

Hazrat Khadijatul Kubra Girls School NEWSLETTER



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Message from the Headteacher:

Assalam Aleikum Warahmatullahe Wabarakatuh

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Head Teacher of Hazrat Khadijatul Kubra Girls School. I am honoured and humbled to have been chosen to lead the school and build on the success that has been achieved under the leadership of the trustees and Ms Habouchi and through the efforts of our teachers and students.

Mashallah, in my first month as Head Teacher, I have been impressed with the behaviour of our students. Having met a few parents during parents evening, I am looking forward to a collaborative relationship, dependent on your continued support. It is my hope that we share a vision for our young girls, which is to instill in them the prophetic values, develop their character, and inspire them to work hard and succeed.

The best interest of our girls is paramount in the decisions we make at HKKG. We have had a busy month, introducing bike riding lessons, restructuring the student leadership and promoting their personal and social skills, organising creative writing workshops, poetry competitions, international day celebrations, business enterprise and charitable activities. You can be assured that as Head Teacher, I, along with the staff, will strive to provide the best education for your girls and support their wellbeing. I am keen to build a community that respects and promotes positive relationships.

My personal motto in life is taken from “Cooperate with one another in goodness and righteousness, and do not cooperate in sin and transgression...” (Surah 5, verse 2). This captures the power of an ummah, working together towards success in this life and the hereafter. Only through collaboration and a sense of responsibility toward each other, can we help to build a stronger community and a generation that can be beneficial to society.

Thank you for your continued support.

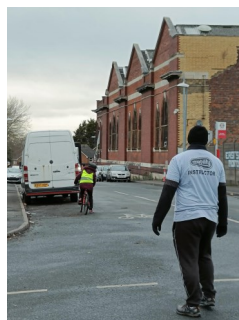
Ms Dahab Jihar



Bikeability

"I am extremely proud of all the pupils who took part in the Bike ability. They pushed their boundaries by trying something new and I was so pleased to see them do this. Especially those pupils who were out there in the cold weather for hours, they demonstrated such resilience and proved not just to me but to themselves that they can do anything when they put their mind to it." **Mrs Iqbal**

We would like to thank Donna, Naheem and Onjam (Bikeability) for their hard work and support.



A message from one of our Instructors

"It's been an honour and an absolute privilege to be at your school...

Through my own observations I noticed, compared to other secondary schools, including girls schools, the level of concentration was very high. The ability to retain information and deliver what was being taught was on a high standard.

I saw tomorrow's leaders. Strength was abundant in their expression and in their observations. This is no doubt the qualities required for the back bone of every leader.

There is no doubt in my mind that from what I saw, Islamic schools are proven to benefit our children. Well done to you all, from the cleaners to the secretaries, students and head teacher. May you go on to better the lives of many." (Ameen)



Number Day



On the 4th of February, our year 7 and 8 Maths teacher, Mrs M Begum organised Number Day in association with NSPCC. The girls were involved in a treasure hunt and learnt about imaginary, irrational and perfect numbers! A big congratulations to Maria Nasir and Safiyah Hussain who are the winner for their super imaginative costumes!! I loved how Maria linked her costume to her date of birth. Well done everyone for raising a £74.44 for the NSPCC!

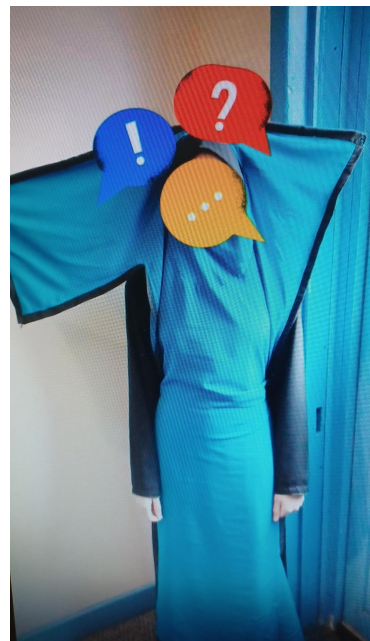
Meanwhile year 10 were exposed to AS level content in Maths and it was great to see the huge amount of effort they put in. It was a great opportunity for the students to consider A levels Maths as an option.

Finally, I would like to say a big well done to Fatima Sattar, Habiba Khanom, Hadjar Rashid, Hafsah Khan, Saima Begum and Sumayea Islam from year 11 for taking part in "Birmingham Popular Maths Lecture series" by Professor Sergey Shepectorov from the University of Birmingham. The girls got an immersive insight into symmetry and how they are everywhere, from molecules and viruses to space and time in physical theories to infinite varieties of symmetries found in mathematics. I hope it has inspired you!

Keep up the great work!

Head of Maths

Mrs Ambia Begum





Netball Club

Pupils have enjoyed taking part in netball club after school. They have demonstrated some wonderful teamwork skills and have really bonded well with other year groups. After having a good experience with netball, they have requested to do rounders club after the holidays. Mrs S Iqbal



Science Club

Lunch time Science club is under way every Wednesday. The theme for this year's Science Week is "growth". It is great to see young budding scientists at work

Mrs A Ahmed





Newstead Abbey



Year 11 pupils enjoyed a long stroll through the beautiful countryside in the morning. This was followed by a study of the key features of the Abbey for their History British depth studies unit. We finished our day with a creative writing workshop for English GCSE, which our pupils thoroughly enjoyed. It was so lovely to see our learners share some wonderful writing with the group as they walked through the house and grounds. Our pupils represented the school so well and many other visitors complimented their behaviour and their creativity throughout the day.



YEAR 9 FUNDRAISER

ALHAMDULILLAH, OUR YEAR 9'S ORGANISED A SMALL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER BY SELLING COOKIES, DOUGHNUTS AND PIZZA ON FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY. THEY RAISED £178.67 FOR YEMEN CRISIS APPEAL.

