



Rida Girls

High School

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WELCOME FROM HEADTEACHER

I hope and pray you are all in the best of health and Imaan.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Year 7 and Year 9 pupils and our colleague teachers who have joined Rida Girls' High School this academic year. They have settled in exceptionally well and have adapted excellently to the ethos of our thriving School where learning and respect is at the heart of everything we do. Jazakallah to the Year 8 girls for supporting the transition for both students and teachers and embracing them as part of an inclusive team.

Alhamdulillah by the grace of Almighty it has been an eventful and exciting first term. Our students have been busy exploring issues such as anti-bullying and mental health. The School Council and Head Girl, Hafsa Patel (Year 9) are already bringing about positive changes within the school. We have seen bake sales and several inspiring guest speakers.

I would like to congratulate Maryam Yusuf (Year 8) and Humairaa Patel (Year 9) on winning the poetry competition for Genocide Memorial Day. The poems were highly commended by the judging panel and the students were awarded certificates. An excellent achievement by both; hopefully budding writers of the future! Watch this space...!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to say Jazakallah to our dedicated teaching staff and senior leadership team for creating a warm, friendly and welcoming learning environment and working tirelessly to ensure the highest standards are maintained throughout the school. I am very pleased with the standard of work and outstanding progress achieved within this short period of time. Well done to the whole school community for your dedicated teamwork. I pray to the Almighty that the school continues to flourish and prosper in becoming an overall provider of excellent education and opportunities.

I would like to extend my heartfelt Jazakallah to all the parents, teachers, Governing Body and especially the students for the patience and support you have shown. May the Almighty grant you all success in both the worlds

Mrs Hafsa Patel

MANCHESTER SCIENCE FESTIVAL



On Wednesday 24th October 2018 we went to the Manchester Science Festival which was based in the City Centre library. We learned about Ibn Al Haytham, a famous mathematician, astronomer and physicist who discovered something important in our lives - how we see.

In the library, we learnt how to make a magnifying glass made up of a plastic cup, cling film, a rubber band and some water. We then watched a 15-minute video about Ibn Al Haytham, how he made a theory- vision could only take place if a light ray was reflected of an object.

We also learnt about the human eye and looked at optical illusions. The year 7's and year 9's took part in an interactive quiz which was about Ibn Al Haytham and got the highest score of the day!

We all took part in a treasure hunt about other famous people in the library. What I liked about this trip was that it was fun and educational at the same time.

-Hafsa Patel-

STUDENT REVIEW

As part of starting a new school we have asked Aishah Polli from year 9 to say a few words on how she feels.

Assalamualaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu.

How I fit into Rida Girls' High school, is a long story. My name is Aishah Polli and I am in year 9. When I first started Rida Girls, I was a bit anxious but I was confident. It was like a second part to my primary school. Having left a high school where I spent two years where I had made new friends who I was already attached to. I never thought I'd leave in the beginning of year 7, I thought this was my high school for the next five years and that was it, but when the opportunity of attending Rida came I jumped to the chance, I had my interview and got in. Then came the first day, many questions ran through my mind, who would I meet? would I make friends? and most importantly was this the right choice. I have become so much closer to my friends and I have made so many new friends.

When lessons started and the whole new routine of learning, homework and school started we started feeling comfortable, our behaviour and attitude became too relaxed, but as time went by, it dawned upon me that I moved to this school for a reason: a good education. So, I put my head down and began to work hard, not only for my parents or teachers but also for myself. This school has provided a lot for me, having the teachers by my side along this journey so far, the visits from successful career path advisors to help me choose and prepare for a good future and finally a better education for the betterment of myself and my learning experience.

Trying to fit into Rida has been easy because of the environment and the atmosphere the school is based around, polite peers, inspiring teachers and welcoming classrooms. I look forward to the rest of my years at Rida girls' high school and I hope and pray the almighty keeps us steadfast upon this knowledge seeking path. Ameen

MISMATCHED SOCKS DAY

Odd socks day was held on Friday 16th November 2018 as part of Anti-bullying week. The students came to school in mismatched (bright, colourful, patterned) socks in return for a donation.

