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Image: When Mr Hughs met Eden Boys'

WELCOME...

I would like to welcome you to the first edition of our newsletter, STAR and I really hope you like the new layout. It is packed full with all the events and activities of last term.

There is no better place than the first page of the first edition of STAR to tell you about the official handover of our brand new school mini bus, which has been donated to us by Hugh Mason of Mr Hugh's Rapeseed Oil. Eve Matthews attended our Community Event Day on 8th July, representing Mr Hugh's and officially handed over the minibus, an exciting time for all of us here at Eden! Look out for next terms edition of STAR where we will reveal much more about the exciting events of the day!

STAR will be the 'go to' place every term to keep up to date with Eden's successes and achievements. For our first edition, our Head Boy, Mohammed Alam of 9B, along with Adam Mahmood, also of 9B, are proud to announce that Eden has won the award for the best attendance in the country during the 2015/2016 school year - a whopping 98.7%! This is an incredible achievement for our school and we hope to sustain this title in the coming years, with the support of parents and students.

Following the recent tragedies of the Manchester and London attacks, two pupils have written some very moving poems in response, and I believe we can all share in their sentiment - have a read on page 7.

June was the holy month of Ramadhan and this year we worked in partnership with the Tauheedul Charity to provide Eid gifts to children in Syria. Children in Syria have endured unthinkable suffering and the conflict continues to be a stain on our conscience. The noble Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) said: "The best charity is given in Ramadhan." I am very proud to advise you that in total, we have raised an amazing amount of £10,800 for this charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed. In these circumstances, every penny counts.

Finally, I wish you all a restful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on the 4th September at 8am.

A. Ravat.

Asiyah Ravat, PRINCIPAL

P.S Don't forget you can follow us on our Twitter page to see what we have been up to and to keep up with the Eden news!



Image: Eid Card winner and runners up



E-Safety Parent Workshops

The internet hosts many exciting opportunities for education. The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with unprecedented opportunities for learning and creativity, but just like the real world there are risks and dangers your children should be aware of.

At Eden Boys', we encourage the use of technology as an important part of our students' development, however it is important that this is always done in a safe manner. As a parent/carer, you can play a significant part in this by attending these parents' E-safety workshops, which will educate you on how to protect your children from the dangers of the Internet whilst still allowing them to enjoy the aforementioned benefits.

Just a few simple steps can help you keep them safe and give our young people the awareness to know what to do if they feel uncomfortable about anything they encounter whilst online. We strongly encourage all parents to attend the Internet Safety session available every half term. Join us to become more confident in guiding your children when they use the internet.

The feedback from parents attending this year has been very positive. All parents said that they felt much more confident regarding the use of the internet and also their ability to guide their children wisely.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our workshops very soon.

Scouts Group

Over the next few months we are hoping to launch an exciting initiative at Eden Boys' School. As you are aware, there is a great emphasis at Eden Boys' School on giving our students the opportunity to develop into well rounded individuals of exemplary character and leaders equipped with the necessary skills to make a positive contribution in all walks of life. With this in mind the school is hoping to launch a Scouts Group. The Scouts Group will be based at the school and will be run in conjunction with The Scout Association.

The Scout Association is the largest co-educational youth organisation in the world and helps to develop young people mentally, physically, intellectually and spiritually through adventurous activities from abseiling to zorbing. Activities and Scout Groups are run and managed by local volunteers and it offers adults a social life with a purpose, giving them the chance to gain new skills and have fun, whilst also helping others.

The values and principles of Scouting are mirrored to those of Islam and our students will benefit vastly from being Scouts by being taught essential Islamic principles and mannerisms through fun and adventurous activities.

To effectively run the Scouts Group, the school will require parent volunteers who are willing to support the delivery of the scouting activities. The aim is to have a group of at least 12 -15 volunteers as this will ensure we have enough volunteers to run the activities.

If you are interested in this fantastic opportunity please get in touch with the school by phone on 0121 657 7070 or email info@edenboysbirmingham.tetrust.org.



