



Pastoral Newsletter

The newsletter for Eden Boys' School,
Birmingham

Assalamu Alaikum / Peace be with you

The spring 1 half term is now over and has been full of many successful experiences. Well done to the students who made the term a success! Students have volunteered to fundraise, help with the food bank amongst other volunteering opportunities and participated in many extra curricular activities throughout the school. It is a pleasure to see our young boys developing into strong, confident, and intelligent young adults.

End of year trip

To reward the students for their efforts throughout the first term, the school organised a trip to the ice rink. The students' thoroughly enjoyed slipping and sliding whilst being entertained by the sight of their teachers falling down! There was lots of team work with everyone was helping each other out including the very friendly polar bear who became part of the Eden team and assisted many of the students! Well done to all students who put in so much effort in the autumn and the first half of spring term!

GRAND OPENING

Eden Boys' Birmingham has now been opened for more than 8 months! The school will be officially opened by the Minister of Education. To celebrate we will be having a grand opening of the school after half term. We have invited special guests and there may be a few celebrity appearances!



Eden Boys at the ice rink!



Some of our students are
already preparing for the event!

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Cyberbullying and E-safety

The development of technology has accelerated very fast. Young people are more tech savvy and know how to operate new advanced technology. Since the internet is available at our fingertips, it is essential we know about the risks that it comes with, especially when it comes to young students. Eden Boys' Birmingham has provided the students with e-safety training. During the first half term of spring we also provided training to parents to raise awareness of risk and keeping safe online. Watch out for the weekly E-safety tips!



mosaic

the power of positive thinking



Mosaic Enterprise Launch

Eden Boys' Birmingham is delighted to have launched the Mosaic Enterprise Programme this term with everyone's high expectations in our boys securing first place overall this year! 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. Success will also depend on the quality of a business research proposal which will be the focus of the programme after half term. So far, the boys have taken part in sessions run by our external mentors, where they have learnt about the key parts of a business, including some of the demands of ethical and sustainable standards when making important decisions in business. They have then used this knowledge to improve upon the overall profit they can make in the business game. It's certainly looking close so far between all of the teams and we are all excited to see what our boys can achieve by the end of the programme!



Birmingham School Heats – Aston Villa FC

As some of you may know, I am very proud to announce that the year 9 boys won the Aston Villa heats during their presentation to the panel of budding businessmen and beat four other local schools. Their hard work, determination and well-spoken presentation impressed the judges and they were a credit to us all. Lord Sugar needs to watch this space! 😊

Semi Final Round- Stoke City FC Venue

The Eden Boys 'enterprise group did a fantastic job in representing the school in the Premier League Enterprise Semi-Final. Unfortunately they did not through to the next round.

The four professional judges who were very impressed by the boys were:

- Stefan Sergot- Senior commercial Solicitor, Premier League Chair
- Danile Flynn- CEO of YMCA
- Jon Eeles- Finance Director, KMF Ltd
- Judith Kirkland- CEO Business Enterprise Support



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Students at Eden Boys' Birmingham took part in a British Red Cross workshop. The workshop explored assumptions surrounding terms such as 'refugees', 'asylum seekers' and 'migrants'. It helped young people to understand why someone might have to flee their home and looks at the harmful effects of stigmatising behaviour. The British Red Cross chose to use Eden Boys' Birmingham as a case study to encourage other schools to organise workshops. They brought in a professional camera crew to take some pictures too!



Happy Chinese new year

The year of the Rooster!

Irene Chu from Birmingham's Chinese society visited the school to show students how Chinese people celebrate their new year and its importance! She also shared the S.T.A.R of the week with the school!



Interfaith walk

Students from Eden Boys' visited various places of worship in the vicinity of the school on the 24th of November 2016. The Interfaith Walk, organised by The Feast, gave our students the opportunity to learn about different faiths and beliefs. The students had lots of interesting questions and enjoyed looking at the various religious artefacts during the walk.

 **Buddhist visit**

There are many different beliefs people hold. Here, at Eden Boys' we participate in interfaith to get the students to explore a variety of beliefs that exist around them. The school organised a visit from a local Buddhist, Nun-Gen Lekang, last month to give the students an insight into what Buddhism is. They were very open and accepting of different beliefs and actively learned about what Nun-Gen had to say.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

On Friday 27th January Eden Boys' joined people across the world to remember the millions of people who tragically lost their lives in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides around the world. In the lead up to the Holocaust Memorial Day, we were very fortunate to secure the Anne Frank Exhibition. This is a 20-panel exhibition explaining the tragic story of Anne Frank and the events which led to her writing her famous diary. The student Shuraa received training on delivering a guided tour of the exhibition which they then delivered to their fellow students. Along with this, Eden Boys' was proud and honoured to host Holocaust survivor, Mindu Hornick at the school on Monday 30th January. Mindu delivered a special assembly to the students and staff during which she described her harrowing experiences at Auschwitz. It was a truly moving experience and made us all realise how truly fortunate we are to be living in this time of relative comfort and reminded us to be thankful of all the Almighty has blessed us with.



Above: A discussion with Mindu

Below: the Exhibition



Launch of ID cards and parent pay.

The cashless system is now live in school! All students now have an ID card which they use for lunch and must wear at all times.



Don't forget to top up your lunch money through parent pay when you are running low on credit!

EBS CASTLE CHALLENGE

Last month the Year 7's competed in the very first history castle building competition! All of the competition entries we received were fantastic, and we had just as much hard work judging them as you did building them! All of the competitors will receive merits for entering. The top three model's (who will win a prize as well as their merits) are as follows:



3rd Place: Usayd Sheikh 7D

2nd Place: Amar Shafiq 7D

And finally the winner of the EBS castle building competition of 2017 is..... **ABDUL KHAN 7A!!!!**

Well done Year 7!

Mr. Ravat, History Teacher.

Launch of careers information guidance

Do you need any guidance with making an educational or career choice? If you are uncertain of how to make a choice or do not know what you want to do then Mr Bhayat will offer his expert advice! Alternatively you can also call the national careers advice.

Mr Bhayat has opened a pastoral clinic! Appointments can be made every Tuesday between 3pm and 4pm.

Please see Mr Bhayat to make an appointment.

CEIAG Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance
Eden Boys

Mr F Bhayat
(IAG Coordinator)

Pastoral Clinic – Library
Appointments available every Tuesday 3:00pm-4.00pm

Yr 7 | Discover
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Yr 9 | Focus

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Upcoming Events

Grand opening of the school: Thursday 23rd March 2017

Year 8 parents evening: Thursday 9th March 2017

Sports relief fundraiser - Friday 18th March 2017

Kingswood residential - Friday 5th May –to Sunday 7th May 2017.

Key Messages

- Regular attendance at school ensures that students do not fall behind in subjects and also promotes social development.
- Please ensure uniform meets the school requirement. ID badges are now part of the school uniform and must be worn at all times in school.
- All students are expected to attend school sufficiently equipped for their studies, as outlined in our school equipment policy.
- Please do not book holidays during term time as outlined in the school policy.
- Congratulations to all students who received merits last term. Rewards will be given at the end of the term for pupils with merits and a 100% attendance. Please keep a log of your volunteering hours as this will contribute to the Tauheedul baccalaureate.