



24th May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Examinations

As you are aware, the Year 11 GCSE examinations started on Monday 13th May 2019. Your child has been issued with a personalised timetable stating the dates and times of the examinations that they will sit over the examination period in May/June.

This year the GCSE examinations have fallen into the month of Ramadan. We fully respect any decision your child will make with regards to observing Ramadan, however, we would like to point out that the grades attained at GCSE are critical to the further education and career prospects of your child. Due to the importance of these grades, your child will need to seriously and thoughtfully take their future and their studies into account, alongside their decision of how they will observe Ramadan this year.

In order to support your child the local Imam Imran Hussain has already has given session to the pupils, advising on fasting during exams and we have also placed a guidance document by the Eden foundation on the school website. A quiet room has been available to students, where they can rest and also practice the spiritual side to the holy month.

There is a strong possibility that Eid will fall between the 4th and 6th June this year. While we understand the importance of this date, please be mindful that the below GCSE examinations will be taking place.

Tuesday 4th June 2019

English Language Paper 1 - Start time 9.00am (1 hour 45 minutes)
Music Paper 3 - Start time 1.00pm (1 hour 15 minutes)
Persian Reading - Start time 1.00pm (1 hour)

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Geography Paper 2 - Start time 1.00pm (1 hour 30 minutes)

Thursday 6th June 2019

Maths Paper 2 - Start time 9.00am (1 hour 30 minutes)
History Paper 2 - Start time 1.00pm (1 hour 45 minutes)

As examination dates and times are set nationally by the examination board, we cannot alter the start time or date so it is not possible to sit these exams at another time. We therefore ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school on time for their examinations. Once their exam has finished, they will be allowed to return home.

If there is anything else we can do as a school to support your child during Ramadan, please do let us know.

Ramadan Mubarak

Yours faithfully,

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