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Assalamu 'Alaikum (May Peace Be Upon You)

As the summer drew to a close, Tauheedul Boys' said goodbye to the landmark site on Shadsworth Road, which had housed our young men since 2014. The long-awaited new move to Sumner Street finally came and, with great precision, planning and exceptional teamwork, Tauheedul Boys' got the keys to the new building on the 16th of August, 2019.

Pickford boxes, office furniture, dust shoe covers, displays, sweat and tears were all the ingredients to get the school ready for the week commencing Monday the 2nd of September, 2019. A 'transition week' allowed pupils to arrive and receive their timetables, tour the estate and become aware of the fire safety procedures in their brand new state-of-the art school.

The learning started from Monday the 9th of September, 2019, and the support from the STAR Trust and our very skilled IT technician allowed for teaching and learning to take place on the first Monday in a very effective and purposeful manner.

I am humbled with the level of service the team have shown, alongside the commitment from the Parent Shuraa, in order to get the school ready to operate without any real glitches. We also celebrate the

milestone of having operated a full half term without any significant concerns and day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute we are still continuing to refine our processes so we can offer a world class service of education in an iconic transformational building.

It would be amiss of me if I did not recognise and acknowledge the cooperation of parents in this transition from Shadsworth to the new site. The parking policy and the travel arrangements were communicated to parents and overwhelmingly, almost all parents are following the travel arrangement policy and dropping and picking up at the Grand Venue site. This allows the school to launch itself as a school of faith, a school of sincerity, a school of thought and compassion and a school which has the best interest of, not only its own purposes as an establishment of education, but also, the needs of the neighbourhood - we are intent on establishing an ethos of respect and compassion, so residents will not be inconvenienced by unsympathetic and uncooperative school community members. This, I anticipate, will enable us to continue to flourish from strength to strength.

The early indication shows that our attendance levels have been the best they have ever been, our punctuality has been the best it has ever been and we have witnessed a real positive change in the attitudes of our young men when they come to school.

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It is with great pleasure and delight for me to write to say that we are nurturing mature and responsible young men who are acknowledging the journey which they are on and are appreciating the opportunity which is being offered to them on a daily basis. They come to school armed with the correct equipment and have the positive mind set in order to achieve their best. Our behaviour incidents are at their record level lowest. The young men have responded well to the new environment and have really looked after their new school. They walk the corridors with pride with their heads held high, with a real sense of responsibility that collectively, they want to keep and protect their school and safeguard it from any forms of disruptive and deviant behaviour - for that, I am very proud and thankful to our young men.

This year has seen a change when it comes to the refectory and serving of hot meals. We now have an in-house catering facility and I am delighted to say that it is going very well. We have worked very hard with our Catering Manager to establish an offer of healthy and Sunnah-inspired snacks. At break time we offer a wide selection of healthy, yet appealing refreshments to energise our pupils alongside nutritious juices and smoothies which are adding to the 1 of the 5-a-day healthy eating initiatives. This is then supported with wholesome and heart-warming lunchtime meals cooked by our expert catering team. I have to thank the feedback from the Parent Shuraa who have supported the school in providing timely feedback regarding meals – the feedback has allowed for much improvement and we continue to work to make further improvements. Despite some initial teething problems ensuring the set-up of an efficient kitchen and catering facility, we have shown robustness and resilience; mealtimes are enjoyed by the boys and we continually persevere to provide the best for our boys.

I am thrilled to announce that after the half term break, we will be introducing a second option for the hot meals, giving the boys some autonomy over their meal choices.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents for all the patience and support they have shown in what is, and could have been, a huge disruption for the school. Instead, it has passed by as a seamless transition.

Please remember the school, the staff, the governors and most importantly the students in your prayers (du'aas).

Majid Ditta

An Elite Experience Visiting the University of Oxford and Debating in the House of Lords!

On Thursday 28th November, a group of incredibly fortunate TIBHS students embarked on a trip to Oxford and London to visit the world-renowned University of Oxford and the centre of democracy in our country- the Palace of Westminster.

Upon arrival at Queen's College in Oxford, we received an informative talk on 'Demystifying Oxbridge' where our knowledgeable and enthusiastic host debunked some myths which often surround the University. An insightful Harry Potter metaphor was also used to help explain the unique collegiate system employed at Oxford! Following on from this, we were given an 'Insider's Tour' of the college by two current undergraduates at the university – they took great pleasure in showing us the deeply historical and beautiful library at Queen's college. Whilst we all expected there to be ample room for study at Oxford, few of us could have imagined it would take place in such striking environments!

Our final stop in Oxford was a visit to the globally recognised Bodleian Library. Our guided tour was delivered by a volunteer with an astonishing 28 years of experience- this was soon apparent given the wealth of knowledge she had about this iconic building, and from which, we all benefited immensely.

There is no understating how impressive the Bodleian truly is – with over 12 million books lining its walls, it is testament to the pursuit of knowledge that takes place at Oxford.

We then began our journey from Oxford to London, and whilst we were somewhat sad to be leaving Oxford so soon, we were excited at the possibilities that awaited us in the capital. Having built up an appetite from our



travels, our ravenous group paced through central London and ate at the internationally renowned restaurant, The Halal Guys- it certainly did not fail to deliver!

We then took a stroll across the picturesque festive Christmas Markets of Trafalgar Square- where the tantalising smell of churros swirled through the winter air. As we reached Piccadilly Circus, we had the pleasure of visiting The TWG which hosts the finest luxury tea brands in the world. A kaleidoscope of teas from across the globe greeted us- it was enough to excite any tea connoisseur!

