

14/07/2017

Dear Parents, Assalamu alaikum

I hope and pray that Allah swt showers His Blessing on you and your loved ones.

I am delighted school has completed another successful year. I have introduced many changes into the school this year which already have shown great improvements and I am looking forward to the new academic year where we will further embed and enhance these improvements.

Please see the following announcements and information.

### **School Management**

I have continued in the role of Headteacher responsible for day to day management of the school this academic year. In this capacity, I have been supported by Heads of Department (HoD) in the Primary and Secondary Schools. The HODs are senior appointed staff who have been extensively trained over the last eighteen months and are undertaking a fabulous job across all Key Stages.

In addition I have added valuable capacity to the school and been supported very ably by:-

- Ms M. Messaoudi, a highly experienced OfSTED inspector with over thirty years' experience in inspections and school leadership development
- Mr Alim Shaikh, a highly experienced Educationalist and Headteacher who has some twenty years' education experience from schools across the U.K.
- Ms Zahra Al-Hilli, an experienced deputy Headteacher Primary School who has been working alongside teachers in the Primary school in particular on assessment systems, pupil progress monitoring and tracking

### **Community Engagement**

As part of our improved community engagement and awareness/marketing efforts I commissioned:

- a new much improved Website which is now regularly updated and constantly reviewed - [www.ayeshaschool.org](http://www.ayeshaschool.org) - [I welcome any feedback on further improvements we can make to the website](#)

- an updated prospectus available at:  
<http://www.ayeshaschool.org/admission/prospectus>

Please collect a hard copy from the school office and pass it onto your family or friends in support of the good work of the school and also to engage more parents with the school and also to increase our school roll

- a parent handbook for new parents of the school is available at the same website address.

### **Parental Engagement**

I'm always very keen to engage parents in their child's schooling and so one of my key goals for the 2016-17 academic year was to develop and improve our parental communication. This year we have issued 8 eight newsletters to inform parents about school matters. Another means of parental engagement is FACS - Friends of Ayesha Community School – who assist in organising events and raising funds to buy much needed resources. FACS have a regular meeting cycle with me at which we also discuss school matters. Please enquire at our reception office if you wish to attend the next meeting. I welcome suggestions on further additions to this repertoire of communications.

### **Fund Raising**

There have been many fund raising activities this year.

- Each class has responsibilities of organising at least 1 fund raising event per year. The funds are used for school resources or for charities (like helping the Homeless people, Syrian appeal, etc). These events help to instill values of being charitable and also to be grateful to Allah (swt) for the bounties that He has bestowed on us.

In addition, Primary school classes have raised monies towards school minibus and Secondary school classes have raised funds for the School minibus, £300 for Unicef and £200 for Orphanage project.

- General fund raising. We raised the following funds:
  - £621 for Syria Food Aid appeal
  - £422 for Pakistan Iftaar Project
  - £25 for India Orphanage project
  - £775 for Somalia drought Appeal
  - £355 for East Africa Iftaar Project
  - £266 for Ayesha School £1 Challenge
- FACS will produce a separate letter on the funds that they have raised through their events including funds that have been raised for the school minibus.

### **School Review and Improvement Plan**

Since September 2016, this academic year, a significant number of improvements have been made to the school, namely:

- We have better and more regular monitoring of teaching and learning and as a result, teachers have improved in their teaching practice.
- Introduction of Target Tracker for our primary school assessment tracking. Target Tracker is a popular tracking system with over 4000 primary schools using it nationally. The teaching requirements of the National Curriculum are embedded in Target Tracker and hence this is an important tool that helps our school in judging how well our pupils are progressing against National Curriculum standards and in tracking our pupils progress, it has proven to be highly effective

- The school continues to use Accelerated Reader to help in accelerating the learning of our pupils with respect to reading and literacy levels in the primary school. (See <http://www.renlearn.co.uk/success-story/>).
- We have a special additional focused support for pupils who are behind in their English abilities, this is vital to ensure all students have equal opportunities to succeed and our tracking of this need has proven beneficial to students and for teachers in their planning.
- The quality of teaching and learning provision in the Girls Secondary School has been strengthened. We now have improved, regular monitoring of teaching and learning leading to an improvement in teacher practice and teaching and learning across the school.
- The renewed behaviour policy with greater emphasis on rewards rather than sanctions has made a demonstrably positive impact.
- The KS4 GCSE curriculum now commences in Y9 for many subjects, whilst early in implementation this is on track and I'm confident it will lead to an improvement in student attainment at GCSE.
- The CAT4 (cognitive ability tests) and other National benchmarking tests for the secondary school have helped us in targeting extra support for pupils who require it. These tests are undertaken online and results are produced by the system and hence they provide independent benchmarked results which informs our progress monitoring in the school. These are used by hundreds of school across the country and these support school in achieving better outcomes for all pupils.
- We continue to use 'Active Learn' subscriptions for Maths and Science, with over 4000 auto-marking interactive questions, 1000 interactive worked examples and over 500 supporting videos. Pupils in the secondary have been set tasks during the summer holidays so that they are best prepared for the new academic year.
- Extended school day: Year 9-11 students have had lessons until 4:20pm to provide them the best opportunity of achieving the highest grades at GCSE, this is proved popular with both students and parents.
- Years 7 and 8 have an optional homework club 4 days per week, which is popular but we would welcome additional parental support to increase student attendance and take-up of this opportunity.
- Year 10s and 11s undertook extra lessons on Sundays and during the holidays and throughout Terms 2 and 3
- A new tracking system was introduced in the Secondary school which shows the path that pupils are on in relation to the new GCSE Grades of 1-9 (which replaces the current A\* - E Grades). This tracking is being further developed and improved in the last few INSET days of this summer term, so it will be ready for implementing in September 2017

- Our Secondary School pupils have been asking for some changes to our uniform. Hence from September we have introduced the following new items Blazer, Cardigan and PE kit.

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will be supplying these new items. Size fittings for the uniforms took place on 5th July 2017. All pupils will be required to buy these in time for starting school on 6th September 2017. Uniforms will be available from 31 July 2017 – please do call them and confirm availability prior to visiting Rumbles.

As you can see a lot has been achieved in year!

I shall be holding a meeting in September 2017 for all parents and any parents who wish to know more about any of the above or indeed any who have any concerns on any other matters regarding the school are welcome to attend look forward to seeing you all in September and would like to wish you all a good and relaxing summer recess

Jazakallahu khairun

Shakil Ahmed  
Principal