Mosaic News

Eden Boys' Birmingham is delighted to have developed a partnership with Mosaic. Mosaic is a Prince's Trust initiative Founded by HRH The Prince of Wales. Mosaic inspires young people from deprived communities to realise their talents and potential. Mosaic's mentoring programmes in schools are delivered by volunteers who aim to lift the aspirations of young people and close the gap between aspirations and their attainment. The school took part in both the Secondary Mentoring Programme and the Mosaic Enterprise Programme. In the Mosaic Enterprise

Programme, our boys secured 12th Place out of 130 schools. The programme includes the participation in a business games, where the boys are to make as much profit as they can when deciding what products to sell, and when posed with a number of realistic scenarios in business.

The Secondary Mentoring Programme uses positive role models to improve students' confidence, self-efficacy and employability. The programme is a powerful package of mentoring support for young people that can

be tailored to students' needs which includes group mentoring, workplace visits, inspirational speeches and competitions. We have seen our boys grow in confidence and develop skills which will help them in their future. A big thank you to our mentors and Mosaic West Midlands for all the opportunities over the last few months.

Above images: Mosaic News



TEAMWORK

Moth in a China Shop

We are very pleased to have once again participated in the £50 Challenge in association with Mr Hugh's "Moth in a China Shop Charity". This year's participants were: Zain Hussain (8C), Asim Afghan (8B) and Amaad Wajid (8A) who managed to create a total profit of £243.50 based on their innovative enterprise ideas. The boys completed the competition with a final presentation showcasing their journey and the challenges that they overcame along the way. The feedback was excellent with the charity's representative stating that: "Asim, Zain and Amaad demonstrated high levels of professionalism and engagement from the offset with their impressive business knowledge and clear scope of personal and team targets within the £50 Challenge. Their technical terminology and understanding of business was second to none in this year's challenge, combined with strong knowledge of "Moth in a China Shop" and in depth market research made for an impressive presentation and consequently resulting in a very good profit margin." Despite narrowly missing out on a victory, we were delighted to support such a magnificent charitable cause and we look forward to entering again next year.



Kingswood Residential 2017

Our annual leadership residential, which saw 50 students from year 8 visit Kingswood activity centre in Wolverhampton was a huge success! The residential combined many National Curriculum-linked modules with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities which provided our students with a wealth of new experiences outside of the classroom. The residential consisted of leadership activities and outdoor activities such as quad biking, rock climbing, zip wire and archery along with spiritual reminders around the camp fire. Needless to say everyone had a great time and we all came back with memories to last a lifetime.

The activities encouraged some healthy competition between the boys which aided the students' ability to not only work as part of a team but also develop their own resilience. This was evident by the end of the trip as some strong friendships had been built in the group which was great to see. One of the main aspects enjoyed by the students was the food! To fuel the students during the long days of thrilling adventure activities, we were served three hot meals per day with lots of choice and seasonal variations, all of which were halal.

The students stayed in the standard dormitory style rooms which ranged from 6 to 12 bed dormitories. These all had separate bathroom and shower facilities and teacher rooms were close by. Sheets, duvets and pillows were provided, however the students had to manage to put these on themselves. This activity really developed their "making the bed" skills and is perhaps one to be practised at home.

TOURNAMENTS

AMS Interfaith Football

On Monday 15th May, Eden Boys', along with many other faith school's from around the country got together to take part in the Association of Muslim School's Interfaith football competition. The boys did well to qualify for the semi finals, however a special well done must go to our top scorers, Mohammed Sallah and Abdulaziz Jama!

Our boys had their work cut out when they took on Leicester Grammar School in the semi-final. Unfortunately, they were defeated but it wasn't all over as they then took on the defending champions in a bid for 3rd place. It was a tough match with both teams striving for the win, but after some excellent team work and some fantastic goal keeping by Aleem Iqbal, the boys secured 3rd place, scoring an impressive 4-0! Congratulations and well done to all the boys who represented the School but a special well done must go out to Yousaf Sharif for being awarded 'Man of the Tournament'!

