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## The Principal's Welcome...

Assalamu laykum / Hello and welcome to our latest edition of Al Qalam (The Pen). As the boys and staff take a well-deserved break, behind the scenes work continues in preparation for the new term and a new Principal. Undoubtedly, many of you may have heard, and hopefully, some of you will have read the letter sent home from the Chair of Governors, but if your son is like mine then the letter is still probably in the bottom of the school bag and you may see it in a few months if you are lucky!



It's with great sadness that after four highly successful years leading Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School I hand over the amanah (responsibility) that was entrusted to me back in 2014. I am delighted to hand over the reins of the 3rd highest attaining school and the top performing school based on gender, with an award winning Senior Leadership Team and staff, to Mr Majid Ditta, and pray that the Almighty eases the transition and makes his tenure as equally successful as mine.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 students all the best for their forthcoming GCSEs, I wish them all the best for the next stage of their journey and pray that they go on to fulfil their dreams. I pray that the Almighty showers them with his mercy and that they go on to become the men we all hope and aspire for them to become.

Our staff (past and present) are our biggest asset and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to our boys. May the Almighty reward them and their families for the countless hours they spend meticulously planning, marking and delivering interventions.

To our governors we owe a great deal of gratitude for the selfless sacrifice that they give to the school, they are unpaid volunteers who give gladly of their time, energy and commitment to support me and the leadership team in making the school the success it is.

On a personal level, I would like to thank each and every governor for the trust, support and faith they have shown in me, particularly during the early years when a lot of tough decisions had to be made. I thank them for their wise counsel, their reassuring words and their encouragement particularly during difficult times as leading a school can sometimes be a lonely business.

I would like to thank you our parents/carers for the support that you have shown me over the years, you have been our biggest critics and your critical advice has helped to make the school stronger and better, yet you have been our biggest supporters and when the school has faced any external criticism, you have been our most ardent supporters.

I would like to ask parent/carers, students and staff (past and present), governors, colleagues within the Trust, members of the community and anyone who has come into contact with the school for forgiveness if we have let you down in any way. I would also humbly request that you remember me in your prayers/duas as I forge new paths and take on new challenges.

All that remains to be said for one final time is I hope that you enjoy reading the latest edition of the Al-Qalam magazine and please continue to remember the school in your prayers/duas.

Mubaaruck Ibrahim (Principal)

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## Pastures New



Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School, an emblem of educational excellence, academic ambition and Islamic integrity, renowned across the nation, has been capturing headlines across the country and making and breaking records, year-on-year. Much of this success has been under a visionary, inspirational and a great leader – Mr Ibrahim, our Head teacher. It is with sadness that we will see Mr Ibrahim leave TIBHS this year, moving onto pastures anew.

As we all know, all good things must come to an end, well, this is an end of an era for Mr Ibrahim as the Principal and Chief Executive of Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School. Mr Ibrahim has dedicated excessive hours to its betterment, working tirelessly to nurture it to the position it is in now. His insight and acumen will forever be appreciated.

The compassion he has shown has not been limited to pupils. Each member of his team has at some point seen his compassion. This, accompanied with his provision of direction for his colleagues, demonstrates his emotional intelligence in providing leadership. His sympathetic and generous nature did not go unnoticed, but most importantly his desire for everyone to succeed and passion for excellence will be missed sorely. He shares the ambition of each of his pupils – their success is his contentment.

Of course, this level of accomplishment does not come without adversity. Mr Ibrahim's rational and serene approach to making otherwise challenging decisions has been a seamless driving force beneath our School's prosperity. Although we all know he holds strong opinions (really he does!), his approach has always been open-minded, resulting in judicious judgements that are in the best interests of pupils.

Supporting TIBHS as it grew through his leadership skills has been second to none. TIBHS has seen a transformation from an unused building, to a wholesome learning environment, focussed on providing the highest level of education for its pupils under his leadership; he has implemented various measures and procedures to ensure TIBHS can run efficiently with the staff it has. His prudence and foresight have allowed him to anticipate and plan for the future prospect of our

School, resulting in a sustainable set of principles that can be carried forward into newer beginnings.

Mr Ibrahim has an optimistic view on all standpoints of life, which, irrespective of their background, has transformed every pupil who has opened the next chapter of their life with us here at TIBHS into a young leader, ready for the life ahead of them. He has passed on the best of his characteristics to each member of staff, his vision forming the roots of every educator to teach at our school.

His leadership has been proven to be world class! Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School started as just a seed in the minds of our founders, yet Mr Ibrahim cultivated it through his outstanding leadership and guidance. To mention but one of his accolades, Mr Ibrahim was recently named secondary Head teacher of the year at the Lancashire Telegraph's School Awards.

It should now be unsurprising to say that it is not only TIBHS that Mr Ibrahim has extended his arm out to; he has supported neighbouring schools with open arms in their pursuits to provide the same, quality education that all Tauheedul Trust schools deliver. Nevertheless, despite all our efforts to persuade him to change his decision, Mr Ibrahim is leaving, but his lasting legacy will remain for future leaders of TIBHS to take advantage of, and as TIBHS grows from strength to strength, we wish Mr Ibrahim all the best in his future endeavours and career. His infamous Manchester United shirt may not be missed by many, but his striking leadership qualities will definitely be reminisced.

