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WELCOME

Sumeya Bhikhu, Associate Principal

After what seems like an eternity of lockdowns and restrictions, it was finally a relief to enjoy a sense of normality being restored for this academic year 2021-2022. The way in which staff and students embraced the challenges which Covid brought will surely positively shape our futures and ready us to navigate hurdles thrust upon us.

Our Year 11 students have finally sat their GCSE exams. After a gap of 2 years, they had the opportunity to exceed all expectations and lay down the foundations of successful careers contributing to all areas of society. The students along with support from staff have worked tirelessly and deserve every success they yearn for, Inshallah.

The exam period coincided with Jubilee celebrations as the country came together to commemorate 70 years of dedicated and unwavering service from the Queen to the state. This unprecedented feat deserves a special mention, and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her.

On the theme of service to others, let me take this opportunity to congratulate

students, staff, parents, and all those who assisted in our charitable projects during the year. Through your support we were able to raise a mammoth £32,022.13 of which £22,814.22 was raised just in the month of Ramadan alone.

This summer promises to be action packed with the added bonus of Birmingham hosting the Commonwealth Games. The eyes of the world will be on our city and Eden Boys will be represented by Asad Khan and Mikhael Sarwar who will play the role of baton bearers. A proud moment for both boys and their families.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to the summer break and a chance to recharge before the next academic year commencing in September. I would like to wish all our leaving students a warm farewell and look forward to seeing where life takes you. I also look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students in what will undoubtedly be an exciting chapter in their lives. I once again thank all staff and parents for their cooperation and look forward to the same dedication in the future.

Abu Hurairah (RA) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said:

"Whoever relieves a Muslim of a burden from the burdens of the world, Allah will relieve him of a burden from the burdens on the Day of Judgement. And whoever helps ease a difficulty in the world, Allah will grant him ease from a difficulty in the world and in the Hereafter. And whoever covers (the faults of) a Muslim, Allah will cover (his faults) for him in the world and the Hereafter. And Allah is engaged in helping the worshipper as long as the worshipper is engaged in helping his brother."

Jami'at-Tirmidhi



GRADUATION 2022

The pandemic came and changed the lives of these pupils: they turned to remote learning, staying indoors and losing loved ones. However, these pupils returned to school in September with determination to close the gaps of learning, with ambition to aspire to achieve. Not forgetting our determined staff who worked effortlessly. Class of 2022 graduated at The Belfry located in the heart of Sutton Coldfield on Friday 24th June 2022.

Pupils arrived in style as they were greeted by their family members and staff, they enjoyed the chocolate fountain to start off the event. A lovely evening consisting of welcome by our own double act Mr Hussain and Mr Ravat. Followed by Tilawah from our very own Year 11 pupil Saahir Khan. Our Head Boy enlightened with a reflection on his journey through Eden. Mikael Mala graced us with his melodious Nasheed's. Our special guest Kazi Rahman - CEO of Sunna Musk inspired pupils and staff sharing his humble journey to success. Pupils and staff were given awards to celebrate their achievements. A huge congratulations to Mustafa Chowdhury for receiving the Principal's award. Guests enjoyed student and staff farewell messages as they devoured their 3-course fine dining meal. Our Dedicated principal Miss Bhikhu ended the evening with advice for our young men.



*"As you begin the next chapter, always remember you are braver than you believe,
Stronger than you seem, Smarter than you think"*

COMMONWEALTH GAMES IS AWESOME!

Wrestling, boxing, gymnastics, yoga, badminton, tennis, squash, football, cricket, basketball, and even Bhangra dancing. Another great experience for our young people. Pupils also got to meet professional athletes who will be competing in the CG22. Well done to Bilawal Latif of 8D who made it to the final of the wrestling tournament.



JUBILEE TREE PLANTING

We were honoured that the Deputy Lieutenant could spend so much time meeting the members of our school, wider community, and special guests for this joyous celebration. The tree planting ceremony as to honour her Majesty

the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II, in celebration of 70 amazing years of reign! Our garden was officially opened by two very important guests, the deputy Lieutenant and Mrs Shirley Gornall, Trust Governor.



