

Cambridge school shows exceptional progress

CAMBRIDGE school is going ahead and aiming for Outstanding now after they were praised for making exceptional progress in all areas in their recent Ofsted inspection. The report found that "a programme of staff training and investment in resources has seen an exceptional improvement at the school".

The recent appointment of Moulana Yusuf Bham as Chair of governors was also praised for monitoring the quality of lessons and bringing about the support to provide a sharp focus on the quality of learning.

The report says almost all pupils make good progress across a wide range of subjects, and especially in English, Maths and science. Pupils value the additional lessons they receive to improve their learning if they are struggling to make all the progress that is expected of them. External GCSE results showed that a high proportion of pupils at the school achieved well across a range of subjects, with exceptional 100% pass rates in the three core

subjects.

The inspector took close scrutiny of pupils' learning both in class and in their books including



lessons observations of the teaching and across all year groups. The report concluded that "Staff have high expectations of pupils, who conduct themselves well and apply themselves positively to their learning."

Moulana Suleman Collector, who took over as Headteacher last year, now feels the school is in a comfortable position to achieve outstanding in their next inspection. "This report is the result of the hard work and dedication of our staff who share the vision of the school in giving our students the best possible education along with a firm Islamic Tarbiyyah paving the way to worldly accomplishment and success in the hereafter."

Man charged over Punish a Muslim letters

A 35 YEAR-OLD man from Lincoln was charged last month as part of the investigation into the 'Punish a Muslim day' letters. David Parnham is accused of 14 offences including one count of soliciting murder and two counts of sending a number of letters promoting a 'Punish a Muslim day'. He faces a further five counts of sending a substances with intention of inducing a to believe it contains a noxious substance and a count of making a bomb hoax.

Parnham was arrested on by

counter-terrorism police as part of an intelligence operation.

Detective Chief Superintendent Martin Snowden, head of the north-east counter-terrorism policing unit, after the letters had been circulated said, "These letters seek to cause fear and offence among our Muslim communities. They also seek to divide us. Yet, in spite of this, our communities have shown strength in their response to such hatred and in their support for each other."

THE LEGAL SLOT



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Air Travel may Lead to Compensation

AFTER a bad year for flight delays, with British Airways suffering two major IT failures, Ryanair's problems with aircrew rota's and air traffic control disputes, a recent report reveals that nearly £400 million in claims could have been made for travel disruption or delay in the 11 months to November 2017.

Popular destinations such as Malaga and Dublin led the way in terms of delays. Domestic flights to Edinburgh and Glasgow also showed delays and cancellation rates.

The amount of compensation delayed passengers are entitled to depends on both the length of the flight and the amount of time of the delay, but for flights

departing from an EU airport that cover more than 3,500km and are delayed more than four hours, compensation of up to €600 is payable.

However, the availability of compensation depends on the reason for the delay. If it is due to 'extraordinary circumstances', no compensation is payable and your recourse would be to your travel insurance. Airlines are keen to cite extraordinary circumstances as the cause of the delay and it is worth noting that a mere technical problem with the aircraft would not normally qualify as 'extraordinary'.

Sale of Goods Law Provides Route to Compensation for Holidaymakers

AN INTERESTING use of the law relating to the sale of goods helped

a couple whose all-inclusive holiday was ruined by gastroenteritis claim compensation from travel group First Choice recently.

They claimed damages under the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 on the ground that the food they ate which made them ill constituted 'goods' which were transferred from the hotel to them and which were not of satisfactory quality, being contaminated.

Normally, such claims are brought under the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 based on the negligence of the

tour operator's agent (i.e. the hotel). The reason the case was brought under sale of goods law was that there was extensive evidence of the steps taken by the hotel concerned to comply with high hygiene

standards and the measures taken were such that it would have proved very difficult to hold the hotel at fault so as to succeed in a claim under the Regulations.

The case went to the Court of Appeal, which ruled that "...in the absence of any express agreement to the contrary, when customers order a meal property in the meal transfers to them when it is served".

The claimants were awarded damages of £24,000.

However, this case does not mean that all holiday illnesses can lead to claims against the tour operators. The causal link must be clearly demonstrated. The ruling specifically stated that 'in a claim for damages of this sort, the claimant must prove that food or drink provided was the cause of their troubles and that the food was not "satisfactory"...Proving that an episode of this sort was caused by food which was unfit is far from easy.'



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