

Community Service – Litter Picking

At Eden, we strive to develop students who not only succeed academically but also make a real difference in the communities they represent and come from. To ensure students are delivering on the 'Service to Communities' element of the school's mission statement, we have started a biweekly litter picking exercise. This involves students, along with a member of staff, litter picking in the local area surrounding the school. The litter picking will take place on a Friday, 12:30 – 1:30pm during the summer months and 1 – 2pm during the winter months. All students from Year 7 – 9 have been placed on a rota and will be expected to attend. We hope to receive your support with this important endeavour.

Breast Cancer Research - Fund Raising

In support of Breast Cancer, Grace Packard came in to deliver an assembly on how our money will help those people that are suffering from the painful condition. It was a very inspiring assembly as the boys really got involved in the question and answer session. Grace took part in the London Marathon and got the pupils to do their bit by supporting such a wonderful cause. Our pupils did a fantastic job in actively raising money to improve the lives of those that are going through this now.

7A raised a whopping £203.51, this was an impressive effort from them so well done boys! A grand total of £895.50 was raised, we would like to thank all the pupil

3FF School Linking – King Solomon School

Eden Boys' School has been working closely with an interfaith charity called The Faith & Belief Forum (formerly 3FF) for the past two years. This has involved 3FF delivering workshops on empathy and respect for people of all faiths and none.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with The Faith & Belief Forum, Eden Boys' have been involved in the school linking project this academic year. Our 'link' school is King Solomon International Business School who like us are a faith (Christian) designated free school that opened at the same time as Eden Boys'.

The linking project involves 3 link days across the academic year, link day 1 took place earlier in the year, and with link day 2 taking place at Eden Boys' on Tuesday 1st May. We were very proud to welcome students and staff from King Solomon School to Eden Boys'. The day was a fabulous success as students from Eden Boys' reacquainted themselves with the students from King Solomon School with whom they had developed friendships during Link Day 1. The students worked collaboratively on a range of activities with a key theme during the day being 'Our Community'. Students learnt about the various communities they represented and how we are, collectively, a rich mix of cultures that together form a diverse and strong community. Along with the many fun filled activities, our students also prayed Zuhr (afternoon) prayer as the students from King Solomon School were eager to learn how Muslims observe prayer.

Overall, it was a fantastic day of shared learning, collaboration and friendship building; we are all now very excited about visiting King Solomon School later on in the summer term.



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The Newsletter for Eden Boys' School Birmingham

The Month of Ramadhan

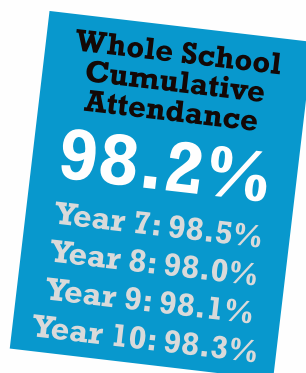
The blessed month of Ramadhan is once again upon us. We should consider ourselves lucky and blessed to have been given the opportunity to derive benefits from this most auspicious of months. It is a month in which God's mercy upon us is boundless with the reward of every good action we perform multiplied tenfold. It is a month in which we are presented with the ideal opportunity to reconnect with our faith, develop a greater sense of Taqwa (God-consciousness) and spiritually reconnect with God.

Fasting in Ramadhan develops in a person the real spirit of social belonging, of unity and of equality before God. This spirit is the natural product of the fact that when people fast they feel that they are joining people across the world in observing the same duty, in the same manner, at the same time, for the same motives, and for the same end.

It is also a time when we appreciate the blessings of God upon us and how much we have been blessed with compared to many around the world for whom daily life is a struggle to find the most basic of human necessities: food and water. Let us ensure we are thanking God for what we have and also supporting those who are struggling by giving charity and remembering those in dire need in our prayers. With this in mind, at Eden Boys' we are fundraising for orphans in Syria this Ramadhan. Please support us in this endeavour by donating Lillah, Sadaqah and Zakah through Parent Pay and help us to bring a smile to their faces this Ramadhan.

KEY EVENTS

- Year 8 University of Oxford Visit **Wednesday 20th June 2018**
- Non Uniform Eid Celebration **Friday 22nd June 2018**
- Year 7 Parents Evening **Thursday 28th June 2018**
- Year 10 Geography Residential **Friday 29th June 2018**
- Careers Event - DWP & Nugen Project **Friday 29th June 2018**
- Year 6 Transition Day **Wednesday 4th July 2018**
- Permanent Secretary Visit **Wednesday 4th July 2018**
- Year 9 Parents Evening **Thursday 5th July 2018**
- Community Fund Raiser **Saturday 7th July 2018**
- Summer Achievement Awards **Thursday 19th July 2018**
- Spirituality Day 3 **Friday 20th July 2018**
- Alton Towers Rewards Trip **Monday 23rd July 2018**



KEY MESSAGES

- Regular attendance at school ensures that students do not fall behind in subjects and also promotes social development.
- Please ensure uniform and P.E kit meets the school requirement. ID badges are 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 100% attendance. Please keep a log of your volunteering hours as this will contribute towards the Tauheedul Baccalaureate.