ELDERS LUNCH

On the 26th May, as part of our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, we invited 14 elderly members of the community into school for a lunch to say "Thank You" for their contribution to the community. The guests were greeted by 5 of our students in Year 8. Before lunch was served there was time for our students to chat with the visitors and to find out about their lives. They were amazed when a lady shared

that she was 93 years old!!! The students then served the guests a lunch that had been prepared by the chef in school. This was a roast dinner of chicken and vegetables followed by trifle for pudding. The visitors said the food was amazing and the students were even more so! Then it was time for the students to leave and our guests moved to the other guest who were invited to the tree planting ceremony.



BOOK CLUB

Along with many other literacy projects at Eden Boys, some of the Year 7 students have joined a brunchtime book club. The students chose to read 'The Boy who Made the World Disappear' by Ben Miller, which is a clever adventure story that mixes real science and observations of life. This book is very accessible in terms of design and ideas and has allowed the students to develop comprehension and evaluation.

The book club meet once a week to read together (along with biscuits and drinks!) and enjoy talking about each chapter as we read. Literacy is essential to learning across every subject in secondary school and a firm predictor of outcomes in a student's later life. Research suggests that reading enjoyment is more important to children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status (OECD). Reading develops cultural capital, which enables young people to understand and empathise with others and events outside of their own experiences. Confident, ambitious reading cultivates leadership skills.

There are many more exciting literacy projects and events coming to Eden Boys Birmingham, very soon - we are going big on books! Watch this space.



OUR SCHOOLS BOOK WISHLIST CAN BE FOUND HERE:
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1K9CVZF8ONNSE?ref_=wl_share

After reading chapter 6, book club member Hayyaan said
 "this book is an out-of-this-world adventure"
 and Zak added "it's really helping me use my imagination".

We are so proud of Eshan & Nabil for representing Eden Boys School at the CWG2022 Baton Ceremony in Perry Barr with Andy Street (West Midlands Mayor), CWG2022 Organising Committee, Kevin Brown (Four-time World Masters Discus Champion and Multiple world record) & Shakan Pitters (Professional Boxer & WBC International Champion). They recited a poem on What the CWG2022 meant to them.



We are uniting from across the Earth,
 From coral reef to lake louse, islands afar,
 They have come to prove their worth,
 But what matters is the future of Perry Barr,
 For us this is more than just a competition,
 Or just a great gathering,
 It is a spark of revolution,
 And our chance for us reunifying
 New buildings, all of great range,
 This is one of the most important aims,
 Redevelopment has made great change,
 Thank you Commonwealth Games

Nabil

There are times when I think there is no way out,
 When my heart throbs, aches and wants to shout,
 Our aspirations,
 Our anguish,
 Our victories,
 Our failures,
 Dreams soar sky high as far as the eye can see,
 Where no-one can cage it, only admire its beauty,
 Where not even the sun can burn it down,
 Where the only aim is to win a gold medal or crown,
 Dreams will become a reality when we are undivided,
 Because working together creates loyalty as long as
 we're united,
 When the water starts to flow,
 When the seeds begin to grow
 When competing in sports is the only thing
 you'll ever have to show,
 It doesn't matter if you run, swim or wheel to prove it,
 Everyday is evidence to say you deserve credit,
 It makes me feel as if a seed of hope has been planted,
 In the fertile soil of my heart.

Eshan

A SNOWDON ADVENTURE

A team of 23 individuals took on the arduous task of trekking through the Snowdonian mountains.

The enormity of the challenge was taken on with great vigour, virtue, and much need humour. All of this made fulfilling the pledge of the Ramadhaan Appeal a great privilege.

After arriving at school at 4:30am, we managed to reach Snowdonia for 8:30am. We were met with 4 amazingly supportive guides who were incredibly considerate throughout the climb. Their outstanding courtesy made the climb possible and very pleasurable for all of us. We managed to reach the summit before 1pm and were commended for this speedy ascent. To cite one pupil, Year 7 student Imad Sheikh said:

“At first, I find the climb very challenging due to the steep stoney paths, and huge boulders; notwithstanding the weather conditions, which added to the harsh nature of the journey. The trekking poles were the best purchases of my life so far! Without them I would have stopped halfway”.