This helped us learn that everyone is unique and special in their own way, no-one should be left out for being who they are and that we should live valued lives, on an equal basis with others in all aspects of society.

Congratulations to Safiyyah Mohmed for wearing the oddest socks!



GUEST SPEAKERS

As part of helping and inspiring us with our career paths, we had several professional speakers who came in to speak to us about our future. We were inspired by the speakers and it gave us an insight into what we might want to achieve. We would like to thank all the guest speakers that came and took time out to talk to us about their jobs.

We would like to thank the governors and the senior management team and all those who arranged for the speakers to come in and talk to us about important career choices.

Mr Bilal Gutsy,
Pharmacist



Ruth,
Local Health Visitor

YEAR 7

During this term the year 7's created many things as part of projects and classwork and were awarded prizes for some. They made delicious golden syrup rice crispies and made leaflets as part of biology on grit salt and how it works. Many congratulations to Hawwa Bodhanian for coming first! Well done to the year 7's for all their hard work.



YEAR 8

The year 8's also worked very hard and created some beautiful work. In Role Model, they were studying Queen Zubeda and also made mouth-watering pizzas and made e-safety posters with regard to anti-bullying week.



YEAR 9

The years 9's have also put in a lot of effort this term and their behaviour has significantly improved! They made models of specialised cells for biology and board games in history.

Congratulations to Humairaa Patel for winning first place!



NHS

As part of cross-curricular, the school partook in activities based on the NHS as they were celebrating their 70th anniversary. We learnt about what they do, how each department works and the interesting history of how it all began. The girls appreciated their rights to free health services as this isn't available for everyone.



KICK-OFF

All three years took an exciting trip to Kick Off for the morning and took part in a school football tournament. All the years were mixed up, teams were formed, and several games were played. Whilst games were in-motion, those not playing could go and play rounder's or badminton in the other courts. After a series of games and a lot, I repeat a LOT of chanting and screaming and shouting, one team came out on top. Three cheers for the winning team!!!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK & WORLD KINDESS DAY

Rida School was one of the many schools who participated in anti-bullying week which ran from 12th-16th November 2018. Students engaged in activities which encouraged to delve into issues of bullying and its life changing impacts.

As the week passed assemblies were held and statistics such as 80% self-harmed, 30% had suicidal thoughts and 10% had a failed suicide attempt. This shocked the students, the greater impact of bullying and encouraged them to think of others. When students were told that the national bullying statistics in 2016 were more than 1.5 million young people were bullied it made them question how often bullying took place and why it took place.

World kindness day coincided with anti-bullying week. During the course of the day the Year 9's created a Kindness/Anti-bullying poster. Year 7 and 8 added their own messages on post-its which was influenced by the nasheed who I am by Zain Bhika.

The Year 7's created an assembly which was based on random acts of kindness

The week was successful and educated students about bullying, anti-bullying and World Kindness Day. We are looking forward to next year's Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day.

-Zahraa Aswaat-



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

On Friday 5th October we celebrated Teachers Appreciation Day. It was a day where the pupils could understand how much teachers do for them and we took time out to thank them for everything. We made certificates to thank our teachers for all the hard work and energy they put into teaching us. We gave lollies and cards to teachers to thank them for what they do with cute messages. A heartfelt jazakallah from all the students for everything you do for us.



HEAD GIRL

We are happy to announce Rida's Head Girl and Deputy Head.

Head: Hafsah Patel

Deputy Head: Aisha Farooq

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school representatives are:

YR 7: Sadiyah Patel and Saeeda Islam

YR 8: Fatimah Dalal and Safiyah Mohmed

This Newsletter was produced by Habeebah Waza, Kulsoom Patel and Aishah Polli.

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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