



27th October 2023 - 12 Rabi ul Akhir 1445

Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope our students have had a fulfilling and enjoyable first half term. This term is undoubtedly one of the busiest in the school calendar, but I am pleased to note the positive and productive atmosphere that has prevailed. As we navigate this academic year, I would like to take a moment to update you on some important school matters.

Parental Engagement

Over the past few weeks, we have organised Parent Curriculum Evenings for all key stages, along with our Year 7 Settling-In Evening. These events have offered valuable insights into your child's educational journey and provided an opportunity for you to engage with our dedicated staff. Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 16th November**, and **Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday, 30th November**.

Charity

Our commitment to community service remains unwavering. As a school community we raised **£4,491.08** for the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** and the **Morocco earthquake appeal**. Moreover, we have been actively collecting non-perishable food items for the Aston & Nechells Food Bank, and your generous donations are greatly appreciated. The Food Bank operates every Friday **from 2:30pm to 3:30pm** at the school.

Last week, we launched our **Gaza Fundraising Appeal**, seeking humanitarian support for those facing immense challenges. We encourage our students to raise awareness and seek donations from friends and family. Contributions can be made via your child's Parent Pay account, including Lillah, Sadaqah, and Zakat donations. The deadline for donations on Parent Pay is **Wednesday 8th November 2023**. We are continuously amazed by the compassion and generosity displayed by our students and parents during our fundraising initiatives.

Academic Support

For Year 11 students we have initiated an intervention program during this half-term. See the table below for each session. It is imperative that your son attends these sessions punctually. Classes will begin at **9:30am**, with students expected to arrive by **9:15am** and finish at **2:45pm from Monday to Thursday**. To ensure a productive day, please provide your child with a packed lunch and snacks. It's important to note that students will not be allowed to leave the school site during these sessions and any misconduct will be addressed in accordance with our school's behaviour policy and expectations.

Session	Monday 30 th October	Tuesday 31 st October	Wednesday 1 st November	Thursday 2 nd November
9:30am – 12:00pm (2h 30min)	11.2 Art 11.5 Art (Selected Students) Health and Fitness (Selected Students)	11.1 CS 11.2 CS 11.3/11.4/11.5 I Media (Selected Students)	Food 11.1 Food 11.4 (Selected Students)	Urdu 11.3 Urdu 11.4
12:00pm – 12:30pm (30 mins)	Lunch and Break			
12:30pm – 2:45pm (2h 15min)	11.2 Art 11.5 Art (Selected Students) Health and Fitness (Selected Students)	11.1 CS 11.2 CS 11.3/11.4/11.5 I Media (Selected Students)	Food 11.1 Food 11.4 (Selected Students)	Urdu 11.3 Urdu 11.4



Congregational Prayer

Starting from **Monday 6th November 2023**, we will be facilitating congregational prayers for the afternoon prayers, Zuhr and Asr, in separate designated venues for different year groups. We encourage your child to make use of these facilities and perform the afternoon prayers at school daily.

Uniform and Appearance

As we approach colder weather, we kindly remind you to ensure your child maintains the highest standards when wearing the school uniform. The Parent Handbook contains a comprehensive list of our school uniform requirements. Please note that outer coats should be **navy or black**. For uniform inquiries, you can visit our uniform supplier's website, www.stevensons.co.uk.

School Polices

We maintain a **zero-tolerance policy on chewing gum** in school. Students are strictly prohibited from bringing chewing gum to school, and any violations will result in appropriate sanctions. We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your child complies with this policy. Additionally, our school policy emphasise the importance of **appropriate haircuts**. Certain styles, such as the 'Taper fade,' are deemed unacceptable. We kindly request that you ensure your child has an appropriate haircut when returning to school to avoid any sanctions.

Personal Property

School provides bike sheds for students to store their bicycles, you should ensure a sturdy lock is provided and used regularly. Please note, the school accepts no responsibility for any damages, accidents or losses to students' personal property brought onto the school site. This may include clothing, equipment, electronic devices and bicycles.

School Communication

Effective communication is vital for a successful partnership between school and home. To facilitate this, we will use two electronic applications: Class Charts and Parent app. We urge all parents to download both applications onto your phones.

- **Class Charts:** Starting from Monday 6th November, all school communication will occur via Class Charts. If you haven't already, please ensure you download Class Charts to your phones. If you encounter any difficulties, our staff will be happy to assist you in downloading the application. Please visit the school reception and ask for Mr Miah.
- **Parent App:** To access your child's termly report, please utilize the Parent App. It is essential for all parents to have the Parent App installed on their phones. Should you require assistance with downloading the application, please visit the school reception and ask for Mrs. Kosar.

School Term Dates

The school will close for the half-term break today and will reopen on **Monday 6th November 2023**. Your child's consistent attendance and punctuality play a crucial role in their academic success. Please continue to support our students in attending school daily and arriving punctually. They are expected to be on the school site by **7:50 am**, ready for an **8:00 am start**.

Finally, I would ask for your prayers for the school and that the Almighty protects each of our sons and everyone who works tirelessly on their behalf. Aameen.

Yours faithfully



Sumeya Bhikhu
Principal