



13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Assalamu 'Alaikum (Peace Be With You)

## Re: PRINCIPAL'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER

I pray that you are in the best of health. Having been here for two terms, I truly feel part of the TIBHS family – in fact it personally feels that I have been here for a much longer period than the 6 months that I have actually been here.

## YEAR 11 LEAVERS

The school said it's goodbyes to the students on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. The Year 11 young men completed their final exam on Eid Day, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018. An activities week had been planned for the young men, including a visit to Blackpool, the Blackburn Youth Zone and also a World Cup Mini Tournament at the Blackburn Power League Venue. The farewell was at the Last Drop Village in Bolton, where the Year 11 Gala took place. From all at TIBHS, we are very proud of our Year 11 students who persevered in the month of Ramadhaan with their full suite of Year 11 exams – often having attended with some students having led the Tara vee Prayers.

## STAFF LEAVING

It is the time of the year where we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff from the TIBHS's family. Please note the staff who are leaving and where their next venture will take them:

- Imtiaz Kala – Pastoral Manager – Bolton Lads and Girls Club
- Luqman Jameel – Teacher of Science – Eden School, Manchester
- Shaheen Ayoub – LSA Maths – Eden School, Manchester
- Raees Mogra – SSO Year 8 – Teaching experience in Dubai
- Anisha Chamad – Teacher of Maths – Eden School, Waltham Forest, London
- Mohammed Damail – Learning Support Assistant – PE – Eden School, Manchester
- Usman Maravia – Teacher of Urdu/ English - Manchester University
- Usama Saleh – Teacher of English – Relocating to Luton
- Ahmed Bux – Teacher of English- Teaching experience in Saudi Arabia
- Fayaz Musa – LSA English – Teaching experience in Qatar
- Ingrida Jasuleviciute-Khan – LSA Science – SCITT Programme with STAR Institute

## STAFF JOINING

- Javariya Ali – Teacher of Humanities
- Sadiya Bhayat – SSO (Student Services Officer)
- Asiya Hasan – Teacher of English

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- Aisha Khansab – Teacher of English
- Isfia Mehmood – Teacher of English
- Mohsina Mulla – Teacher of Science
- Minhaj Ugradar – Teacher of Urdu (Starting January 2019)
- Shahnaz Ilyas – LSA (Learning Support Assistant)

## YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 137 students from 21 local Primary Schools attended TIBHS for the BwD Transition Day. The day was a huge success where the young men experienced life in a secondary school, participated in engaging, fun lessons and even managed to fit in a tournament themed around the World Cup. Parents of the Young men attend an Induction session with presentations made by the Designated Safeguarding Lead on Online Safety, the Head of Year for Year 7 on the expectations and channels of communication and the Principal, taking the parents through the vision and values and where Tauheedul Boys' aspires to be.

## NEW BUILD UPDATE

The building work has started at the new site. 4 weeks of work has been carried out and is progressing well. The address of the new school is Sumner Street, Blackburn, BB2 2LD.

## STAR ACADEMIES

I would also like to take this opportunity to reinforce the message from Mufti Hamid Patel earlier this week to make you aware that 'Tauheedul Education Trust' is changing its name to 'Star Academies'. The renaming of the Trust marks the start of an exciting phase in the development of our Trust and for each of our schools. The new name reflects:

- How our Trust has grown and developed over the past few years. We now manage a diverse family of 24 schools in five areas across the country.
- Our commitment to educational excellence and helping each of our communities to improve and develop.
- Our core values of Service, Teamwork, Ambition and Respect and our vision to nurture today's young people and to inspire tomorrow's leaders.

## NAMAAZ COMPULSORY

In the winter months of October 2018 through to March 2019, all students will join in with the collective Zuhr Prayer during the lunch hour. If any parent does not wish for their son to take part in the collective worship, a 'Withdrawal from Collective Worship Form' will need to be completed in September 2018.

## MOBILE PHONE MANAGEMENT

The school strongly discourages any student to bring a mobile phone into school as it may present itself as a form of distraction to the learning. However, from September 2018, if any student wishes to bring a phone to school, they must get a Mobile Phone Notification Form which is to be completed by the parents. The application form will make it clear that the phones will be handed to the Learning Coordinator at 8:00am and the phone will be

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collected by the student from the Head of Year at the end of the day. Further details will follow in September 2018. No students should have a phone in school unless the parents have provided consent using the Mobile Phone Notification Form.