Football practice for Year 7 and 8 is on Monday's after school on a weekly basis from 3.00pm – 3.45pm. Get your place and sign up now to show us that you have the ability to represent Eden Boys' School in the next football tournament!



Abu Bakr Trust Football

On Monday 22nd May 2017, Eden Boys' hosted Abu Bakr Boys' School in a highly anticipated football tournament. The tournament included teams from Year 7, 8 and 9 facing off in a series of games. Each game played was very competitive with both schools working hard to secure the win for their school. In the end the Year 7's managed to draw the first game and then dominate their second game to win 5-0. The Year 8's won their first game and then drew the second game. Finally the Year 9's were the only team to lose their first game on the day but then managed to come from 1-0 down to draw the game 1-1 in the final! A massive well done to all involved in the tournament. All the boys from both schools played extremely well and should be very proud of themselves! A successful tournament has already brought talks about a repeat next year, so watch this space!. Eden's 'Man of the Match' award went to Adnan Malek (Year 7), Hamza Asad (Year 8) and Muhumed Ismail (Year 9). The 'Goal of the Tournament' award went to Mohammed Sallah for his incredible free kick from range. Congratulations boys!

Above image: Abu Bakr Trust Football

AMBITION



Aston Villa Social Enterprise Programme

Eden Boys' Birmingham has been working in close partnership with Aston Villa Football Club during the course of the year to deliver a Social Enterprise Programme aimed at Year 8 and 9 pupils. This programme equips pupils with essential skills allowing them to analyse, reason and reflect all of which are pivotal for future progress. A key highlight from the course was when Eden Boys' Birmingham hosted an event which was attended by a full press crew and VIP guest Aston Villa footballer Libor Kozak.

Libor was interviewed by Year 9 pupils and later admitted he was very 'impressed' with the level of questioning. For further information on the Aston Villa Enrichment Programme at Eden Boys' School or the player interview can be found on the Aston Villa Foundation link: <https://www.avfc.co.uk/News/2016/10/12/kozak-supports-social-enterprise-programme>. Lastly special thanks to all the staff and pupils involved in the Aston Villa Enrichment Programme.

British Science Week

British Science Week (BSW) is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths – featuring fascinating, entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages. Eden Boys' got involved by taking part in various activities, such as:

- Flowers to dye for – understanding how plant water systems work
- Tower challenge – enhancing team building,
- Problem solving and mathematical skills
- Fire writing
- Demo day – engaging experiments such as making elephant toothpaste
- And many more exciting science experiments in an after school club



The theme for this year was 'change' encouraging young people to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy. It was also a chance for Eden Boys' to consider the changes they can enact to have a positive impact on the future.



Drama Club

We are pleased to present Eden Boys' Drama Club. Made up of a group of drama enthusiasts across all year groups. The club hopes to develop pupils self-expression, self-confidence and performance skills. At their twice weekly classes, pupils explore a variety of characters and work together to skilfully convey the characters emotions and explore one another's perspective.

The Drama Club is currently working on its opening performance – an adaptation of 'The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty'. Through this play, the boys have been able to explore key issues around bullying and friendship as well as learn the foundations of dramatic technique.

AMBITION

Mosaic Enterprise

This academic year saw Eden Boys' launch the Mosaic Enterprise scheme, with high expectations to bring home the winning trophy. The scheme aims to promote enterprise, and harness a spirit of entrepreneurship within young people, with over 4,500 students taking part around the country, the competition was tight from the outset.