There have been many times when your ways have made us frown and complain. But after the dust settles we've always admired your persistence to push us again, and again. Today, as you leave the office and let go of the helm at TIBHS, everyone here at TIBHS wishes you the very best and hopes that your new job fulfils all your dreams.

Suffice to say 'one man's loss is another man's gain!'

By Qaasim Suleman, 11M4

## The Insider

The transition from Year 6 to Year 7 was great. So far this year, I have learnt many things. I have made kind, helpful friends who have helped me with revising, homework and even making new friends.

The adventurous trip that we went to, Lakeside, was a great trip as it helped me with getting to know my new friends a lot better, and taught me some survival skills. I am sure my parents would be proud of me of the independence that this trip had taught me! The best thing about the trip was the activities that they had planned for us.

The great thing about TIBHS is that students can get involved in lots of different events, for example, the Aaashurah event, study circles and preparing assemblies. The 'once-in-a-lifetime' opportunity, the Aashurah Iftaar event, helped me learn things about the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) that I never knew.

I also like the life at TIBHS because most of the people around me are very caring and generous. The staff are helpful all the time, for example, Moulana Qasim helped our entire year to settle in to high school with a residential trip to Lakeside where we met and developed friendships with other students.

In English, we were studying the book Holes by Louis Sachar. The book fascinated me as it had so much description and made it feel as if I was really inside the book. The moral of this story was quite important to Year 7 students because it taught us not to be mischievous!

Moving on to French (my favourite subject)! Our teacher teaches us all in such a way that we don't forget the lessons. The majestic teaching certainly paid off in the French exam as I got 40/40!

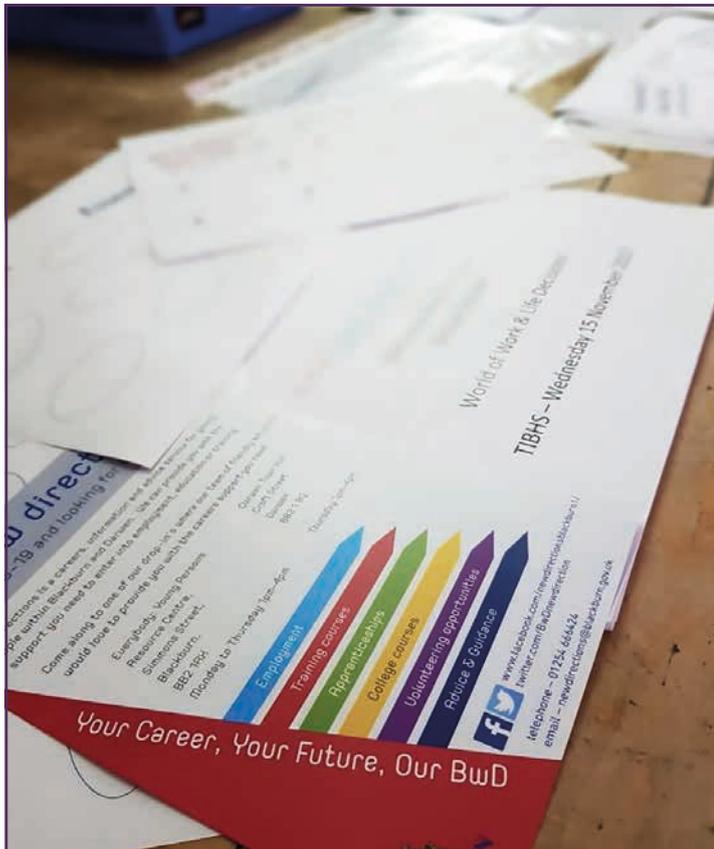
One of my most memorable experiences so far is 'the barbeque'. We had this in the second week of arriving at TIBHS. The food was wonderfully cooked and mouth-wateringly delicious. The best bit was that we got a fizzy drink with it, which parents usually don't allow!

Before I started Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School, I was very anxious. However, when I arrived, I was comforted as I found various services that I could use if something was not right. So far this year I feel as if I am starting to become part of the Tauheedul family. I feel that I have settled in really well, and I hope it continues this way.

By Muhammad Saif Chati, 7S4

## On the Right Track

Ever needed a new direction?



The Year 9 cohort at Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School certainly got this! They were lucky enough to experience first-hand, how to handle the problems that they could face in the future.

During the afternoon, on 15th November 2017, an external organisation 'New Directions' came to TIBHS. Their mission was to raise awareness amongst the boys of the sorts of challenges young people are faced with when dealing with career related decisions and choices.

Guidance about career choices, and how that impacted on their essential and desirable costs was shared. Of course most of the boys considered a PlayStation to be an essential cost! This session gave them a true taste of reality.

As the session progressed, the Year 9 students got to work out approximately how much they would require to sustain their needs and living costs. Some examples given were heating costs, electricity bills, car maintenance etc. The penny finally dropped on how students' hard work would allow them to go for the top end houses and the swanky-top of the range cars!