## HIFZ

I am honoured and delighted to announce that 4 students have completed their Hifz (memorisation of the Qur'an) since the last time I wrote to you. The young men are:

- Umar Saeed 9E2
- Raees Ismail 9E3
- Muhammad Umair Chati 9E3
- Muhammad Saif Chati Year 7

## PARENT SHURAA & PRINCIPAL SURGERY

There will be a Parent Shuraa meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018. All parents are welcome to attend. The timing is 5:15pm – 6:30pm. The Principal Surgery will also be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 between 2:00pm – 4:00pm. No appointment is necessary.

## APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Please may I remind parents to avoid making any appointments during the school day. Time away from the lesson has a negative impact on the progress of your son. Please make the appointments for 3:30pm onwards.

## EXTENDED HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Attendance is a key contributing factor to academic success. Unless a request is an absolute emergency no requests will be authorised.

## LANYARDS

Please may I remind you that lanyards must be worn at all times by the young men when they are in school. The lanyards are a safeguarding measure, an initiative in which both the students and the staff have to play their part.

## STUDENT PLANNER

To support with home school communication, please can you check the planner on a weekly basis and note any comments which have been made by the teachers. In addition, please discuss the new goals with your son and review previous goals as these are to support in helping to build the character of an individual. Please can you kindly sign the planners on a weekly basis.

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## YEAR 8 OPTIONS

May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents in Year 8 who have liaised with the school in finalising the option choices for Year 8. All parents in Year 8 will receive a personalised letter indicating the GCSE option choices which have been agreed for your son to study in September 2018.

## YEAR 9 ICT QUALIFICATION

May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents in Year 9 who have been liaising with the school with regards to the change in the ICT qualification. Guided by Government information, the school decided to move away from studying the CiDA qualification. The school has adopted Creative I Media as the new ICT qualification. There is a great deal of content which can be transferred from the CiDA qualification to the Creative I Media. All Year 9 Parents who will have been affected by the change have already received information about this.

## CHARITY - FOOD BANK

May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents for the generous contributions of food. There was a huge food mountain collected at school. It was a truly humbling experience to be able support a local initiative – something so close to home – yet needed so desperately. The Food Bank Initiative will be an ongoing initiative with a collection once a half term.

There will be a final collection for this academic year w/c 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018. It will be driven by a **‘One for All and All for One’** initiative. Each student is encouraged to donate at least one item to donate to the foodbank. This would in turn result in 600 items being donated by students and staff. Please join the school in this initiative.

## CHARITY - RAMADHAAN APPEAL (SYRIA & ORPHANS)

I am delighted to announce that the school raised a staggering £7,044 during the blessed month of Ramadhaan. A sincere gratitude to all the families who donated so generously.

## CHARITY – RACE FOR LIFE

We are delighted to have come together as the TIBHS family and raised a staggering £2017.17 for Cancer Research. In order to raise the funds there was a non-uniform day, a football tournament and of course a number of female staff who attended the race on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Witton Park.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

It comes with great pleasure for me to announce our Leadership Roles for the next academic year:

- Sufian Naseer – Head Boy
- Amaan Mahmood – Deputy Head Boy
- Amaan Patel – Senior Prefect

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We have recruited a further 20 students who have a combination of Leadership Roles including Prefects and Form Captains. I look forward to working with them in the forthcoming year.

## EQUALITEAS

What does it mean to you to have some democratic rights as everyone else? A group of Year 7 – 9 young men joined together with people from all over the country to celebrate 90 years since the Representation of the People Act 1928, which gave all men and women over 21 the equal right to vote.

## AMS NATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

I am delighted to announce that a group of ten Year 8 and 9 students travelled to the Midlands on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to compete in the AMS National Final. Our young men were crowned National Champions and truly were able to support the phrase of 'Football's coming home!' Well done to all the young men involved.

## LORDS TRIP

A group of Year 9 students visited Lords Cricket Ground on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The trip was organised by the British Army who accompanied the students on the day. The day was a tremendous success. The young men visited the museum, played cricket in the nursery area, visited the media centre, met Sachin Tendulkar and attended Regents Park Mosque. An experience surely not to be forgotten soon. A huge thankyou to the British Army and the Lords Cricket Ground for making this experience a truly remarkable one.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Year 11 students will visit Cambridge University for an overnight stay. This will offer a taste of university life for the young men who have a strong desire and aspiration to attend a Russell Group University.

## WHOLE SCHOOL BBQ

As part of the Eid Celebration, the whole school came together to share a Barbeque. The weather was glorious, the food was delicious and the young men enjoyed the relaxed, friendly and purposeful afternoon.

