

25th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We recognise that Ramadan starts during the holidays and we would like to share with you the arrangements we have in place for the pupils, students and staff within our school community who will be observing Ramadan.

Our Faith Centre will be available for prayers at lunchtime every day at 1.20pm for boys and 1:35pm for girls. The qiblah has been identified to support those praying but as we only have this one space, girls and boys will both pray in the Faith Centre but at different times. Due to Covid regulations, following the advice of a senior member of the Muslim community and in line with practice in mosques at this time, pupils will need to bring their own prayer mats to pray. A member of staff will be present every day to oversee the arrangements.


All of our lessons will carry on as normal and we expect all of our pupils and students to attend all of their timetabled lessons every day. Our PE staff will be especially mindful and supportive of those pupils fasting through the activities planned for their lessons during this period. If pupils are finding the PE lessons difficult they should talk to their teacher about this.

We also recognise that similar to two years ago, the period of Ramadan coincides with the duration of GCSE and A level assessments. We encourage you to discuss with your children how they will choose to observe the period of fasting during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact Mrs Manser, our Ethos Co-ordinator, who will be able to talk these through with you or make contact with a senior member of the Muslim community who will be able to offer advice and guidance.

With regard to PCR and LFT testing during Ramadan, The British Islamic Medical Association's view is that taking polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or lateral flow device (LFD) tests during Ramadan does not invalidate the fast. People may feel more comfortable doing the tests when they are not fasting. In this case, with the move to home-testing, tests can be carried out at any time.

I would like to send our best wishes to our pupils, students, staff and parents during the holy month of Ramadan and wish you all Eid Mubarak.

Yours faithfully,



James Ludlow

Principal