Before we knew it, the much-awaited morning of Friday arrived. Dressed smartly and befitting the occasion in which we were about to partake, we made our way to the House of Lords. We entered the breath-taking structure; which serves as the seat of our democracy and were treated to a brunch befitting royalty! As we made our final preparations for the speeches and networked with fellow debaters, we were soon taken into the esteemed House of Lords Chamber. We were awestruck! The Lord Speaker personally welcomed all students, who had travelled from across the British Isles, before the debates began. Our awareness that The Queen visits the Chamber once a year, reinforced the magnitude of this occasion for us – the opportunity to debate in this hallowed Chamber was a true honour.

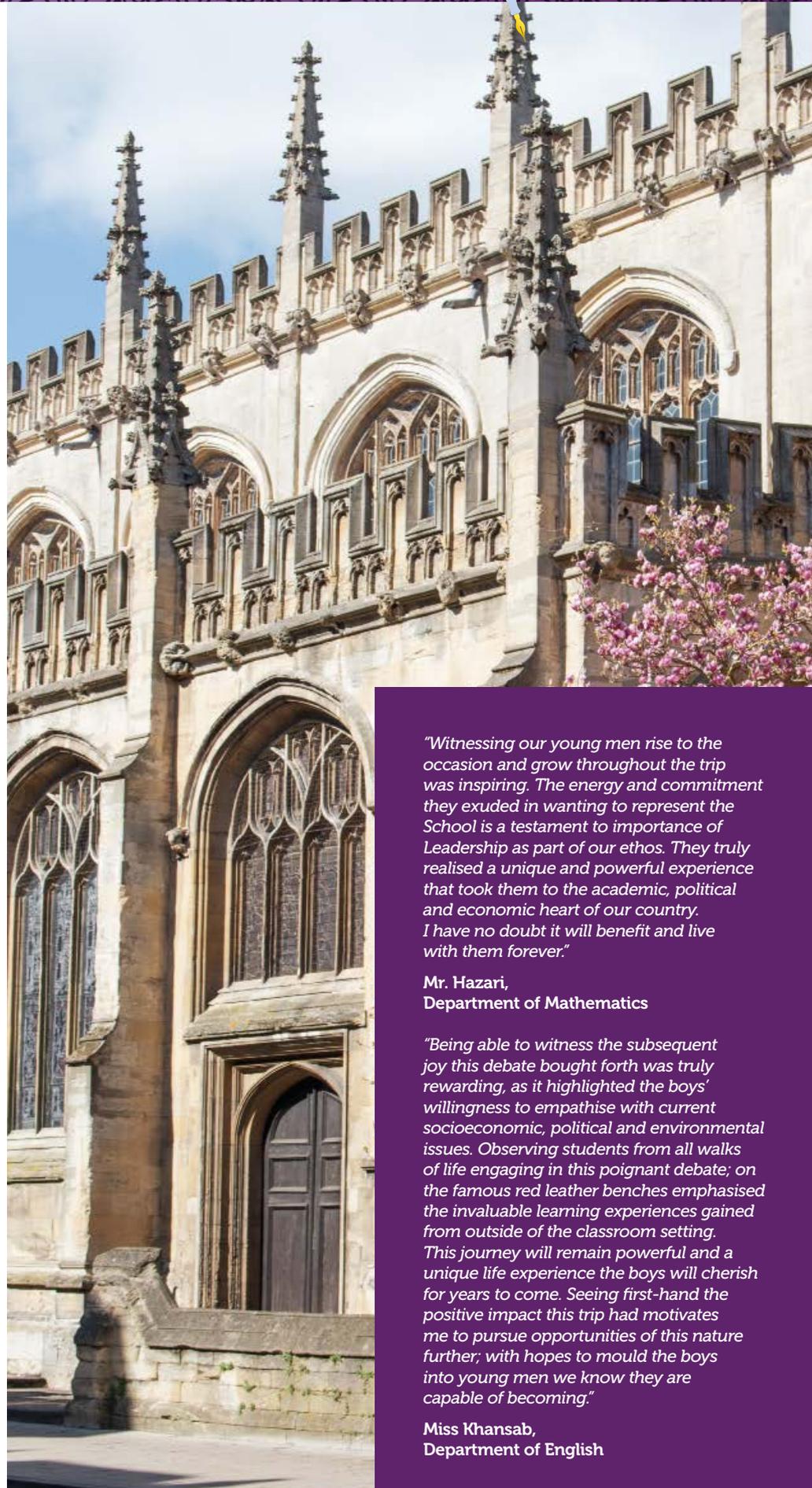
The discussion began and I watched in tentative excitement, as a few others articulated their arguments before it was my own turn to speak. I think I can safely say that it was more than a little nerve-wracking waiting to be called upon to contribute in the Chamber. However, it proved to be an incredibly rewarding and empowering experience that our entire group thoroughly enjoyed!

Once the event had concluded, we swiftly travelled to the London School of Economics, meeting current students and completing the afternoon prayers, before returning for a tour of the Houses of Parliament. As we stood in the House of Commons, which looked smaller in real life than the televised debates of Prime Minister's Questions, I looked on and saw Jeremy Corbyn's seat as Leader of the Opposition. I couldn't help but ponder, "Will this be my designated spot to stand and address the nation, someday?".

It was truly inspiring to witness first-hand the powerhouse that runs our country; not to mention being given the opportunity to debate there!

In retrospect, it was a phenomenal, once in a lifetime experience which everyone relished. Words seem inadequate to describe the emotions and experiences this overnight trip afforded us.