Faith Lead Mauwana Miah said:

“For my first trekking experience, this was a truly memorable and inspiring adventure. The difficulty of the challenge strangely was the very thing that made it an extremely enjoyable experience. Seeing the commitment and determination from our young people from Year 7-10 was truly inspiring. I hope there are many more treks to come”.



“It started with a rainy bus trip on the way to Snowdon, a dull journey which was nothing compared to the beauty of Snowdon itself. On the way up we reached some serious heights, even Dean was repeating Allahu-Akbar. Snowdon was a huge mountain, an expedition physically strenuous, however, the achievement of reaching the top cannot be described in words.”

Zain Saeed, 10D

“I enjoyed hiking with my friends, it was a really memorable experience. I enjoyed it because I was able to climb mount Snowdon with my friends and fellow classmates. My favourite moment of the entire hike was when we had entered the clouds, I felt a change in temperature, which I really enjoyed.”

Shahwaib Khan, 7A

“The things I liked about Snowdon is the walk with my friends and the views we saw, it also helped to strengthen our bonds and feel like army men when walking up and feeling like a soldier whose been working for 5 days, when walking back down.

My favourite part was when I was in a cloud while walking up and also when we reached the summit with Mr Bhayat and took a photo. Miss Mushtaq was all the way at the bottom but lucky her, it was raining and freezing cold at the top of the mountain.”

Imad Ahmed Sheikh, 7A

ASSOCIATE HEAD BOY

ASAD KHAN

Our time at Eden Boys' School has come to an end for us Year 11s. But there will always be a place in our hearts for the school and its extraordinary teachers. They've supported us through tough times, helped us learn life skills, and inspired us to become better every single day.

To the next Year 11s - class of 2023 - I say this to you with the benefit of hindsight: dream big. As Richard Branson said, "If your dreams don't scare you, they are too small." Being able to think about what you want and working hard towards it is one of the most rewarding feelings. Yes, there will be times of hardship, difficulty, and unease, but have resilience. Resilience is one of the key things I have learnt this past year. If you keep at it, you will achieve it. I followed this principle myself and it worked wonders: unlocking many doors, and providing me with a sense of accomplishment.

I have always been passionate about computers and technology. I studied other peoples' code, watched tutorials, and tested my skills to the limit. I am now a lead software engineer for an American game company. The proof is in the pudding; work hard and

you will reap the rewards that come. Should you ever need help or advice, the teachers and Pastoral team always have their doors open, no matter what.

You will be sitting your exams in 2023. This can come across as quite daunting. My peers and I faced many challenges during this period. We had to get into school at 7:30am every morning and would finish between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. We had to come in on weekends, in the holidays. But we kept at it, and we worked hard. You too can achieve success if you put your mind to it; it's all about mindset. If you keep in mind exactly what you want to achieve, it will allow you to see things clearly and act as a catalyst towards attaining it.

My advice is to you is, firstly, try to have in mind what you want to be. You could become a corporate lawyer; an investment banker; an ambitious entrepreneur with many businesses in various industries. Whatever it is, try to have a clear goal, and don't be shy! If you have vast aspirations, don't let others put you down. If you're unsure about what you want to do, research online for various pathways and discover the opportunities that

are available to you. Hundreds of companies offer experiences for you to get used to the workplace, and life beyond school. For example, our

year group had a week of work experience at Wilmott Dixon which helped us to understand more about how companies operate in the industry and the expectations of employees.

Next year, you will have many inspirational assemblies from successful people who come from a variety of different backgrounds. Listen carefully to what they have to say, since they may spark an idea in your mind, and that spark could end up becoming a bright, burning flame. It's all down to you. Work hard, and you shall reap the rewards that come.

Good luck the class of 2023, you've got this!



UNTIL NEXT TIME

SCHOOL TERM DATES - 2022/2023

TERM	FIRST DAY OF TERM	HALF TERM	END OF TERM
Autumn 2022	Thu 1st Sept	Mon 24th Oct to Fri 28th Oct	Fri 16th Dec
Spring 2023	Wed 4th Jan	Mon 20th Feb to Fri 24th Feb	Fri 31st Mar
Summer 2023	Mon 17th Apr	Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd Jun	Fri 21st Jul



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