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20th September 2023 | 5 Rabi' ul Awal 1445 AH

Assalamu 'Alaikum Wr Wbr (May His Peace, Mercy and Blessings be Upon You)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We pray this letter finds you well.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who attended our recent Key Stage 4 Information Evening. For Year 10 this is the start of your GCSE qualifications and for Year 11 this is the countdown to the most critical year of your educational journey at Madani Schools. With Year 11 mocks only a few months away and summer exams commencing from April 2024 every opportunity to engage with the school, leaders and teachers is vital.

For those who were able to attend, your presence and engagement was greatly appreciated, and it reaffirms our commitment to working together for the success of our students. It was certainly a warm day in many ways, and we appreciate your efforts in making it to the event.

For those who were unable to attend, we completely understand, and we will endeavour to provide you a summary alongside access to the information shared during the evening.

Intervention & 7:30am starts

Thank you all for your support with the 7:30am starts. As was shared before the summer and during this evening, the students being in from 7:30am allows us to support them from an ethos perspective as scholars recognise that the mornings are the most productive time of day*; in preparation for their punctuality for any morning exams in the summer term; to allow them to see their friends and have breakfast and finally in order to access morning intervention sessions. Tuition and extra support outside of school can be prohibitively expensive for many of our stakeholders, so we want to support all students accessing any targeted support that is available to them as much as possible. Many of our teachers are happy to come in at 7:30am voluntarily to support students in preparation for their GCSEs. Where your child has been offered this opportunity before or after school, please support us by asking for them to attend these sessions.

Please also note that during the winter months, Fajr Jamah (congregational prayer) will take place daily from 04 December 2023 to the 26 January 2024. The Fajr prayer will take place at 07:35 in the Masjid.

*The Prophet (SAW) supplicated for his Ummah by asking Allah the Almighty to bless their early morning hours for them (Sunan Abu Dawud).

Message from Spiritual Mentors Mufti Mohamed and Ms Yasmin Apa Patel

Our dedicated spiritual mentors play a crucial role in providing emotional and spiritual support to our students. They offer guidance, a listening ear, and a safe space for students to explore their beliefs and values. If your child ever feels the need to speak with a spiritual mentor, please encourage them to reach out by speaking to their tutor who will refer them internally. We are here to support their spiritual and holistic development.

Message from Careers Lead – Ms Salah

Our Year 11 students are embarking on an exciting journey, and our careers leader alongside external advisors accessible by students are here to guide them every step of the way. Please see below for key important dates related to college applications, career fairs, and information sessions. These dates will be communicated to you and students again to ensure your child is well-prepared for their remaining time at Madani and their next academic chapter.:

- Wednesday 1st November: Careers fayre.
- Thursday 9th November: Parent/Carer Day (MFL speaking mocks begin).





























- Friday 22nd December: College application deadline (for students).
- January 2024: Progress review to inform college application (by teachers).

Message from our AHT/ Online Safety Lead – Hafez Imran Esat

Ensuring the safety of our students in the digital world is a top priority. Our online safety lead shared key messages and resources to help you support your child in navigating the online realm safely. See below for tips, tools, and important information to keep your child secure online:

Parental Controls for Broadband and Digital Devices:

The internet is a fantastic place for children to have fun, learn and be creative but can also expose them to challenging issues such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, grooming, identity theft, sexting, etc.

As parents/carers, it is important that we monitor our child's use of technology to protect them from online risks. Parental controls allow you to monitor, block and filter upsetting/inappropriate content. These controls work across a range of devices, networks, and apps within your home. The following website contains guides that show you how to setup parental controls on your home broadband, digital devices and apps that your children may use inside/outside the home: https://bit.ly/im-parental-controls

Screen Time

I encourage you to closely monitor your child's usage of technology from a safety and health perspective ensuring that your child does not have excessive screen time which can have a negative effect on their health and wellbeing.

You may also find the following websites useful in supporting you with online safety:

- Cyber Security: https://bit.ly/ncsc-cyber-security
- National Online Safety mobile app: https://bit.ly/nos-mobile-app
- Internet Matters (provides a wealth of information/guidance): https://bit.ly/internet-matters

Message from Achievement Lead – Mr Abdul Azeez

Our achievement lead is committed to helping your child reach their full potential. We follow a rigorous process to convert Key Stage 2 targets into Key Stage 4 targets, aligning with the best schools in the country. Rest assured, your child's academic journey is in capable hands, and we are dedicated to their success. Please see below key achievement dates and further information on target grades.:

- Thursday 5th October: Y11 parent/carer evening.
- Thursday 9th November: Parent/carer Day (MFL speaking mocks begin).
- Monday 13th November: All written mock exams begin.
- Thursday 21st December: Mock results day & parent/carer evening.
- March 2024 Overall progress review for intervention.
- Monday 22nd April: Final amendments to tiering.
- April-June 2024 GCSE Examinations/ exam intervention sessions.
- August 2024 GCSE Results Day.

Once again, thank you for your active involvement in your child's future and in our school community. We look forward to a successful academic year ahead, filled with growth and achievement for your child.

If you have any questions or need further information on any of the topics mentioned, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely

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