



Rida Girls

High School

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OFSTED RESULTS

In March 2018 we were inspected by Ofsted. The inspection was carried out over two and a half days. The inspector met the whole Rida team as well as parents and students. During this rigorous inspection, the inspector observed lessons, examined a large number of pupils' workbooks, staff questionnaires, parent views, and also Ofsted's online survey for parents. The inspector also examined a range of documents required as part their assessment of compliance with the independent school standards, including policies, safeguarding information record and the school website. The inspector toured the school building both inside and out.

A report from Ofsted has now been published and we are all extremely pleased to have been awarded an overall grading of "GOOD". The report is available on the school website. Some noteworthy comments from the inspector included:

- Leaders and governors are an absolute strength of the school, dedicated, passion and commitment to pupils and strong skills in leadership are ensuring that the school is developing rapidly in all aspects - Outstanding
- Pupils behaviour is excellent, they are self-disciplined and conduct themselves exceptionally well throughout the school day. Pupils are committed to learning and attendance is well above national average for secondary school – Outstanding.
- Quality of teaching and learning is good. Pupils and teachers have an excellent working relationship – Good.

It is an excellent achievement to be recognised for the high quality provision and opportunities given to our pupils in helping them to become well rounded Muslim adults of the future. Alhamdulillah with the hard work of the students,

PAULA SHERRIFF MP – LABOUR PARTY

We were delighted to invite Paula Sherriff to visit Rida Girls High School. Paula gave a talk about her role and responsibilities as an MP. The girls were given the opportunity to ask questions. The girls thoroughly enjoyed Paula's visit and prepared some fantastic questions. Paula loved our school and wrote to us to thank us.

"Paula Sherriff is an excellent inspiration and we were very happy she visited our school."

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HOUSE OF COMMONS TRIP

Following Paula Sherriff's visit, she invited the girls to the House of Commons in July. The girls went on a guided tour around parliament and gained an insight into the British political system. They travelled through the Commons Chamber and the Lords Chamber, followed in the footsteps of the Queen at the State Opening and were very impressed by Westminster Hall which is almost 1000 years old.

Paula Sherriff met the girls and showed them around MP only areas including the Terrace. They also had the pleasure of seeing the Speaker of the House. The girls and Paula also visited the exhibition on the suffragettes in Westminster Hall. They discussed the history of the suffragettes and how they tried to get their rights. The wall had inspiring quotes as well as the names of all the women who were Prime Ministers and MPs.



MISMATCHED SOCKS DAY

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day was held on Wednesday 21st March 2018. The girls came to school in mismatched (bright, colourful, patterned) socks in return for a donation, all donations went to the Downs and Special Friends Charity.

World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated to raise awareness so all people with Down Syndrome have the opportunities to contribute to the community and live valued lives, on an equal basis with others in all aspects of society.



CAREERS WEEK

As part of careers week we had several professional people come to talk to the girls about their careers. The girls were inspired by the speakers and it gave them an insight into what they might want to achieve. We would like to thank: Sadiq Darwan – Dentist, Parkview Dental Practice, Anis Dadu – Solicitor, DWF LLP, Siddique Patel – Family Law, Kamran Solicitors, Aziz Patel – Project Manager, IMPS, Reham Al-Mausawe – Optometrist, Sabeen Darwan – GP, Mirfield Health Centre and Khurram Hussain – Warren Partners Ltd for taking the time out of their busy schedules to visit our school.



YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE

We had the pleasure of welcoming Don Buxton from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. He talked about cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and also showed how to treat the most common emergencies such as heart attack or stroke; skills that could be vital in an emergency. He really enjoyed talking to the girls and said they are a great asset to the school.



"We have been inspired visit. Helping people is a very important lesson to learn. Don has taught us the importance medical procedures like CPR that can help in an emergency."

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TRIP TO BRONTE MUSEUM

To enhance our focus on literacy the girls visited Bronte Museum, the home of the Bronte sisters. They looked at how Charlotte Bronte and her sisters lived, the conditions they lived in during the times they wrote their books, Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights and many more. The museum is set inside their house with most of their original belongings and possessions still there. The girls enjoyed exploring the house, reading information about the things they did in their daily lives and what inspired them to be writers. A presentation was carried out by a member of the museum and the girls were given the chance to ask questions.



"We really enjoyed learning about the Bronte Sisters and exploring the house and furniture they once used. They gave us inspiration and determination to become something special and unique as anything is possible in life."

Maryam Yusuf

"It was a fantastic visit to the Bronte Museum as we learnt about the Bronte family and their daily lifestyles".

Hafsa Esa & Aminah Dalal

"We were very privileged enough to go to Bronte Museum because we learnt about how hard it was being a female writer."

Fatimah Dalal & Laila Islam

EID GIFTS

As part of Eid- Ul- Fitr the girls distributed eid hampers to neighbours, local schools and businesses in our area. This gave us an opportunity to meet our neighbours and show them the importance of eid and to help build unity between our communities. Everyone we visited appreciated the gifts we gave and were very welcoming. Ravenshall School invited us to visit their school so the girls can have an in depth knowledge of the work they do.



“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should be generous to his neighbour”

*Prophet Muhammad
(peace be upon him)*



EID PARTY

To celebrate the end of Ramadan we hosted a BBQ for the girls. The girls enjoyed a fun filled afternoon in the sun with outdoor activities.



BLAZERS

As our school is progressing we have introduced new school blazers. The girls were actively involved in the decision process. We hope the new blazers are more versatile and durable.



WELCOME AND GOODBYE

We would like to welcome Naseem Saeed and Zohra Umerji as Senior Management Leaders to our team. They will ensure the smooth running of the school on a day to day basis.

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Tasneem Apa, Kulsum Apa, Khadijah Apa and Unaysah Apa. We would like to thank them for all their hard work during the year and wish them all the best for the future.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the school for all their help and support. We pray you are awarded in abundance in both worlds, Ameen.



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