The scheme started with an overview of ethics and questions surrounding sustainability, and how these concerns are ever-relevant to businesses globally. With these concerns in mind, the students began their quest to make as much profit as possible from the business simulation online game. Each team were presented with a number of different real-life business decisions, ranging from the product type to focus on, to where consumer markets are to be established around the world. Initially this proved to be challenging for students learning about the multiple facets of business strategy, with many students finding it difficult to establish the balance between a sustainable economy and that of a sustainable environment. Nevertheless, the students – with representatives from Years 7, 8 and 9 – responded quickly to the pressures and demands of working in a team to achieve maximum profits. Despite Eden Boys' not making it to the next stage of the competition, our students have completed the scheme with a new passion and interest in the future of business and enterprise, showing real promise in tackling the challenges and opportunities that come with setting up a new business. We look forward to seeing some of our students becoming some of the world's future business leaders, and hope to see next year bring as much enthusiasm and talent.

Royal Navy Robotics BAE System student roadshow

BAE Systems ran their new roadshow at Eden Boys' School. The audience of Year 7 boys were mesmerized by the new technology that was demonstrated and eager to learn more about how the technologies on display play an integral part of the work undertaken at BAE Systems.

With partners, the RAF and the Royal Navy, the roadshow enlightened our students about the importance of control systems and computer technology in all aspects of present day life, helping them see the connection between what they study in school and the day to day applications in the real world.

The roadshow performance was in three parts. During part one, our students took a closer look at drones, also known as unmanned craft. Students were shown a drone in action and also learnt about the dangers of hacking and the work that computer scientists and programmers do to keep our computer systems safe.

The second part of the show focused on how computers work and the students were engaged in some practical activities to help them understand how the binary system works and also how computers spot an error. The final part of the performance featured a 70cm high android robot that showed just how advanced robotics can be. This talking, dancing, 'thinking' robot had features that are present in many of the products that BAE Systems manufacture.



Image: Royal Navy Robotics
Right image: Spirituality Day 1

RESPECT

Spirituality Day 1

At Eden Boys', we believe our Faith Ethos is distinctive and special. As a school we wholeheartedly believe in Faith as a force for good. We believe our Faith Ethos inspires our students to be well rounded individuals who care not just about themselves but the communities they live in whilst also appreciating all that the Almighty God has blessed us with in this world. Providing a well-rounded and meaningful Faith ethos offer is a key priority at the school and it is an aspect of our provision that we will continue to prioritise as the school grows. To ensure our students are provided with opportunities to explore and practice their faith in an inclusive, outward facing manner, a range of faith activities take place across the academic year. A key element of these activities is Spirituality Day. During Spirituality Day students have the opportunity to explore and learn about key faith concepts in a creative and fun manner. The school organises two Spirituality Day's during the year.

The focus of Spirituality Day 1 was 'Muslim Contribution to the Modern World'. Seven workshops were organised with staff delivering a range of workshops highlighting the Muslim contribution to Science, Languages, Maths and other areas. The aim of Spirituality Day 1 was to give our students a better understanding of the contribution Muslims have made throughout History and thus inspire them to achieve and excel to the best of their abilities.



Make a Child Smile Charity Campaign

The month of Ramadhan is a special month for Muslims worldwide, it is a month in which Muslims show gratitude to the Almighty God for his countless blessings. It is also a time for giving and gaining extra, as the reward for each good action is multiplied. It is an opportunity to remember those in our country and around the world whose lives are blighted by poverty, conflict and disease.

The noble Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) said: "The best charity is given in Ramadhan."

This year, Eden Boys' has worked in partnership with Tauheedul Charity to provide Eid gifts to children in Syria at the end of Ramadhan. Children in Syria have endured suffering over the past few years and the conflict continues to weigh heavily on our conscience.

A fundraising campaign was launched before Ramadhan and we are proud to say that the response from our students and parents has been truly astounding, with donations totalling **£10,800**. This money will make a considerable difference to children across Syria and will, God willing, bring a smile to their faces this Eid.

A few pupils who raised a considerable amount are:

Zaid Umar (8B)

Haaris Hanif (7B)

Mohammed Yusuf Hadi (8C)

Adam Lowery (8A)

Humza Kasim (9A)

Adam Delair (9A)



Greater Manchester:

We are the place that
Should unite together.
The place we all call home
For we are Manchester
We can invent anything
And nothing will stop us!

Together we shall stand
Through this tragedy
With our hands held high
For we are Manchester!

