

Friday 23rd April

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

As I am sure most of you are aware, the Holy Month of Ramadan has started. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar and is a period of prayer, self-control, charity and goodwill to others.

Part of Ramadan is fasting, which is one of the Five Pillars (fundamental religious duties) of Islam. Muslims believe fasting has many benefits, such as feeling closer to God, establishing a healthier life style, developing better habits, understanding of self and establishing better relationships with others. Attendance during this period is as important as at any other time of the year. We respectfully ask you to make sure that you continue to honour your educational responsibilities such as attending every day and attending all lessons including study periods and tutorials on time every day during Ramadan.

We understand that the combination of longer days, warmer temperatures, as well as on-going assessments, are a challenge for our young Muslim students. Our flexible afternoons mean that we finish most non-support days at 1.30 so this will help students have enough time to rest and have plenty of time to revise and study.

To mark the end of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid Ul Fitr we will have a full college closure on Thursday 13th May. If Eid falls on a different day for you, you will need to complete a leave of absence form, these can be collected from reception. You will still be able to take off the 13th.

Thank you for your support, which is always greatly appreciated. May you and your family have a Ramadan filled with peace and blessings.

Ramadan Kareem

Yours sincerely

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