Many of the students in Year 9, found this session extremely useful. It was an eye opener for the boys, regarding the true realities of the life. One of the pupils commented, "I found the session really insightful."

Overall, New Directions came and spoke to the students about future directions, taking into account their jobs. They surely did give the boys a nudge in the right direction!

By Usman Ditta, 11M2



# What's Cooking at TIBHS?

Recently, various schools across the North West, a renewed trend seems to be sweeping through many schools with the introduction of the new subject... Food Preparation and Nutrition (for those old enough to know, Food Technology!).



Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School introduced Food Preparation and Nutrition to its curriculum spending a lot of time and resources on new materials and equipment for the subject.

This exciting subject consists of teaching: healthy eating; nutrition; healthy dieting and lifestyle, and of course food preparation itself.

As well as all of the theory that is involved, it also requires the best bit... the practical! Each week students are asked to bring in a range

of ingredients to make some new and exciting dishes. Students work collectively with one another to come up with their finished product, which they even get to take home to eat later on!

Pizzas, kebabs, egg fried rice, stir fry, and even scones are just some of the things that have been cooking at TIBHS, of course some healthy salads too! As well as focusing on taste, we learn about the healthy amount of each food type you should be having. They adapt each dish to make it as healthy possible and try to prioritise the fact of convenience and how easy a meal should be to make.

Students leave with a newfound confidence, knowing they can easily and safely make what they have been taught and use the skills when required. Every year group who has participated in Food Preparation and Nutrition has spoken of how wonderful an opportunity and experience it has been to learn in such a delightful and tasty way!

What's more exciting is that Food Preparation and Nutrition is now not only for the first two years of the school career, but it is also being offered as a GCSE qualification. With 20 budding chefs embarking on the course ready to take on the challenge, it looks a promising start.

## Who knows, maybe the future Great British Bake Off winner is in our midst!

By Muhammad Firoz Chand, 9E1

# World War 1 Commemoration

Every year, on the Eleventh of November, the nation joins hands in remembrance of our fallen heroes. This year, students from Tauheedul Boys also stood in unison in Manchester to commemorate those who fought, and fight, for our country.

On the chilly Saturday morning, reminiscent of the solemn atmosphere, five of our student leadership team – Qaasim Suleman, Hamzah Desai, Ashraf Lehri, Farhaan Bhikha and Usman Ditta - met at the school bus turnaround. They were accompanied by the humanities team, including Miss Yakub, Mr. Daji and Mr. Raza. The journey to Manchester was led in an earnest silence. The boys pondered in respect of the members of our armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of World War One on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended 'at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month', in accordance with the armistice signed by Germany and the Entente.

Once they reached the World War One Cenotaph in St Peters' Square, they joined a small crowd of people who were also paying their reverences. The year 11 students laid a wreath made of poppies, which are nationally symbolic of the bloodshed of the First World War.

After laying the wreath, the boys spoke to a group of retired war veterans, who captured their attention with recollections of the wars they had survived. They also discussed how unfortunate and preventable the concept of war is, and both the students and the ex-soldiers raised their hands in hopes of a peaceful future. Our peers were then thanked for their attendance at the service.



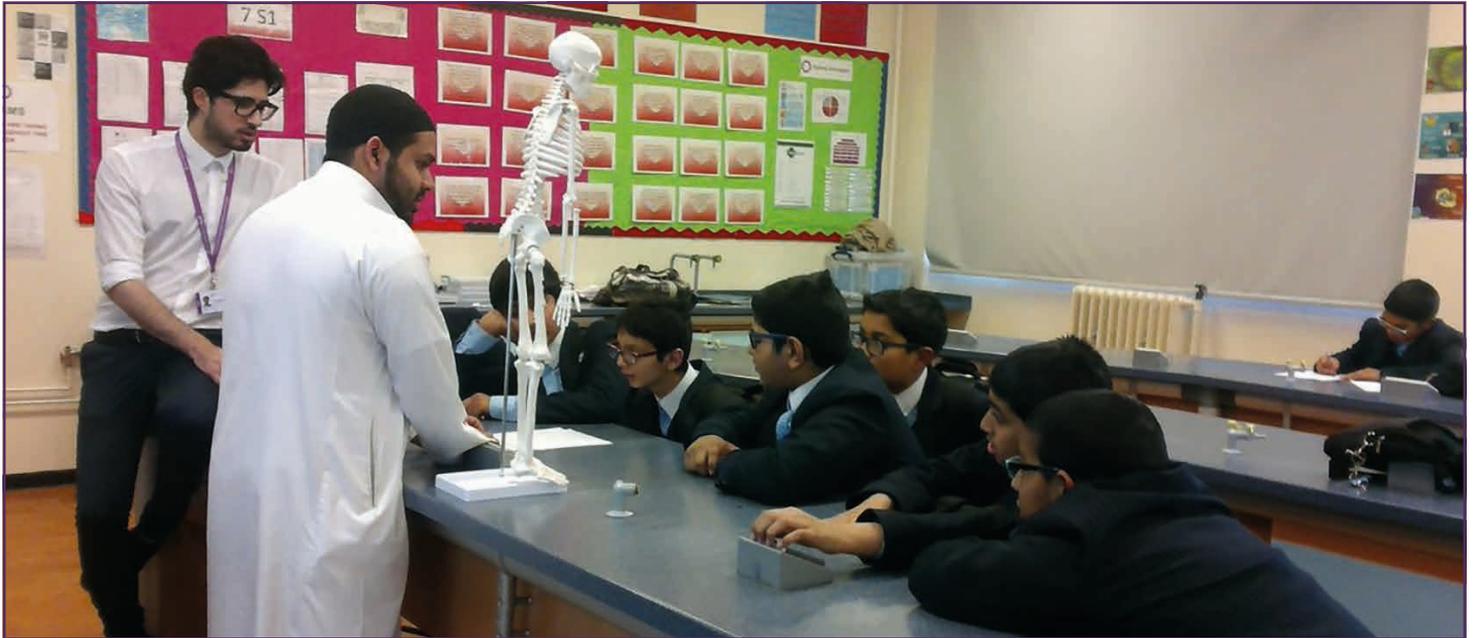
At precisely 11:00am, the deafening sound of the cannon was followed by a nationwide silence – a symbol of utmost respect to those whose lives have been dedicated to protect and serve.

