

OUR VOICES



The Latest News and Updates from the Students of Darul Uloom Leicester



DUL MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

By Ahmed Hussain, Year 11

Darul Uloom Leicester students have been busy sitting their Hifdh, 'Ilmiyah, and GCSE Mock exams these past few months. The Hifdh and 'Ilmiyah exams took place in the last two weeks of the previous term and have had many a student revising night and day. The Hifdh exams provide many benefits to the students as we all are individually tested on our memorised portions. This allows us students to revise what we have previously learnt and helps us find the portions that are weak. Which we can then make stronger in the following term.

The students in the Hifdh classes are of different capabilities. Some students are towards finishing their Hifdh whilst others have just started their journey. The students are divided into seven groups, each group have memorised similar amounts from the Qur'an, with 'Group One' consisting of students who have memorised the most and 'Group Seven' being students who have just started off.

As a Year 11, we were also required to sit mock exams to prepare ourselves for our GCSEs, which take place this summer. This really gave our class a good feel of how the actual GCSEs will be. Due to this years exams taking place in the month of Ramadhan, where the students will be fasting, we humbly request that everyone makes du'a that we all pass our exams with excellent grades and make ourselves, our parents and our teachers proud.

Ameen

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CAREERS ADVICE

By Umar Vadia, Year 11

Darul Uloom Leicester have had the opportunity to help the Year 11s by holding one-to-one career advice sessions for the students.

Each session lasted for approximately 40 minutes and took place over three days to accommodate all 18 students.

The Careers Adviser discussed the following points with us:

- Various paths a student graduating from Darul Uloom could take.
- How to reach particular career goals in life.
- Characteristics and qualities needed in particular fields.
- Compatibility of students with different careers.
- Programmes that could help students in entering future fields.

The students had positive feedback and many felt much more confident in regards to their future career choices.

Overall the careers advice really opened up the options we had and made it clearer which path would best fit each of our individual personalities.

DUL FUNDRAISER

By Umair Hanif Patel, Year 12

On 6th October 2018 the Darul Uloom held a fundraiser event to raise money for improving the facilities in our Darul Uloom. We held stalls and activities so that everybody could enjoy their time as well as help the school. Some of the stalls were: a BBQ, an ice cream vendor, food stalls, a Krispy Kreme stall and many more. The activities included a crossbar challenge, a penalty shootout, a tin shy with darts and ping-pong challenges among others.

Alhamdulillah we managed to raise approximately £14,000 through the fun-day. From these funds we managed to cover the cost of a brand new fire alarm system in our school. The cost of the system was £11,000, the remaining funds were used to take care of the daily costs.

We at the Darul Uloom would like to personally thank all parents, students and staff for helping out. We really appreciate your efforts and may Allah reward you all

Jazak Allah Khairan





WEEKLY LESSONS FOR LIFE

By Lukman Takolia, Year 12

On every Monday morning we, the students of Darul Uloom, partake in a fifteen minute assembly. There are two assemblies which take place, one for the Hifdh class students and one for the Alim class students. The Hifdh Class assembly is held in English and for the Alim class the assembly is held in Urdu to help improve their Urdu speaking and listening skills, all while gaining beneficial knowledge. The assembly is based on a new theme each week which is then focused upon throughout the entire week. Some of the themes this term have been: sadaqah (charity), respecting parents and teachers, anti-bullying and dua, among others. A great benefit of the weekly assembly is that it motivates us to do good and it improves our lifestyle's by helping us become better Muslims. The themes are not only to be practiced for the week but rather for us to carry with us for the rest of our lives..

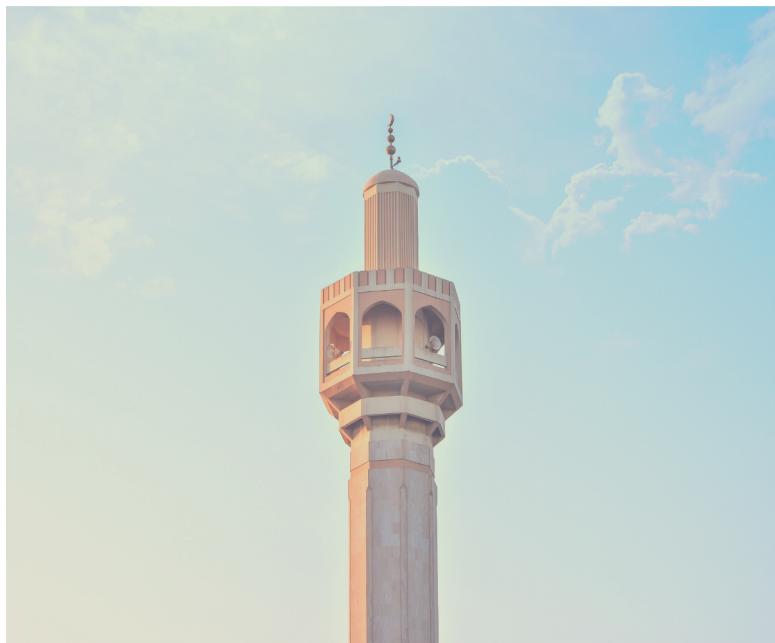
THE EARTH WITHOUT ART IS JUST EH!

By Osama Chan Aye, Year 9

A fun and creative subject, Year 7,8 and 9's have the opportunity to take part in art classes on Saturdays. Throughout this half of the year, we students have learned a variety of different art skills and have enjoyed our lessons very much. At the beginning of this year we learnt about Mosaics. A mosaic is a piece of art or image made from the assembling of small pieces of coloured glass, stone, or other materials. Our teacher, Shanaz Apaa, has taught us how to express our creativity through our art and has been great addition to the school. At the moment we are studying paper mache. We first cover the balloon with a mixture of paper and glue; after the the balloon has dried, we pop the balloon and the paint over the paper mache with multiple colours. Along with this we also learnt about sgraffito and knitting.

All the students really enjoy art and the subject is a great success. May Allah accept the efforts of the teachers and students.





“So remember
Me; I will
remember
you.”

[Qur'an 2:152]

TARBIYAH - NURTURING THE SOUL

By Abdul Majid, Year 10

The Tarbiyah programme is an hour programme held every last Saturday of the month. The purpose of the programme is to help increase our piety, belief and taqwa. Some of the topics which were spoken about during the tarbiyah programme were: Love for the messenger of Allah, Muhammad (SAW), how to get closer to Allah and the benefits of knowledge. As part of the programme everybody engaged in dhikr (the remembrance of Allah). Dhikr cleanses the heart and brings the heart closer to Allah, it also creates awareness of Allah and brings dignity, delightfulness and radiance to the life of a Muslim. Everybody, especially we students, were encouraged and challenged to try and do dhikr every day. In sha Allah this will help us better our lives and prove to be beneficial. To conclude off the programme the principal made dua, however before the dua was made we were taught the correct way to make dua so as to be able to obtain Allah's countless blessings. The tarbiyah programme has had many effects on students, as we left the programme knowing the correct intention for seeking knowledge, and the importance of having fear of the Almighty Allah and love for the Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