Hassan Khan



"Witnessing our young men rise to the occasion and grow throughout the trip was inspiring. The energy and commitment they exuded in wanting to represent the School is a testament to importance of Leadership as part of our ethos. They truly realised a unique and powerful experience that took them to the academic, political and economic heart of our country. I have no doubt it will benefit and live with them forever."

Mr. Hazari,
Department of Mathematics

"Being able to witness the subsequent joy this debate brought forth was truly rewarding, as it highlighted the boys' willingness to empathise with current socioeconomic, political and environmental issues. Observing students from all walks of life engaging in this poignant debate; on the famous red leather benches emphasised the invaluable learning experiences gained from outside of the classroom setting. This journey will remain powerful and a unique life experience the boys will cherish for years to come. Seeing first-hand the positive impact this trip had motivates me to pursue opportunities of this nature further; with hopes to mould the boys into young men we know they are capable of becoming."

Miss Khansab,
Department of English



A Roadshow Worth Remembering

The BAE Roadshow came to TIBHS earlier this month, where the team came in and shared innovative tech through an interactive, engaging and fruitful presentation. They made quite a phenomenal entrance with their hover board zooming around the front-leaving the Year 8 pupils in awe and amazement right from the very start.

Pupils received information on the gadgets-how they work and hoping to inspire them to follow STEM Pathways. Pupils had a chance to experience some night vision goggles in a dark tent where they found different and mysterious items; including a banana and a snake! It was an incredulous yet incredible experience, full of humour seeing a pupil experience this exciting gadget! The team also allowed the students to race Spheros, which were controlled on an iPad through infrared connections. It truly was amazing.

Additionally, pupils were able to take part in activities throughout the event and had a chance to try the gizmos first-hand. The team explained how phones are connected, through a visual and engaging activity with pupils, which involved them acting out representing students as communication towers for signals. Little did we know about the story behind mobile phones- not everything is as simple as it looks!

At the end of the session, the Roadshow team opened the floor for questions in relation to the activities that took place and the information that was delivered. The experience gave students a vast amount of new information which they were then able to take away and research further. The students were inspired to try their best in school after seeing a completely different side to technology and what it entails. It really helped to widen their horizons.

Muhammad Patel





An Inspirational Talk

During our inaugural keynote speeches for 2019-20, we were blessed with the presence of the Principal of Newham College Sixth Form, Mouhssin Ismail, and Anna Russell, Head of Stakeholder Liaison and Communication at Manchester Air Groups. Both speakers were passionate in sharing their story with our Year 11 pupils, outlining key opportunities in life and challenges that are to be overcome in order to occupy some of the top jobs in the most prestigious organisations in the country.

From the very beginning of his speech, Mr Ismail shared nuggets of wisdom, one which was particularly striking was, "No one pays for average!" We want the best table in a restaurant, and we want the best seat on the table in the game of life. Mr Ismail also revealed the challenges that his father encountered and his inspiring enterprising spirit as he came to the UK from a village called Karmad in India, with sheer dedication and a drive for success.

Upon sharing the story of his father, Mr Ismail left us all with the remarkable words which lingered in the air for much longer than the awestruck audience could fathom, "We are standing on the shoulders of giants". This striking statement left us pondering about how this relates to our own lives and how nothing would be possible if it wasn't for our parents and the sacrifices of our elders.

After the speech, one student commented, "Mr Ismail really made me think... I feel inspired and thankful to my parents, teachers and everyone around me for helping me to strive for a better future and be the person the Almighty wants me to be." He categorically highlighted how everything is not about money; rather about helping to make a difference in people's lives. He reiterated that we should be striving to make a mark in the world and change it for the better.

Mr Ismail's depth of knowledge and personable speaking style mesmerised the already keen audience as he helped everyone to distil what they need to know from the best practices to achieve goals and, with ease, tangibly put the challenges of the forthcoming year into perspective for us.

Raees Patel



The Foodbank Initiative

What is a foodbank?

A foodbank is essentially a place where people can access basic food and life amenities, which they otherwise cannot afford to buy themselves. Reasons for accessing foodbanks could include poverty, shortfall in earnings or lack of access to sufficient funds. The origins of foodbanks can be found as early as the 1960s in America; where the first ones were established. Many of us will have heard or seen media stories describing the increased use of foodbanks in the UK, particularly over the last few years. I had the opportunity to find out about the role of foodbanks in our community.

Why do people need foodbanks?

If we just think about this for a few seconds, then it can be truly appreciated how valuable foodbanks are in our community. According to a report by one of the biggest foodbank organisers in the UK, The Trussell Trust, 1.1 million people accessed a 3-day emergency food pack in the year April 2016 to April 2017!

If they were not available, we start to wonder what would have happened to the 1.1 million people. The figures are even more stark when we consider that nearly half of these people were children. Most of you reading this will probably be under the age of 17, so just imagine what these children must be going through- just imagine how challenging and difficult their lives must be – it really makes us grateful for everything we have in our lives.

What is our school doing to help?

Our school, TIBHS, aspires to raise awareness of this problem and as students representing both British and Islamic values, we know that giving any sort of charity earns the greatest of rewards. In recent years, the need for foodbanks have greatly increased. Here at TIBHS, we want to be at the forefront in supporting and eradicating hunger and poverty. We must all become one in helping our fellow citizens and community members who are experiencing difficult hardships. With the help of the student leadership team, TIBHS is working relentlessly to provide food

to those who need it the most through our school foodbank projects.

As our beloved Prophet taught us: "The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his charity". As young, British Muslims, it is our duty to our community to ensure we look after those in need and this foodbank initiative at TIBHS gives us a perfect opportunity to do this.