The visit was concluded by a captivating conversation with the Mayor of Manchester, which involved a fervent yet sincere tribute to those who served our country over a century ago. Mr Raza commented on the enthusiasm of the boys to contribute to this thought-provoking discussion, also remarking, 'I would like to thank the team for relaying our respects at the memorial and representing our school courteously.'

Overall, the day was a significant reminder of the sacrifice of the generations who came before us, and re-instilled a sense of peace for all.

By Qaasim Suleman, 11M4

## 12-Year-Old Surgeons



Pupils from Year 7 are being offered to attend a science club every Wednesday lunchtime. Intriguing, engaging and amusing experiments are conducted to enhance their learning. Doesn't that sound tremendous? I promise you the science department will not fall flat! These experiments will leave you in awe.

Imagine it. A group of 11-12 year old boys covering their faces with matt blue masks and goggles. The luminous white light above the operating board ahead. The glazed instruments, being wielded by them as they probe the inner components of the human body. Impossible, is it not? Well, here at Tauheedul Boys', every Wednesday lunchtime in the S1 laboratory - the impossible is made possible, with Mr Adam and co.

But here's the question: why a science club? Inevitably, science is an integral piece of academia and can change lives in the working world. With the Wednesday science club, an interest and a burning passion for science is sparked in the hearts of these young boys; ensuring that we produce the best future scientists that will make a difference. It provides a hands-on experience, enabling pupils to apply the science from class, to real-life learning experiments!

No longer do 11-12 year olds need to spend lunchtime dodging, diving and swerving the merciless footballs flying their way; for now there is a science club engulfed with fun, exciting experiments and demonstrations.

"With exciting practicals it is very hands on for the students," stated Mr Jameel, science teacher. "I really don't think that

students, so young, would receive these kinds of opportunities, without enrichments like these."

In the third week of October 2017, as part of the science club sessions, the boys became surgeons for the hour-conducting a heart dissection practical. During the dissection, a sheep's heart was used to examine the various components of the heart, showing them a whole new angle to respiration.

Adeel Jasab, attendee at the science club remarked, "The heart dissection practical has been the best experiment – no doubt about it. It's wasn't clean, it wasn't smooth and it most definitely wasn't pretty, but I think that's what made it so amazing."

Does it stop with just surgeons? Not at all! To augment the biological experiments, the Year 7 pupils can participate in chemical and physical experiments also. With a comprehensive catalogue of experiments, covering several facets of science, the boys have the opportunity to recognise the true importance of science; through real life learning.

Every action has a reaction, right? The science club is no exception, with the exhilarating experiments oozing with fun yet beneficial learning memories. While the boys gain an understanding of areas of science, that frankly classrooms cannot offer, the pupils can think back to the experiments conducted when answering exam questions.

Who knows – maybe you'll see the boys in our hospitals in the not too distant future. Until then, it's more cleaning up for the teachers after them!

**Ultimately, the science club continues to be a huge success, making the impossible possible.**

By Uwais Wadiwala, 11M1 and Hamza Damiel, 11M3



# Lights-Camera-Action!



Evaluating performance

For the first time in Tauheedul Boys' history, a group of plucky Year 7s, led by Mr Maravia, have been exploring untapped potential to put on a grand production, as part of their drama lessons!

Rehearsals have been ongoing to produce their own adaptation of the renowned classic, Macbeth. A tragic play of betrayal, war and the supernatural that will forever be etched in the nightmares of many students.

Mr Maravia and the boys have worked very hard for weeks on end and, having been privileged enough to have previewed a few brief rehearsals ourselves, we can proudly say, it looks like a showstopper. During an interview with the cast, Rayan Makda (7S4) described the experience as "Exhilarating," and Muhammad Patel (7S3) – playing Banquo – remarked, "I enjoy the supernatural element."