## SPORTS DAY

The annual Sports Day will take place w/c 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The event will take place at Witton Park. Please note the following dates:

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Year 7 & Year 10 Sports Day
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Year 8 and 9 Sports Day

Please can you ensure that your son arrives to school with a **FULL PE KIT** and plenty of water to drink.

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## STAR LEADERSHIP DAYS

STAR Leadership Days demonstrating the values of SERVICE, TEAMWORK, AMBITION and RESPECT will take place w/c 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Students in all year groups will participate in a range of activities.

## IFTAARI EVENT

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June the school hosted the Annual Iftaar Event. Year 11 and Year 13 students attended. It was a significant event which also included a presentation made by the CEO, Mufti Hamid Patel.

## PLATINUM TRIP

May I take this opportunity to congratulate the Platinum Winners in all Year Groups who have been rewarded with additional enrichments including:

- Year 7 Laser Quest – Trafford Centre
- Year 8 Chill Factor – Trafford Centre
- Year 9 Bowling and a Meal

In order to qualify for the Platinum Trip, students must have 100% attendance, 0 behaviour points, 100 Achievement Points and zero late arrival marks.

## YEAR 9 RESIDENTIAL

As part of the enriched curriculum, Year 9 will be attending Kingswood for a residential on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The young men will take part in a variety of activities which will add value and continue to enrich the experiences of the young men.

## END OF YEAR TRIP - BLACKPOOL

Year 10 visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 as part of their End of Year Trip. Years' 7 – 9 visited Blackpool on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## REWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our Annual Rewards Assembly for all years will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

I am delighted to announce that the first Tauheedul Boys' Duke of Edinburgh experience will commence in September 2018. The opportunity is offered to our current Year 9, who will be in Year 10 in September 2018. There is no doubt this experience which is recognised by colleges and employers, will enrich the experiences of the young men who have taken up the offer and help develop skills which will be transferrable across all areas of their life. There are still limited places available. If you are interested, please contact the school for further details.

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## YEAR 10 UMRAH VISIT

I am delighted to announce that we are underway with our first Umrah trip which will be taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019. 24 Year 10 students will visit Saudi Arabia and visit the holy cities of Makkah and Medina. The visit will also help the Year 10 students gain a better understanding of Islam which will support them with their Religious Studies GCSE.

## YEAR 9 VISIT TO THE VATICAN

I am delighted to announce that we are underway with our first Vatican trip to Rome which will be taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The visit will also help the 28 Year 9 students to gain a better understanding of Christianity which will support them with the Religious Studies GCSE.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for school during the academic year 2017/18. Tauheedul Boys' passionately believes that parents make a huge contribution to the success of the children and young people at our schools. As a school, we really value the time and efforts that you make to ensure that our students attend school fully, wear the right uniform, bring the correct equipment, work hard in lessons, complete homework regularly and prepare well for their tests and exams. We are also grateful for your feedback on – and support for – the many initiatives and activities that the school has introduced during the year.

With your help and support, our schools and our Trust continue to make progress. During the course of this year, we have:

- Continued to improve systems in each of our schools to keep our pupils safe, happy and well.
- Supported our children and young people to complete hundreds of thousands of hours of volunteering and raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for worthy causes. This reflects our commitment to each of our local communities and to our STAR values of Service, Teamwork, Ambition and Respect.
- Supported our teachers and pupils to prepare fully for new SATs, GCSE, vocational and A Level courses.

Looking forward, I hope that we can continue to rely on your vital support. If you have any suggestions to help us in our work and improve things further for our children and young people, please contact the Principal with your suggestions.

## END OF TERM

School will close for the academic year 2017 – 18 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 12pm. The school will then re-open on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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## LOST PROPERTY

There will be a lost property reclamation day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. If your son has lost anything during the year, then please encourage him to visit the school gym on Thursday to identify any items which he has lost. Any unclaimed items will be sent to the Charity Shop.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

A gentle reminder that our Parent Shuraa would like to ask for donations of any uniform in good condition that we can use to support students who require uniform to be replenished etc.

Whilst school will be closed for teaching and learning over the summer, there will be admin staff in each week day should you wish to drop any uniform off, or alternatively you could send it in with your child in September, and any donations will be gratefully received.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation since joining Tauheedul Boys' in January 2018. Have a restful summer. I look forward to working with you again at the start of the next academic year.

Yours faithfully

Majid Ditta

Principal

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