Keep supporting our foodbank initiatives and keep making a difference.

Raihaan Bhika



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Giving is not just about make a donation, it's about making a difference.

Friday, the 4th of October had a different feeling- there was something brewing. You could hear the clatter of coins as every child walked passed. At 9.30am, the marches started. Boots were on the ground. The technology corridor was blocked with curious and jubilant children waiting to see what was in store for them. The long-awaited Macmillan Coffee morning had finally arrived.

It was phenomenal. Tempting cakes, biscuits, homemade savouries and pastries filled the refectory. Students were itching to be the first in line to buy the best possible items on the day- it was intense. The items flew off the tables in a flash. Student helpers were struggling to keep up with the demands. 2 for £1 deals and offers rang around the building. The ultimate prize was up for grabs! The most exciting event was the bidding of the fabulous Macmillan cake. Moulana Safwan splashed the cash outbidding everyone. Miss Yakub came close but not close enough.

However, in this whole hustle and bustle there was something more important. It was the feeling and knowing that my donation will help someone, provide them basic necessities they are not able to afford, help them make a better living. Someone who finds it difficult to see the light at the end of tunnel knowing what they are going through. They search for that glimmer of hope at the darkest moment in their lives.

With this in mind, by the good grace of the Almighty, we raised a FANTASTIC £1465.13 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. A genuine and heart-felt thank you to everyone for your valued support and may you be rewarded in abundance.

Thank you to all our students, parents and staff who supported the Macmillan Cancer Support fundraiser with your delicious delights, valued donations and moral support.

Although the day has passed and the funds will be passed on, we have no idea of how, when, where and for whom this valued support will help ease suffering. Hopefully, God willing, it will bring a smile to someone's face or provide some much needed respite & relief.

Abdurrahman Sidat





Oxford Academics Enrich TIBHS' Pupils

On Wednesday the 18th of September, 2019, the typical English lesson was turned on its head, as leading lecturers from Mansfield College, Oxford enlightened us with their expert knowledge of Shakespeare's Macbeth, Old English Poetry and Speaking Objects.

Dr Chris Salomone (Dean and Lecturer in English) and Lucinda Rumsey (Senior Lecturer in English) delivered interactive workshops, allowing pupils in Years Eight to Eleven to develop their skills in thematic analysis in a unique and exciting way.

The lecturers' enthusiasm and passion shone through their everlasting smiles and their delivery of the workshops. We felt truly honoured to be in the presence of these brilliant minds and it was truly a pleasure to host them in the school's brand new Reflection Hall, and some of us were lucky enough to join them for lunch!

I now have a new found respect for Shakespeare, understanding why he wrote the play and how he insightfully used smart ideas and embedded special techniques to make his play the famous classic it is today.

In particular, I learned about the theme of time and its significance throughout Macbeth. The lecturers were kind enough to share hand-outs and booklets with us, which will be a useful tool as we study the play further.

It was a privilege to have this opportunity; a special thanks to Mr M Patel and Mrs B Patel in the English department for their efforts in organising this. We are also eternally grateful that Dr Salomone and Ms Rumsey travelled all the way from Oxford and shared their gems of wisdom with us all.

Hamzah Adam



Head Boy: The Journey So Far

My first term as Head Boy has brought many exciting challenges which have really secured me in my leadership role and responsibilities.

One of the key events of this term was a webinar meeting Omar (Deputy Head Boy) and I participated in; a meeting attended by every school in the Trust. Representing the student body of TIBHS, I had the key responsibility of driving forward issues students raised in the new term including concerns about uniform, rewards systems, student motivation and liaising with the senior members of the Trust to ensure we deliver the best outcomes for our peers and fellow students.

The term has also seen us being honoured with many influential and valued members of our community and wider society. Earlier this term, we were privileged to host the Mayor and Mayoress of Blackburn to inaugurate our Cadets programme. It was an honour to deliver the welcome speech and celebrate a programme which embodies our fundamental British values.

Amongst many of the motivational speakers that we have been fortunate to meet this term, one of my most memorable speakers has been Dr Rimla Akhtar, a high-ranking, influential figure in the Sports industry. It was overwhelmingly enlightening to hear of her accolades and journey to success and she echoed much of what our teachers remind us about: hard work, resilience and

determination drive success. What was most interesting with speaking to Dr Akhtar was that making mistakes and failure is also part of the learning journey. As we are preparing for one of the most important qualifications in our lives, this lesson has been particularly poignant; make mistakes whilst we are learning so we have perfected the art of our subjects when we are faced with the real test.

The journey as Head Boy has certainly been an exciting one and I hope this continues!

Muhammad Firoz Chand

Children in Need

This term saw the annual Pudsey bear make his visit to TIBHS to make sure we were playing our part to help "children in need".

A huge, media driven charity campaign, Children in Need is a national charity organisation which supports projects to help disadvantaged children all over the UK. Their vision is simple yet powerful: to see every child reaches their potential.

Children in Need activities at TIBHS were a little different this year. The traditional Cake Bake sale was swapped for healthier sporting events. Lots of exciting sports activities took place throughout the week: tournaments, matches and running competitions. Not only did the pupils enjoy it, it taught them innovative ways in which money can be raised.

To raise money, students contributed by participating in sports activities throughout the week. To keep the pupils fuelled, tantalising smoothies were available to buy. The boys seemed to have really embraced the healthy eating lifestyle.

We raised a total of £629.47 just through sporting activities! Truly, the activities and smoothies brought huge smiles.

Hopefully, the money raised will bring smiles to many children around the UK.