However, there were a few nervous faces in the cast. Hamzah Yusuf (7S3), who had taken up the role of "Noble" Macbeth exclaimed, "It's very exciting to be able to go up on the stage in front of a full audience. But it's a bit scary. It's a challenge learning all the lines, but I know we will be ready for it." Nonetheless, the boys remain determined in the face of the gargantuan task they have undertaken, and continue in their pursuit of making a successful production complete with a confident cast, costumes and choreography.

This cross-curricular initiative offers an invaluable opportunity to Year 7 boys for their GCSE literature exam. It allows them to learn through experience, whilst also helping them to remember some of the lines that will later be a vital ingredient to the success of their exams. The participant performers have also had the chance to express themselves creatively, whilst having a bit of fun!



"Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand?"

It will be interesting to see how this play goes and hopefully, for the sake of everyone involved, it goes well. Who knows, this could lead to a new assortment of Tauheedul plays, which could become a massive part of the TIBHS year.

We wish the boys the very best of luck with the much talked about showstopper!

By Adam Sitponya 11M4 & Adil Natha 11M3



Rehearsing the 'banquet scene'

## Never too late to 'Be the Hero'

Have you ever had the pleasure to feel the emotions of winning something prestigious? Or having that incredible feeling knowing you are the hero of your group? Well, the 'Be the Hero' weekly competition at TIBHS provides Year 8 students the chance to be the hero. Nothing beats a winning feeling, and for competitive students like these the competition is perfect.

The influential initiative encourages students to attend TIBHS every day with 100% attendance, 0 late marks and 0 behaviour points on a weekly basis. Achieving these criteria results in the student's name to be entered in a prize draw. Students are then entered into an online tournament which involves a game of 'Big Head Football' competing with peers in their year group. The final then takes place in assembly where the whole year group is fixated on this gruelling match as they cheer and jeer in ecstasy, and dismay.

Every week 121 pupils are given the opportunity to compete to win the coveted prize. The whole process relies on perseverance and dedication to be shown by each and every single student. All the credit goes to Mr. Mogra, Student Services Officer for Year 8. He strategically planned this initiative to provide endless enjoyment for the pupils, but also to improve the attainment and punctuality of the year group as a whole. The phenomenal scheme was put into place only recently, and Mr. Mogra has already seen an immense difference in the students.



Irfan Khan, from 8H2 briefly described his thoughts on the competition, "On a weekly basis I think about my chances of entering the competition. This helps me wake up early getting to TIBHS on time and allows me to achieve my goal of 0 behaviour points. Standing to represent my form class brings me great joy as in that moment I have an opportunity to be their hero." Not only do the committed boys end up with something tangible, but it also wins them 'bragging rights'!

Mohammed Saddat, 8H4 landed on top of victory hill last week, but this engaging initiative will certainly spur Irfan Khan on to try even harder to dethrone Mohammed.

To wrap up, the new 'Be the Hero' scheme has started to work wonders at TIBHS. Aside from the feeling of losing and failure, this sterling scheme helps to improve students' TIBHS experience.

It is a system that offers a variety of benefits.

No matter how many times a student loses, it will always be a two way win.

By Ibraaheem Dasu 11M3 and Uzair Munshi 11M2

## Headers and Footers

Sports at Tauheedul has, is, and will always be a fundamental player in representing the reputation of Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School. And this year, a combination of year eights and nines demonstrated our high standard in the AMS (Association for Muslim Schools) football league, with their agile football ability against numerous teams in the north west.

The boys started off their challenging campaign with determination, courage and belief; and with the help of P.E teacher Mr Mulla and Student Services Officer Mr Mogra, the boys ploughed through all the tricky teams. Rainbow flicks,



croft turns and elasticos were only some of the tricks the talented team were pulling out of the hat. In the end the blood, sweat, toil and tears paid off immensely as the boys had their fingers stretching for that dream national final at St. George's Park – home of the England football team.

The boys played KD Grammar School in Manchester in the first leg of the qualification for the national final at St. George's. Away from home the tension was at its peak. However, despite the odds, the boys shone on the playing fields of KD Grammar and produced a marvellous match ending victory, with the score line 4-3 to the boys.

"This win was very important as we needed this to give us an advantage for the home leg. We want to thank Mr Mulla and Mr Mogra as they helped us a lot and gave us lots of advice," Hamzah Ditta told me.

With the next leg on its way, TIBHS has high hopes for the excellent year eights and nines, and all hope that they achieve the dream of playing at St. George's Park. We wish them the best of luck.

### Come on Team TIBHS!

By Muhammed Umar, 11M3



# Blackburn Cathedral's Careers Convention



On the afternoon of Thursday 14th September, a group of sixty Year 11 pupils from Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School arrived at Blackburn Cathedral for the Blackburn with Darwen Careers Fair. The careers session was an unmissable opportunity for the boys to meet a range of providers, colleges and agencies to discuss their aspirations and possible plans for the future. Despite the miserable weather everyone was excited to get there.

