



22nd March 2024 – 12 Ramadhan 1445

Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

Dear Parent/Carer

Our students have been involved in some fantastic activities this term. We all celebrated World Book Day and British Science Week. A group of students had ventured to Paris for an educational experience to immerse themselves with the French culture and use the skills from their French lessons on this trip. A lasting memory which they shared with their peers and staff.

Our Year 11s embark on their last chapter of their secondary education and will be sitting GCSE exams in the Summer. This will determine their future life chances, so they are working diligently with the support of their teachers to secure their success. We ask all parents who have a son in Year 11 to encourage and give confidence to your son to work hard and do well.

There was a buzz around the school as we put up the Ramadhan decorations. You could see how excited the students were to welcome the month of Ramadhan and prepare iftar packs for the local shelters. The month of Ramadhan is the perfect time to go the extra mile to support and benefit those around us while striving for excellence to improve ourselves. Therefore, we continue to ask for your support and your donations towards the Ramadhan appeal during the blessed month. Any donations can be made through parent pay.

Please note the next important date for your diary is the **Year 11 Exam information evening Parents’** which will take place on **Monday 15th April, Year 9 Options’ Evening** which will take place on **Thursday 18th April** and **Year 9 Parents’ evening** which will take place on **Thursday 25th April**.

Attendance and punctuality play such an integral part to your son’s progress and achievement. As a school we have always stressed how important attendance is for our students. This term our attendance has been **97.2%**. I hope that you will continue to support us and ensure your son attends school every day. Recently, some of our students have been arriving late for school. Please ensure your son leaves home early enough to arrive at school on time for an **8:00am** start to registration, therefore they need to arrive on to school site by **7.50am**. Please continue to support us and ensure your son has 100% attendance and is punctual arriving to school on time each day.

Pupil Planner

Please can you make sure to check and sign your son’s pupil planners every Thursday on a weekly basis as this will inform you of their progress. Likewise, please do keep abreast of your son’s equipment checklist to ensure he has the right resources at hand for his classes.

Universal Vocabulary

As part of our whole school literacy programme, all students are expected to log on to the reading wise universal vocabulary module 3 times a week. Research shows that using Reading Wise improves a pupil’s reading age 78% faster than usual classes.

Electronic device

Students are not permitted to bring electronic devices such as ear pods, smart watches etc on to school site. Mobile phones are only permitted if authorised by the principal and should not be visible on school site this includes outside the school grounds.



Bikes

We have seen an increase with students bringing their bikes to school, therefore we request parents that if their son is coming to school on a bike that they ride with safety and a helmet. Furthermore, students should not be riding their bikes on school premises.

Communication

All parents should have downloaded the class charts application on their phone to receive instant notifications of anything positive, negative or detentions about their son. Pupils' reports are sent through the parent app application. Please ensure as a parent that you have both applications installed on your phone. If you need any further guidance on this, please contact the school.

It is important for parents and carers to keep us updated with any new home address, email addresses and telephone numbers. Please email info@ebbham.staracademies.org with the updated information. Anything that is urgent, please telephone the school, our Reception opening hours are 8:00am – 4:00 pm. Please leave a voice message outside these hours.

Year 11 Intervention:

We begin the final countdown to the GCSE examinations, with only **15** school days left when the students return after Easter. It is essential that we maximise the time remaining to fully prepare Year 11 students. The school will be open over the Easter break for all Year 11 students to attend sessions. A letter has been sent to all students and parents, see timetable below:

Week 1- Easter Intervention							
Session Time	Saturday 23 rd March	Sunday 24 th March	Monday 25 th March	Tuesday 26 th March	Wednesday 27 th March	Thursday 28 th March	Friday 29 th March
10.30am to 3.30pm	Subject: RS / Art Selected students	Subject: Food Selected students	Subject: Maths	Subject: Maths	Subject: French/Urdu	Subject: Science	Subject: Science
Week 2- Easter Intervention							
Session Time	Saturday 30 th March	Sunday 31 st March	Monday 1 st April	Tuesday 2 nd April	Wednesday 3 rd April	Thursday 4 th April	Friday 5 th April
10.30am to 3.30pm			Subject: Computer Science/IMedia	Subject: History / Geography / Citizenship	Subject: History / Geography	Subject: English	Subject: English

Please ensure your son attends his allocated session. Classes will begin at **10:30am (students are expected to arrive by 10.25am)** and finish at **3:00pm**. Please ensure that your son is aware he will not be able to leave the school site during the day and any misbehavior will be dealt with in the same way as we do during school term time.

School closes today for the term and opens again on **Monday 8th April** at the normal start time. Students are expected to be on school site by **7.55am** ready for an **8.00am** start.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful break and 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