

(Entrepreneur and multi-millionaire)

At a young age, Josh was designing robots, but his practical approach was eventually to put him in charge of a business worth multiple millions.

RPD International is a design and manufacturing firm founded in 2013 by teenage millionaire and young entrepreneur, Josh Valman. After only six months of its establishment, the business was worth £1 million!

The Year 11 and 10 students heard how persistence and passion led Josh in establishing his business venture, the key message; don't let anyone tell you you're not good enough or old enough, set your goals and go for it!

Visit from Patrick Grant

(Entrepreneur and Fashion Designer to the rich and famous)

Patrick Grant is a British fashion designer and creative director of bespoke tailors Norton & Sons of Saville Row. As a media figure he is best known as a judge on the television series, The Great British Sewing Bee.

After taking over Norton in 2005, Patrick has been credited with rejuvenating the once ailing business. He relaunched E. Tautz and Sons as a ready to wear label in 2009, for which he was awarded the Menswear Designer Award at the British Fashion Awards in 2010.

The Year 11 and 10 students heard how resilience paid off for Patrick who lived off baked beans and toast for three years, sold his house, his car and everything else he possessed as well as borrowing money from a bank, two former Oxford classmates, friends and family and his former Chief Executive at Bookham, turning the business into a resounding success with over a million a year in revenue.



The Annual Seerah Competition

At TIBHS enormous emphasis is placed on the spiritual developments of its students. The boys feel they carry upon their shoulders the desire to follow in the footsteps of the pinnacle role model for all Muslims: the beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). In order to pursue this, the spirituality team at TIBHS continued the annual programme, **"The Greatest Man to Grace the Universe"** Seerah speech competition to celebrate the blessed life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

The competition begins with each of the 450 students delivering their individual 10 minute speeches within a fortnight. The individuals who performed great speeches were then nominated to compete in the semi-finals. A panel of spiritually educated members of staff then critically assessed the key aspects of the speeches, further shortlisting the candidates down to only 6 finalists equally split between KS3 and KS4. This year these esteemed and highly talented students are as follows: Adil Dudhia, Muhammad Rehmani, Hamza Patel, Ahmed Fatakiya, Adnan Patel and Hamza Desai.

The previous three Seerah competitions have all been unquestionably successful, with myself also being a finalist and runner up in the first annual competition in 2013. The experience of delivering a speech before an audience of more than a thousand members of society, on the legacy of the blessed life of the Prophet (PBUH) is a well-regarded privilege. A panel of esteemed, honourable and respectful religious pioneers and scholars of society will eventually come to a decision on the winner of the competition who will be rewarded accordingly as well as the runner up and finalists. More information on this topic will be present in the upcoming article next half-term.

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