Upon entering the exquisite cathedral, the students were star struck by the sheer number of organisations that were exhibiting at the event: Blackburn YouthZone, BAE Systems and Runshaw College to name but a few. This was a chance to meet managers, directors and employees of famous companies; asking

questions and gaining advice. Eager for the boys to make the most of the event, Mr Kazi (Student Services Officer for Year 11) encouraged pupils to approach companies that they had an interest in – not just the ones who had freebies on offer!

A popular choice that many of the students explored was the close to home Blackburn College stall. As with all the organisations at the fair, the boys discussed what they would do at the College and were provided with leaflets and extensive information to take away with them.

Another organisation that attracted a lot of attention was, surprisingly, the army. Students got to try on the uniform which was great fun for them, especially as it weighed most students down, having a weight of approximately 8 pounds! The police also provided entertainment for the boys by letting them sit in the back of the police car, taking students through the procedure of what it would be like for someone who would need to sit there – a great place to take a selfie might I add, but definitely not somewhere you would want to be seen in real life!

This was no time-wasting experience and definitely wasn't just an excuse to miss a few lessons at school. It gave the students

an insight of what professions they may want to be a part of as well as learning what they had to do to ensure this dream would become a reality. Overall, in the words of Mr Kala, our Student Services Manager, "The boys found the day engaging and inspiring to set the scene for the year ahead." The boys enjoyed the fair very much.



Over the last two years, 100% of Tauheedul boys have gone into education, employment or training, with the progression seeming to continue as, after the event, 35 boys stated they were more likely to go to college to pursue a lifelong career ambition and 18 pupils declared that university was a greater possibility than before.

By Muhammed Yamin Ali 11M4 and Ibrahim Patel 11M2

# All Different, All Equal

13th – 17th November 2017 marked Anti-Bullying week in the UK. As a school, Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School raised awareness of the significance of Anti-Bullying Week by engaging in various activities.

The build up to the week kicked off with theatrical plays delivered by Actionworks, raising awareness of how bullying can exist in different forms. During Anti-Bullying Week, students' assemblies were filled with Anti-Bullying presentations, prepared by the students themselves! This year's message was loud and clear – understanding that every child feels valued and included at TIBHS without fear of being bullied.

Thursday 16th November saw all Year 7 and 8 students in their English classes composing poetry on the theme of bullying, following an interactive lesson on anti-bullying. I personally feel that this was very powerful because not only did it enhance their English skills, but more importantly students got to discuss and divulge valuable issues on this sensitive topic. The poems helped students express their inner feelings and emotions from different perspectives through their poems, which, "Built confidence to take the right steps in helping to eliminate bullying," noted Mr. Patel, Head of Communications at TIBHS. This year's theme of 'All Different, All Equal' surely triggered some deep responses from the students.



The anti-bullying roadshow also took advantage of raising the profile of all the valuable services that are available to students of TIBHS related to wellbeing – access to TootToot and Foundation English being available to students to see Mr Kala, our Student Services Manager. Training given to prefects at TIBHS and a staff development session on emotional health and wellbeing were also part of the anti-bullying roadshow.

An increased and better awareness of the consequences of bullying demonstrated how students can stand up to bullying. The whole suite of activities on anti-bullying generated a high level of self-realisation on this topic.

By Muhommed Ridhwan Jamsa, 11M4

## Seerah Focus – The Greatest Man to Grace the Universe



With the first term of school nearly over with you may be wondering what the latest initiative is at Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School. To find out, why don't you take a glimpse at the brand new, breath-taking yet cultivating faculty display boards scattered around TIBHS?

As Rabi Ul Awwal (3rd month of the Islamic Calendar, birth month of Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him) approaches, students and staff at TIBHS have linked subject specific curriculum learning with a 'faith and character' twist. These detailed display boards will capture your imagination of some of the key events of Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) life, linking to different subject areas.

These fantastic displays can be seen in the Maths, English, Science, Humanities and Technology departments. This has been done in a way that wherever the students go, the displays are never far away.



To begin with, the magnificent maths display that has been put up in the maths corridor tells you all about the Hijrah (migration) of the Prophet (peace be upon him). These displays will take you on the Prophet's (peace be upon him) journey when he travelled to Medina from Mecca. Mr Ayoub spent his time carefully crafting the organised and visual display boards. For the mathematicians, this display highlights the speed, distance and time taken for this journey.

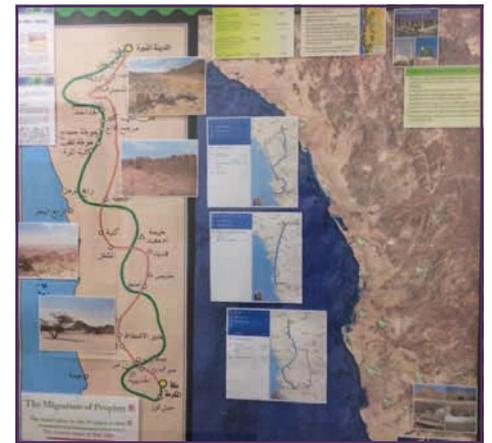
Mr Manubariya, a trainee teacher commented, "The new displays really help students to visualise the journey whilst also linking this with a key topic in maths."