Hamzah Hussain Patel



Nasheed Factor 2019

The month of November brought fantastic enrichments and engaging opportunities for pupils at TIBHS. The Nasheed Factor 2019 was one of the many amazing opportunities for all our pupils to showcase their talents.

Pupils from all years, even the new year 7's, entered the competition to perform in-front of our in-house judges: Mufti Minhaj, MI Abdul Rehman and MI Safwan. From the amazing vocals and the intense atmosphere, only six will make it to the Semi-Finals. The gifted six pupils have now had to step up their game and battle to become a part of the final three in the grand final. The three finalists will be judged rigorously for one to finally come on top and become the winner of the Nasheed Factor 2019.

As the Nasheed Factor 2019 progressed, the skilled contestants shone through and left the audience in awe and amazement at the phenomenal performances. Currently, the contestants selected at auditions are being further refined and the judges are making tough decisions on which pupils are the most talented to go through to the Semi-Finals and finals.

Safwaan Patel



Year 7 Visit the Lakes

On Friday 13th September, Year 7 went on their first residential trip representing Tauheedul Islam Boys High School. They overcame their fears, created new friendships and experienced a trip of a lifetime.

"This trip was surely memorable; I had never experienced such an adventure and I made lots of friends for life.

We departed from school at 6:45 am and arrived at 8:00am. As we got there, we were graciously greeted with a warm, delicious breakfast to fill us up ready for the activities ahead.

As we arrived, we saw mountain peaks touching the clouds in the sky, the trees created monumental shadows and the sun was like an eye looking out for us.

We completed 8 activities over the 2 days we spent at Lakeside. These included: archery, zip-lining, canoeing, raft building, and night-line. We were all put in groups for the duration of the trip, the groups were assorted so new friendships could be developed.

We had a fantastic time, although most of us were half asleep on our journey home.

We are now back in school with a spring in our step, studying to become future leaders."

Uzair Valli



Celebrating the Seerah at TIBHS

Throughout this half term, pupils throughout the school have participated in an array of exciting activities to learn about the greatest man to grace the universe: our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Firstly, all students participated in our Durood Challenge where students were encouraged to read as much Durood as possible. The enthusiasm of our pupils for this task was overwhelming. Tasbeeh counters were seen click-clicking away as pupils walked into school, strolled across the playgrounds, sat awaiting the start of prayers with the remembrance of our Prophet in their hearts, minds and lips. Over 3 weeks, the students read a staggering total of 11, 045, 827! Over 11 million! Truly, a testimony of how committed our students are. We must also extend our gratitude to the staff and parents for their support in encouraging the importance of the challenge.

Alongside this, students listened to their peers deliver speeches about the Prophet during assemblies learning about the challenging events in his life and the resilience, patience and humility with which he overcame every hurdle. Furthermore, our students had the opportunity to draw deeper connections with the Prophet through nasheed performances and Quran recitations. To offer a flavour of the past, Sunnah foods were made available for the pupils at break and lunch – and yes, they were all healthy!

Lots more exciting learning translated into the classroom. In Languages, students wrote and spoke about the Prophet's character and healthy lifestyle. In Science, they learnt about the benefits of Sunnah foods and did practical experiments with Sunnah foods. In Maths, they learnt about how much water the Prophet used for ablution and other aspects about the Prophet related to Maths. In technology, they created powerpoints about the Prophet's life. In English, students have been working on creative writing and spoken word poetry focusing on the Seerah. "Love for our Prophet" fever has gripped the school!

Undoubtedly, the Seerah programme has really added to the excitement of the term for both staff and pupils. It has really enthused our boys to learn, celebrate and reflect over the greatest man to grace the universe. Peace and blessings be upon him.

Hamzah Hifzur Patel

Learning the Art of Rhetoric

Our boys had an exciting opportunity this term to visit the prestigious House of Lords, at Westminster to participate in a highly challenging debate forum. Each year, the House of Lords opens its door to citizens from all walks of life, empowering them to participate in a vigorous debate about important social and political issues on the famous and highly prestigious red leather benches of the chamber.

Our students were selected as part of a visit from the English Speaking Union to the school, giving the pupils the opportunity to develop their oracy skills and understand the art and power of rhetoric.

With eight weeks to prepare and showcase our talented speakers, the ESU supported our pupils by delivering a training session on the issue that they would be debating: Exploring a sustainable future in the current environmental issues of climate change. The topic was explored principally from three main perspectives, relevant and relatable to the current issues our country is facing:

Are governments responsible for tackling climate change?

Should we make sacrifices now to benefit people in the future?

Can we have sustainability alongside globalism and growth?

The initial activity entailed an ice-breaker where the pupils started with a task called 'The Balloon debate', where students were individually allocated characters and had to convince the rest of the team what qualities and traits their character inhibits, which makes their presence worthwhile in the balloon. Whilst the boys found the task highly engaging and interactive, they were already learning valuable skills: making accurate and effective vocabulary choices to convey ideas and meaning, responding to and addressing people, and developing persuasive responses.

This initial warm-up moved on to developing more challenging skills leading on to discussions on the focused topics of the session: working on reasoning and evidence. Students had the opportunity to work in groups and partake in discussions of how effects of climate change could be reduced with the challenge of having to embed evidence and reasoning with their opinions. The next activity was the highlight of the session. Students were given a range of statements linked to the topic in question and had to propose with "I couldn't agree/disagree more". The task encouraged students to see disagreement as part of the game, rather than evidence of personal animosity. Emphasis was placed on impromptu speaking and it helped to develop excellent communication skills and taught them to think on their feet. One student commented, "I love it because I get to learn how to analyse issues and come up with some great solutions!" As we approached the end of the activity, the boys were disappointed that the learning experience was drawing to an end.