MAY ALLAH REWARD ALL THEIR EFFORTS AND ACCEPT IT FROM THEM.



Walk to Sara Park



GIRLS ON THE RUN DOUBLED THEIR JOG ROUNDS THIS WEEK. WELL DONE FOR A FANTASTIC RUNNING THAT INCLUDED ALTERNATING WALKING & RUNNING WHILST BUILDING UP THE TIME THEY'RE OUT.





International day

Once again our school had their annual international day, where we celebrate different cultures, faiths and traditions around the world. Each class created a presentation on their chosen country and prepared a performance for the school. The stall displays were amazing once again and the pupils and staff loved trying the food of various countries. A big JazakumAllahu khayran to all the parents for their support.

This year the countries represented were;



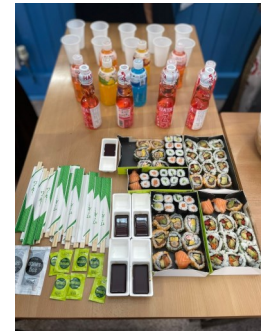
Year 7—Pakistan

Year 8—India

Year 9—Mexico

Year 10—Japan

Year 11—Italy



The efforts of all pupils was recognised, but unfortunately we can only have one winner.

2nd place went to Year 11s for an amazing performance and pulling something out the bag last minute due to immense GCSE Pressure and we were extremely proud of them for taking part.

Our overall winners were Year 9 (Mexico), a great presentation and a fantastic performance was put together. There was a variety of cultural Mexican food.

Featured in the picture are our Mexican performers Aminah and Asiya Rahman Khan.

On behalf of all the staff and students we would like to thank Mrs Rabia Begum for organising such an amazing day.



Random Acts of Kindness

In the month of February the school participated in the RAK (random acts of kindness) month. The head teacher introduced the month with an assembly which was then followed with activities in PSHE lessons. On the 15th, we had a whole school workshop where students worked in groups with students from different years. They shared their acts of kindness. The workshop was a great success and very inspirational. A big well done to our amazing students for all their acts of kindness.

Breakfast Club

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR YEAR 11 GIRLS FOR MANAGING BREAKFAST CLUB AT BREAK TIME. THANK YOU TO PARENTS FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT TO TAKE THEM SHOPPING.

THEY HAVE BEEN SELLING TOAST, HOT CHOCOLATE AND VARIOUS BRUNCH BARS TO STAFF AND STUDENTS.

IT HAS TAUGHT THEM TO MARKET RESEARCH, MANAGE THEIR TIME AND DEVELOP COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK SKILLS.

MASHA ALLAH, WELL DONE AND KEEP IT UP!

World Book Day

World book day celebrations will be held on Thursday 3rd of March 2022.

Lessons will continue as normal, however there will be literacy activities taking place during the day such as competitions and reading time.

There will be a competition for the most creative costume too. We would like to stress that pupils do not need to spend a lot of money on their costumes, we will be looking for creativity instead. They can spend sometime during half-term to design their costumes. There will be a prize for best dressed

Insha'Allah.

The school will also host a bake sale, so if pupils could bring in contributions for this, that would be brilliant. All proceeds will go to the school's library and other literacy programmes.

SOCIAL MEDIA

**SCHOOL WEBSITE—
HKKG.BHAM.SCH.UK**

**INSTAGRAM—HKKG84
TWITTER—HKKGBHAM**

Key Dates for your diary:

School closes for half term - Friday 18th February 2022

Teacher Training - Monday 28th February 2022

School opens for students - Tuesday 1st March 2022

World Book Day—Thursday 3rd March 2022

Islam awareness week— Monday 7th—Friday 11th March 2022

Science Week— Monday 14th— Friday 18th March 2022

Pi Day—Monday 14th March 2022

Ramadhan starts—Saturday 2nd April 2022 (depending on moon sighting)

School closes for Easter Holidays - Friday 8th April 2022

Eid Holidays—Tuesday 3rd May 2022 (depending on moon sighting)

E—Safety

We have recently celebrated safer internet day on Tuesday 8th February 2022.

Here are some resources to help you support your child with online safety and help them throughout the online world.

- ◆ We would like to ask all students who walk home in the dark to stay safe.

UK Safer Internet	<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>
CEOP	<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
Thinkuknow	<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
Parent info	<https://parentinfo.org/>
Child net	<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>
Internet Matters	<https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIktuA5LWK2wIVRYXVCh2afg2aEAAYASAAEgIJ5vD_BwE>
London Grid for Learning	<http://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/>
Net-aware	<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
Let's Talk About It	<https://www.ltai.info/staying-safe-online/>
UK Safer Internet Centre	<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Covid-19 update

We thank all our parents, students and staff for their support and hope that we continue to work together to keeping our students, staff and their families safe during these difficult times.

- ◆ Pupils to bring their own earphones as part of required equipment.
- ◆ Pupils are still required to bring own prayer mats.
- ◆ Pupils required to continue with hygiene practices, such as sanitising their hands regularly.

Attendance

Coming to school every day is very important for your child. Research has shown that poor attendance impacts on children's friendship, academic attainments and future success.

Children who miss school, miss lessons. These lessons are not repeated, so children will have gaps in their learning. Additionally, if a child misses a lesson they can miss the foundation to subsequent lessons.

We rely on your support in ensuring that you child attends regularly.

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

We'd like to thank all students who have attended everyday of school this half term.

Year 7 = 95%

Year 8 = 96%

Year 9 = 95%

Year 10 = 94%

Year 11 = 95%

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equivalent to teaching days lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days