In the English department however, the board displays some astounding examples of poetry, speeches and narratives on the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Students' work demonstrates some stunning use of ambitious vocabulary - engaging readers through a world of literary excellence. "The displays epitomise the range of skill, knowledge and interest our pupils possess," is what English teacher Mr. Patel had to say on these spectacular displays.

A blast back to the past for the Humanities department as their display was on the first revelation. This is linked meticulously with the humanities subjects as it enhances pupils' knowledge of history, geography and religion.

For science the family of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is exhibited. Expressive and creative arts are creating an impressive display of the 99 names of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Overall, the addition of the new display boards has been a great success, giving boys the opportunity to enhance their faith, character and ethos aspect of TIBHS life but also because they have contextualised their learning to specific subject areas.



### Splendid Speeches

Another initiative has been to enable students to learn about the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through delivering speeches, poem recitals and narrative renderings. The Faith and Character Education team has created some incredibly exciting opportunities for students to take the podium and deliver their piece of art to their peers.

Students spent the first few weeks of November researching and crafting creative speeches, poems and narratives about the life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). They then took the leap and delivered some tremendously amazing speeches, poems and narratives. These up and coming speakers engaged and inspired listeners through their passionate speeches.

These sessions were carefully scheduled during the morning assemblies which fuelled the day ahead for the students between Monday 20th November and Thursday 7th December.

Overall, the 'Seerah Drive' has been a tremendous success, helping and benefiting students as they learn valuable information about the key concepts of the life of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

By Jameel Waghat 11M3, Mohammed Bax 11M4 & Yaseen Sidat (11M1)



## A Spectacular Start



The TIBHS hall reverberated pure joy as it was filled with the hustle and bustle of around 100 Year 7s, all ready, prepared for their first riveting residential trip, as well as the challenges that they would face in Cumbria. On Friday the 15th of September 2017, the Year sevens arrived promptly at the YMCA centre for their Lakeside residential. As part of the school's transition programme, the boys spent the weekend with the aim of helping them settle into their new school and welcoming them into the Tauheedul family.

Upon arrival, the pupils entered the 400 acre private woodland in absolute awe of the true beauty of Lake Windermere beyond the Cumbrian Mountains – a site that a PS4 pro with a 4k monitor probably could not capture! The boys unloaded their luggage eagerly awaiting a packed schedule full of adventure, escapade and outdoor bewilderment.

The evening was dedicated to team building, and spiritual character building activities. Accompanied by the Year 7 Student Services Officer, Moulana Qasim, the boys were able to integrate well with their social surroundings, making new friends for the years to come and enjoying a succulent meal in the process. Bedtime was welcomed with echoes of chatter and natter into the early hours of the morning!

Bright and early the following morning, they got busy with climbing, abseiling and kayaking. It was a day where many fears would be conquered, bonds formed, and long-lasting friendships would begin to bloom. And it was just that! As they leant back into the unknown darkness, they placed their trust into people they barely knew.

The kayaking was much harder than it had seemed at first, but fear of failure did not stop them. They persevered, and after an anticipated amount of splashing about in the water, they finally completed their task. Communication and leadership skills were desired, emphasised and developed through the course of the water activities so some boys would not meet the great inconvenience of getting wet!



The day progressed to the more fun activities of canoeing, again, many of the Year sevens getting soaked through, happily laughing and testing each other's water tolerance levels. Later that evening, they warmed up over a barbeque, reminiscing stories of what they got up to over the course of the day.

On the 16th (yes of the same month – they weren't away from schooling for too long) the boys returned home in the late evening, taking in what perhaps truly was "A once in a lifetime opportunity!" as exclaimed by Mohammed Ammad Abbas. Coming back was the hardest part of the journey – leaving the people they had, essentially, spent the entire night and day with having fun, without homework or parents to worry about!

"It could only have been better if we had stayed another day," remarked Abdullah Qadeer. It had truly been, for all of the Year sevens that had attended, a once-in-a-lifetime experience, which gave the Year 7s one of the best, most spectacular starts to their high school lives.

By Sameer Shahzad, 11M3 and Hamzah Isap, 11M4

## Wonderful Aashurah Event

I can go on and on about the magnificence of the great Aashurah Iftaar event at Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School. Because when I was there I was lost for words. Not only was there fabulous food, nasheeds and deeply-moving speeches, but you could feel the spirituality coming together of a community on this special day in Islam.



Students, together with staff and governors, engaged in worship and reflection, yet everywhere you looked smiles and joy were ever-present. "Aashurah is a very special day and I am so lucky to have had the opportunity to come together for it and thank God," remarked Muhammed Rekhad, an attendee of the event.

On Saturday 30th of September, TIBHS organised the event at school to observe the Iftaar (breaking of the fast) on this wonderful day as a collective community. Aashurah, on the 10th of Muharram is the first month of Islam during which Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) gained salvation from the then tyrant Pharaoh of Egypt. As this victorious day was honoured with the observance of a fast by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), TIBHS also took the opportunity to get together for this event. It was a great opportunity for everyone there to strengthen their faith, creating a much stronger Tauheedul society, whilst being enjoyable the entire time.