In final preparation for the House of Lords Debate, the last activity was a mock House of Lords Debate and was crucial for us to observe the skills developed. This involved experimenting with different body language and delivering a speech from each student of 2 minutes and 30 seconds on the issue at hand. The setting was similar to that of an actual House of Parliament debate and faces were heating up, palms sweating and temperatures rising! It truly was an experience that could never be forgotten!

Dawood Basharat





Get into Medicine!

A select group of our Year 11 students had the fortunate opportunity of attending the 'Blue Peanut "Get into medicine" Conference' at The Manchester Conference Centre on Sunday 22nd September 2019.

An ambiance of passion could be seen within everyone's eyes as the students gathered early morning on that Sunday, whilst many of their friends were fast asleep to venture further into the realm of work and to explore into their dreams and aspirations further. A sigh of relief swept their faces as they arrived at the venue, fresh and enthusiastic to experience the eventful day ahead of them. The Conference included speeches from various guest speakers, with both the knowledge and experience of working in the medical field, to give our students the best possible experience into the fruits of hard work and long hours of tireless revision.

The event started off with a welcome speech from guest speaker Dr Mannan who began the event with a brief introduction. Followed by numerous talks, ranging from a typical day in the life of a general practitioner to a workshop on how to write the perfect UCAS personal statement to get us into the highly regarded 'Russel Group' Universities. Our pupils left the conference equipped with valuable knowledge needed to apply for medicine and the appropriate strategies needed to ensure their personal development and motivation is optimal between now and when they will apply for the life-changing degree course in two years' time.

All of the students who visited the conference felt it had greatly benefited them and just two weeks later, Dr Mannan presented himself in front of our Year 11's in school and offered personal advice to them, before delivering a keynote speech to the Year 8's . Dr Mannan was able to share his own personal story of being rank ordered in subjects while in his first year at High School – he would be placed at the bottom of 28 pupils in his class. After a visit to Bangladesh in his second year, seeing the plight of the people in his parents' hometown, he soon appreciated his privileges and turned around his achievement to be one of the top performers in all subjects thereafter. The takeaway message for our Y8 pupils was that "maximum effort will always yield results" – find your 'why?' and make the most of all the fantastic opportunities available.

Dr Mannan is one of many exceptional role models that have walked through the school doors this half term to inspire our student's to become aspiring doctors, dentists, medics and leaders to serve society in the future.

Muhammad S Patel





Talk the Talk

It was Monday the 2nd of December 2019. The school gates glistened under a layer of frost. It seemed to be a bleak day, but one exciting event rest deeply in our engrossed minds: Talk the talk was coming!

A dull surrounding became exuberating and ecstatic in an instant for the year 8 students. The rest of the year groups were in lessons and occupied with their learning. The second the period one bell rung, we grabbed our bags, tucked our chairs in, prayed Dua, then SHOT out of the class to get to our English classrooms- it was going to be a fun day!

As we walked into the class, tables were stacked up to the walls; chairs flown in a big wide circle. Each chair was accompanied by a big A4 booklet that read: "TALK THE TALK". A tall, woman with pale blonde hair confidently took her place at the front of the classroom.

She introduced herself as Krista, her accent soon gave away that she was Canadian – I think this was the first time many of us met someone from Canada, luckily we weren't so different at all!

We started with a warmup by writing about topics such as: "what makes you happy?... Sad?" "what is your favourite food?" and so on. Post this, we learnt about many techniques on public speaking and how to present ourselves in public. It was a valuable and informative experience. Proceeding this, Krista gave us a self-reflection sheet and made us rate how we felt about speaking publicly. A few of us were confident, a few were scared- some even neutral. But the main aim was to improve so we knew it would be okay.

Following this, we made a presentation in groups of 5 on a topic we chose. Some groups chose school uniform, some chose bullying, and some chose racism in football. During our presentation, the audience had to counter-argue the group's choice in debate.

It was extremely enjoyable as we all became passionate about the topics of debate – we realised that if we feel strongly about something and focus on what we are saying, we soon become less self-conscious and more confident.

By the end of the day, we all wrote and presented a speech on chosen topics such as anti-bullying, racism, and even school timings. Most of us were nervous at the beginning but before we knew it, we were oozing with confidence; a few even performed some powerful and inspiring speeches.

The day was successful and widened our horizons on the topic of public speaking and we look forward to another one of these events!

Muhammad Uzair Patel



Trudging through the Dungeons of Blackpool

On the 19th of November, a group of 22 students went on a voyage to Blackpool Dungeons, to experience a journey through a thousand years of Lancashire's murky history.

The students waited eagerly at the entrance of a lift to embark on their adventure into the past. However, before they could count to two a medieval tourist guide appeared. Marked with fear and covered in dirt, he guided them into a lift that lowered them to the medieval dungeons. Journeying through the passage of time, the pupils were overawed with the jewels of history.

History was brought to life at the dungeons through the colourful props, costumes and talented actors enacting scenes and events from the medieval era. Our pupils were most mesmerised in the operation centre, as they stood speechless watching a surgeon peering over his patient's lifeless body. The experience was brought to life with props and sound effects, as the surgeon removed the intestines from his lifeless patient and "blood" spurted from his insides and splattered across the wall. The theatrics were deeply exaggerated, and rightly so – we were all highly drawn and entertained by the gruesome nature of the scene.

Once the journey through the deep dark dungeons of time came to an end, the boys (and teachers) had even more learning experiences awaiting them as they participated in a workshop- enriched with depictions of crime and punishment in the medieval times.