Questions in everyone's mind
Tears in our eyes
Sounds of bombs resounding in our ears.
We are the great city
And we don't want your pity
For we are the great Mancunians

Even though this tragedy has hit us it will not stop us
For we are becoming a Greater Manchester
#unitedwestandtogether

Yammah Safi 7.2

YOU

This is our home
So you and your friends
Just leave us alone

YOU

This is our city
Where we live
And we'll have no pity

YOU

This is our town
We stand together
And we show no frown

YOU

We might be angry
But we stand together
And we show no anger

Ismail Ali 7.2

Anne Frank Ambassador Training

My name is Muhammad Ibrahim and I would like to tell you about a recent program that I have had the privilege to be involved in. As part of the student council I took part in the Anne Frank Ambassador Training. A common mistake is that the Anne Frank Trust is about WW2 or about Anne Frank herself but the charity is about trying to tackle prejudice and discrimination that uses Anne Frank as an inspiration.

Let me tell you what the student council actually did in the training. Our target was to make a social media campaign that will reach out to as many people as possible. We used things like Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. We will compete against many schools to see whose message is the strongest or the most viewed.

The topic we chose was discrimination in sports, which I think is a matter that affects many people, communities, national and international teams.

Discrimination is a serious matter because no-one earns the right to treat someone differently because of their skin colour, nationality or gender. Discrimination can also happen if a stereotype is taken too far and we think as a school, as a community and as a country we should tackle this problem by doing everything we can to spread the message and try to change people.



**"A journey of a thousand miles
began with a single step"**

Lao Tzu

Circle: Anne Frank Ambassador Training



Until Next Time

A Word from the Head Boy

Asalamualaikum,

It is the last term of this academic year and not long left before the holidays! But at Eden we like to finish things off in style and this term has been no exception! This was manifested when Eden Boys' Birmingham achieved the highest cumulative attendance throughout the whole country - a truly superb feat. This was a remarkable moment, not only for the school and pupils, but for the Tauheedul Trust and parents.

I am also pleased to announce that the current attendance champions are 9B – my form group. The enthusiasm from the form tutor, Mr Tariq has had a major impact on the form, as he always conveys the importance that attendance has on each pupil's education. This has also encouraged all the other pupils from different forms to try their best to be at school every day.

Finally, we would like to thank each and every parent for the support they have provided, helping to instil ideals, such as high attendance and punctuality, which we value at Eden Boys' Birmingham.

Adam Mahmood 9B

Mohammed Allam 9B

Iftar Event

Another Iftar Event, another success

A letter of thanks from Richard Pringle 3FF

I wanted to say thank you for your incredible hospitality on Saturday night. Myself and my wife thoroughly enjoyed our evening. We both commented how powerful and moving the prayers, songs, and poems were and how confidently they were delivered by your students before breaking fast. We also felt incredibly welcomed from the moment we arrived and the food was fantastic.

Thank you very much for the invite.

Surrounding Images: Taken from the Iftar Event



School Term and Holidays

2017 / 2018 (All dates are inclusive)

Autumn Term 2017

'Eid ul Adha 1438 * Holiday	Friday 1 st September 2017
Staff Inset Day	Monday 4 th September 2017
Re-open (for students)	Tuesday 5 th September 2017
Mid Term Closure	Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October 2017
Closure after school	Thursday 21 st December 2017
Christmas Holiday	Friday 22 nd December 2017 – Friday 5 th January 2018

Spring Term 2017

Staff Inset Day	Monday 8 th January 2018
Re-open (for students)	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Mid Term Closure	Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February 2018
Closure after school	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Easter Holiday	Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April 2018

Summer Term 2018

Re-open	Monday 16 th April 2018
May Day Closure	Monday 7 th May 2018
Mid Term Closure	Monday 28 th May - Friday 1 st June 2018
'Eid ul Fitr 1439* Holiday	Thursday 14 th - Friday 15 th June 2018
Closure after school	Tuesday 24 th July 2018



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