I truly believe that after the event almost everyone had a spiritual boost, after such an inspirational speech by Moulana Munir. Adil Natha said "I was deeply moved by the speech, as it made me reflect so many things about myself, and I think many other students felt the same."

The entire event was organised by our very own staff and honestly, after what we saw, they deserve high praise, everything, from the collective contemplation to the deliciously prepared food was fabulous! It gave an entirely new look to the school. The brilliant organisation that had gone in to this event made it a "once in a life-time experience". It is yet another example of how hard working and caring all the staff are here at TIBHS.

To top the entire event off, some beautiful nasheeds were rendered that complemented the event so nicely. People were left speechless by how well the nasheeds were performed, by our very own students. After much praise and even tears, it was evident that this was an outstanding feature of the event.

Overall, this was an incredible representation of the faith and character education ethos that is weaved in throughout the school structure of TIBHS. Students strengthened their faith and gained perseverance and motivation to pursue spirituality further. "It seemed like it (the event) must have cost a fortune, but I guess it shows how great of a school this is, that I am lucky enough to be a part of," remarked Sameer Shahzad. It was a night of true spirituality, reflection and joy and for the first time in perhaps forever, students were sad to leave TIBHS!

By Uzair Sidat, 11M1

## Our 'Lit' Leadership Afternoon



An afternoon packed with enjoyment, a school day filled with education and some dazzling displays giving an insight into the future of Tauheedul Islam Boys' High School's young leaders.

"What was it?" I hear you ask. This was the Year 11 leadership afternoon spearheaded by our Year 11 Student Services Officer, Mr Kazi.

An array of organisations rushed to our aid on 10th October 2017. Bolton University, UCLan, the Police Department and Runshaw College were amidst the young leaders. They included Sabiha Makkan from Bolton University, Yasmeen Ali from UCLan, Surrayya and the PCSO from the Police Department, and last but by no means least, David Elliott from Runshaw College. The police dashed to the scene as soon as they could, but the young leaders kept their cool!

So how did the afternoon pan out? Well, four intense 25 minute sessions saw the young leaders being briefed about responsibility, choices and work skills. Four groups each did a carousel activity for thirty minutes.

Beginning with employability skills delivered by Bolton University, young leaders were challenged with a brain teaser. This seemingly easy task was anything but! It enlightened us with vital information on life decisions and the steps needed to be taken to get a degree. The young leaders loved this jam-packed session. Muhammed Yamin Ali (11M4) stated that the session, "Was extremely useful and valuable." However, the only negative about this session was that it just wasn't long enough!

Moving on, UCLan had an amazing session planned for the fortunate young leaders. They created a football themed 'maze' that students had to navigate through. A wrong turn saw the players returning to the beginning. The first team through won, and let me tell you, it was very competitive. The 'maze' represented the path needed to be taken to achieve your goals. The trial and error nature of the game meant that the young leaders had to be very reflective – patience was definitely a virtue here! Being given multiple attempts helped to develop resilience and determination. Without any verbal communication, which resulted in a 10 second sin-bin, this taught young leaders the importance of self-control and discipline.

The police delivered an intriguing presentation about the responsibilities of young adults as British citizens. They also showed the devastation caused by drugs and the horrors of alcohol, delivering a much-needed spiel on making the correct life choices. I am sure that all of Year 11's young leaders will agree that this course was eye-opening. Of course the boys didn't get away that easily because this session was followed by a dreaded knowledge quiz.

The final session of the day was held by Runshaw College. The session revolved predominantly around college choices, application forms and interviews. The young leaders got the chance to ask questions about their future career paths. David Elliott offered a lot of advice on personal statements and shared his secrets to interview success. Free Runshaw College pens were also on offer!

Overall, the leadership afternoon was an incredibly insightful experience about our future steps. It was fantastically put together by Mr Kazi, and a huge thank you goes out to all of the organisations that attended.

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## Upcoming Events at TIBHS

**13th December** Christmas Gift at the homeless

w/c **18th December** Winter Warmer Project

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**10th January** Year 7 Faith Trail

w/c **15th January** Qiraat Competition

**16th January** Year 10 Liverpool Cathedral Trip

**17th January** Zahid Hussain Poetry Session

**18th January** Year 11 Parents Evening

**24th January** Year 10 Parents Evening

**26th January** Qiraat Competition Final

**26th January** Student Shura Meeting

**27th January** Year 11 Social Trip

**2nd February** Form Captain Meetings

**2nd February** Year 11 Presentation Evening

**7th February** Parent Shura Meeting

**10th February** Year 10 Geography Field Trip

w/c **19th February** Year 9 Inter-form Basketball

**20th February** Student Leadership Applications Open

**21st February** FCE Meeting

w/c **26th February** Year 8 Inter-form Basketball

1st March Macbeth Production at TIBHS by

Young Shakespeare Company

w/c **5th March** Year 11 Inter-form Basketball

w/c **5th March** Head Boy Campaign Week

**6th March** Year 10 Maths Feast Trip

**7th March** Parent Shura Meeting