Led by two enthused Blackpool dungeons' staff, students created a tableau scene of a punishment carried out in the medieval time. They were provided with props, costume and information stations to help them with their drama scene.

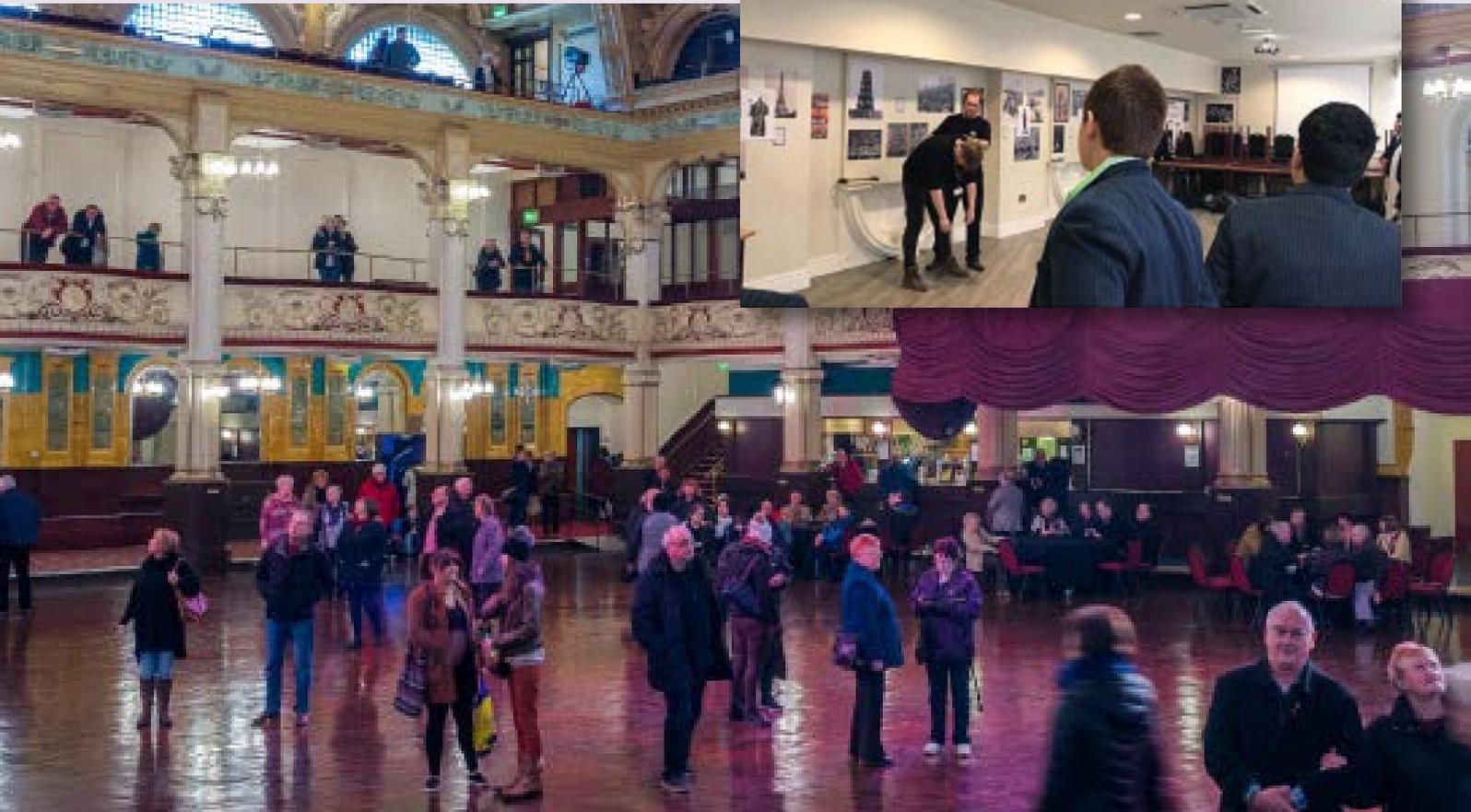
Imran Malik, an eager year 8 student stated, "I loved every moment of the trip but the best experience was the dark and smelly dungeons, where people appeared out of nowhere and involved us in the drama".

As the lead of this trip, I would reiterate the importance of interactive learning so that pupils engage with their learning journey. With the help of our committed, dedicated and highly talented support staff: Miss Ilyas, Mr Asghar and Miss Yusuf, it was heart-warming to immerse our children in a virtual experience.

As Einstein very rightly said:

'the true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, but imagination.'

Sugra Rawoot





TIBHS v Darwen Vale

Coming so close to getting promoted last season, the nerves, tension and the atmosphere was present within us for our opening game against Darwen Vale High School. The entire team had nerves running through their body, even more so as it was very important to win the first game of the season. Even though we were tense, we knew we had to put the hard work and determination in to be the better team between the two.

Before kick-off, Mr Mulla and Mr Ali used their inspirational and enthusiastic pep talk to give us the boost and drive we needed for this fixture, which in previous games proved to be tough and usually came down to the wire. The boys were not ready to lose this fixture, so with the pep talk and encouragement of our fellow teammates our energy levels and adrenaline majorly increased.

The match started with TIBHS passing the ball elegantly and swiftly around the beaming pitch. From the onset, it was noticeable that no team wanted to lose, therefore both teams were driving forward and attacking the best they could. They both fired dangerously powerful and accurate shots at the goalkeepers keeping them on their toes and alert.