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eden summer bazaar 2018

At Eden Boys', we are very excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual Summer Bazaar on Saturday 7th July! The event will run from 11am – 4pm.

Following the success of last year's inaugural event, we are looking to put on an even bigger and better event this year. The event will involve a day of fun for the whole family with a range of activities, food and stalls on offer. To ensure we have a wide variety of stalls at the event, we are appealing to parents to come forward if they would like to host a stall. We are also looking for a henna artist and a face painter. Anyone interested in holding a stall at the event should contact the school on **0121 6577070**.





Young Peoples PARLIAMENT

Our year 7 delegates have been part of the Young People's Parliament and have become active representatives of both their school and local communities. They have gained a significant understanding of government/ democracy with active discussions and debates around local, national and global issues affecting young people today.

Our pupils have had a first-hand experience of politics in a real life political environment where they asked local councillors questions on the issues that exist locally and nationally. Visiting the council house gave pupils a real eye opener into the fascinating world of politics and how strategies are put together to tackle issues within local communities.

The boys are now looking forward to the House of Parliament visit that will be taking place towards the end of this academic year. They will get an opportunity to meet some of the most prestigious MPs and even ask them questions. They have worked extremely hard throughout the YPP sessions and the trip to London will mark an insightful end to their experience of politics.



WEAPONS AND KNIFE CRIME

We were honoured to have PC Rob Pedley from the West Midlands Police to come in and deliver an assembly on knife crime to our year 8 pupils. PC Rob went through the following issues relating to knife crime:

1. Why we must not popularise knife crime.
2. Identify reasons for weapon carrying.
3. Raise awareness of consequences of weapon carrying.
4. Recognise social and familial impact.
5. Gain awareness of Joint Enterprise.
6. Promote anonymous crime reporting through Crimestoppers.

The pupils really enjoyed the assembly and took away crucial information on weapons and knife crime. They now feel a lot more confident and aware of the issues surrounding these dangerous weapons.



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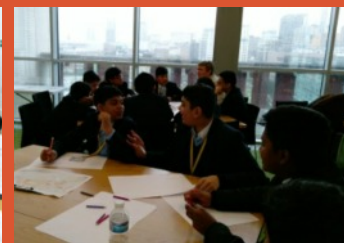


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Are you a bit of a scientist and want to learn about the science of robotics? Or, do you prefer the world of fine art and want to explore your creative side? If you're saying 'yes' to at least one of these questions, then you're in luck, as you will be taking part in exciting and interactive

workshops from some of our finest university professional in Art and Robotics. We will offer two completely different areas of study to ensure you get a small taste of the variety of courses you could study at the University of Birmingham.

The Year 8 pupils spent a day at the University of Birmingham getting hands on experience of different career options. They worked with the country's leading experts and spent time with university students and staff who answered questions about whether university need to be part of their career journey.



ONLINE GAMES - How to stay safe



Many computer games are played online against other players over the internet, whether on a console, computer, mobile device or via social networking sites. Most play using an assumed identity, so you are generally already unaware of who they really are. There can also be hidden financial risks in downloading and playing web and app-based games; increasingly, online games involve spending real money to purchase in-game property.

The Risks:

- ⦿ Inadvertently giving away personal information, including password, email or home address or age.
- ⦿ Enter online chat rooms with people you don't know or might be pretending to be someone else.
- ⦿ Downloading 'cheats' which claim to help you but which, in fact, may contain viruses/spyware.
- ⦿ 'Bullying' – when players single you out specifically to make your gaming experience less enjoyable.
- ⦿ Playing games for many hours at a time with the danger of becoming addicted.

Safe Gaming:

- ⦿ Don't play games every day or for longer than 1 hour and ensure that you have 'parental control' set up on your device/console.
- ⦿ Follow set guidelines and ground rules from your parents or family when playing online.
- ⦿ Play online games only when you have effective and updated antivirus/antispyware software and firewall running.
- ⦿ Play only with authorised versions of games which you have purchased from the correct sources and for which you have a license for.
- ⦿ Choose a user name that does not reveal any personal information. Similarly, if your game includes the ability to create a personal profile, make sure you don't give away any personal information.
- ⦿ Use strong passwords.
- ⦿ Don't ever reveal any personal information to other players.
- ⦿ Watch out for scams and cons when buying or selling 'property' that exists inside a computer game.

Be wise...be safe!