



4th September 2023

Assalaamu Alaikum (Peace be with you)

I hope that your child has had a refreshing summer and enjoyed their first day back at school. It was a very smooth start to the term. Please ask your son about his day and take a look at his timetable. In addition, parentpay is now live – please use information from the letter previously sent and activate your account. A hard copy will be sent with your son tonight, just in case you have not received the postal copy.

Over the next few weeks, the school is leading on a number of initiatives to support our young people to develop their **character**. I wanted to share brief details of these with you and ask for your support.

Faithful Stars Framework

During the course of this year, we will be promoting a number of initiatives as part of our **'Faithful Stars' Framework**. We believe that the **faith and character** of our pupils has a direct and significant impact upon the quality of their learning, behaviour and academic achievement. The Faithful Stars 'Core Offer' will nurture the core tenets of Islam – an emphasis on **self-discipline, compassion, mutual respect** for all and for the earth itself. Please look out for these 'Faithful Stars' initiatives throughout the year and **encourage your child** to participate in them.

Rabi al Awwal

During the coming days and weeks, we will mark the month of **Rabi al Awwal** and the birth date of our **noble Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him)**. It is a reminder for all of us of the example and teachings of the Almighty's most beloved and the best amongst all of His creation. In a trouble world and during difficult times, the life and legacy of the noble Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) is a **guiding light** for each and every one of us. Our schools will tell some of the stories of our noble Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) in the days and weeks ahead. I hope that we will talk about them in our **homes** too. May our Lord fill our lives with the light of the noble Prophet (Peace be Upon Him)'s example. Aameen.

Manners

Over the next few weeks, we will launch a **manners' drive** encouraging pupils to demonstrate the **best of character** in simple, tangible ways. We will also explain how to do this and why good manners are an important part of school and wider life. Our **six key manners** are:

1. Giving **Salaam** and greeting others.
2. To **give way to**, and hold the door for, others.
3. To **clean up** after myself and have a **smart appearance**.
4. To **ask** before using other people's things.
5. To **speak politely** without raising my voice or interrupting.
6. To say **'thank you', 'please' and 'excuse me'**.



Please encourage your child to showcase these manners in the home too.

Behaviour

In order to have a **safe** and **happy** school and help students to develop their character and achieve the best possible grades, excellent behaviour and attitude is crucial. The school expects all students to **behave well** at all times, treat others with **respect**, and ensure that they **do not disrupt the learning** of other students.

The new policy identifies:

- Rewards for **positive behaviours** so that pupils know that excellent learning and character is valued.
- **Support** and **guidance** for pupils who struggle to behave well consistently.
- Consistent **consequences** for 'disruptive' and 'red line' (serious) behaviours.

Disruptive Behaviour	Red Line Behaviour
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- First time - 'Whisper correction' (subtle warning)- Second time – same day detention and 2 points on SIMS.- Third time – removal from lesson and referral to Reflection (3 points on SIMS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Immediate referral to Reflection Room.- Suspension from school. (4 points on SIMS)

Please support our efforts with the new behaviour policy by **encouraging your child** to try their best with each of our expectations.

If you have any questions about any of our policies or initiatives for behaviour, character and wellbeing, please contact your child's Head of Year or Year Group Leader.

Thank you for your fantastic support, and understanding, with our efforts to support your child's character and wellbeing. We are very grateful.

Please remember the school in your prayers.

Yours faithfully,



Majid Ditta

Principal