The first goal came from Yousuf Mohammed, as his quick thinking got their keeper nervous, only for Yousuf to tap it in into the back of the net. The momentum really pushed us to score a second goal with a brilliant strike from Yahya Ahmed who effortlessly and dangerously fired into the bottom corner of the net.

Darwen Vale came back from losing to 2-0 to securing two goals making it 2-2 just before the thrilling first half ended. It was eye opening for Tauheedul, as they led the first half but they knew they had to come back even stronger to secure the win. Both coaches gave the half time talk as to what they could do for a better performance. A few changes were made and fresh pairs of legs were brought on. The second half showed a very positive and dominant display by TIBHS taking the lead 4-2, with a goal from Zayd Thava and a second goal from Yahya Ahmed.

In the end, the home advantage helped Darwen Vale take home a point as they scored two late goals to end the game 4-4. Overall, there were many positives which the team hopes to take into their next fixture to beat their opponent and secure the long awaited promotion.

A big Thank you to Mr Mulla and Mr Ali who supported us and encouraged us throughout the entire game! #TeamTIBHS

Yousuf Mohammed

TIBHS v Westholme

I still remember that beautiful day as if it was yesterday, we all met up at the new building in our wonderful TIBHS football kit, proud and privileged that we were chosen to represent our school.

It was a sunny Saturday morning and we left to go to the destination, Westholme High School. This team is known for their unbelievable football skills and team spirit. This did not put us down! Mr Richardson led us out to the remarkable pitch for a warm up. The whole team was motivated and eager to win. We started by stretching and jogging. 'Keep a high line, control that midfield and play through the channels' these were the exact words from Mr Richardson. He reminded me of Jurgen Klopp, bringing that togetherness in the team.

As soon as the game started, we played together as a team. Defending together and attacking. Amin Valli, picked up the ball from Ziyad Khan and bamboozled the opposing player, he lofted a perfect pass to our striker Umar Ahmed and he scored a great goal, bottom corner. TIBHS were leading 1-0. Towards the end of the first half, Moosa Hajat gave Ziyad Khan a great pass through their attack, Ziyad dribbled with the ball and picked up a tremendous pass towards Umar Ahmed. He ran down the line and delivered a steady pass which hovered in the air. Ayaz Adam sprinted as fast as he could and sweetly hit the ball on the volley. It was now 2-0 to the boys in purple and grey.

The second half began and Westholme showed great passion. They immediately scored a goal past our unlucky goalkeeper Zaid Desai, which made it 2-1. Westholme then received an unfair free- kick at the edge of the box and scored. It was 2-2. TIBHS were now drawing to a different Westholme Team. The team was falling apart, Westholme then received a penalty, which caused by some sloppy defending. It was time for Westholme to lead the game, their player kicked the ball, however it was denied by our brave goalkeeper Zaid Desai. This gave our team that determination to push forward to win the game.

Zaid rolled the ball out to skipper Ziyad, he dribbled past 2 players and passed to the very impressive Ahmed Valli, who had been the driving force for TIBHS throughout the game. He won TIBHS a penalty and he stepped up himself and scored. 3-2 TIBHS. TIBHS could feel the momentum was on their side with some great team pressing they won the ball straight back from the Westholme Kick-off and it was down to Uwais Ibrahim to score a fantastic individual goal from 25 yards out. TIBHS then controlled the game to the final whistle. IT WAS A WIN FOR THE TIBHS BOYS.

Westholme then invited TIBHS to eat in their cafeteria. After we ate, we returned to school full of pride. Mr Richardson was so proud of his wonderful Year 9 football team as they showed togetherness and determination.

Ziyad Khan





A Taste of UEFA Champions League

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

Kick-off was vastly approaching and the excitement grew as the crowd began to clap the players, including the likes of Kevin de Bruyne, Raheem Sterling and Bernardo Silva, off the field after their wonderful efforts in the warmup.

Anticipation rose... the crowd roared as the players emerged from the tunnel. The roar of the crowd was deafening as the players took Centre stage as the champions league anthem began the most prestigious competition in club football.

The first half, however, lacked pace at times, but this did not deter the fans from cheering on the formidable of the footballing world. The crowd went wild when Nicholas Otamendi clinched the side of the net. And obviously, Kevin de Bruyne graced us with his marvellous and awe-inspiring ability. His passing was pristine and flawless; the crowds were mesmerised by his brilliance.

During the second half, the crowd erupted as one and began a chorus of "come on city": something the boys of TIBHS were only too content to join in with. The crowd was in full voice and viewers from around the world could see that unity and cohesion brought a first-rate performance; this is when the Cityzens went on to score through the perfect weighted boot of İlkay Gundogan as well as the newly substituted Manor Solomon for Shakhtar Donetsk.

Towards the end of the game, both Man City and Shakhtar poured forward in search of a last gasp winner to send the crowd home delighted. End to end attacks were carried out in search of a winner. The pace was electric, and the game could have gone either way, but for most fans, the referee was biased and in favour of Shakhtar as "boos" came from all around the ground. The game closed and the view of the pitch was magnificent-it was as though no one had been on the pitch.

It felt like a good champions league night and city qualified as group champions as well as helping Shakhtar with a point. Overall, It had been a frustrating night for Man City, who dominated the game, but had been caught out at the back. To appreciate the game and who took us, we thank the efforts of Mr Richardson and Mr Mulla.

Uzair Patel



TIBHS would like to wish all students, parents, staff, and stakeholders a blessed and peaceful winter break

A huge thank you to all staff and pupils that have contributed to the making of the autumn newsletter and all staff and pupils for making our first term one worth remembering!

