

# NEWSLETTER

**BATLEY**

## WHY BE GRATEFUL?

Every so often life hits us hard, this brings our world crashing down on us, as if everything and everyone is against us. However, in this life we have role models, examples and leaders, people who we look up to, from those examples who better to follow than the one and only, the praised and exalted messenger Muhammad (saw)

The prophet of Allah (saw) would stand in Salah for extreme amounts of time causing his blessed feet to swell. His beloved wife Hadhrat Aaisha (ra) enquired from him "o prophet of Allah why do you exert yourself to such an extent when you have no previous sins?" The holy prophet (saw) replied "should I not be a grateful servant of Allah?" (muttafaqun 'alay)

Muhammad (saw) had no sins yet he would show a huge amount of gratitude. Then who are we in comparison? Yes, today life is hard but tomorrow is a new day and 'after hardship will come ease' (Quran 94:5). This is a promise Allah has made to humanity in the Quran, a Quran which was dated to never become outdated. This promise was for the sahabah, and also for the last person to come until qiyaamah, regardless of which era, century or millennia they belong to.

When we are faced by hardship all we have to do is follow the example of the prophet(saw) and remember that we are a lot better of than many other people. Do we not have eyes? Can we not hear? Has Allah not given us family? Should we not even be slightly grateful then? There are many who are blind, deaf and orphaned, yet are happy, so can our problems really be justifiable for us not to be grateful?

*By Year 1 Alim class student*

## A DAY WITH THE ARMY



Students had the opportunity to spend the day with majors and generals from the British Army. Students learnt about the experience and rewards of being part of the army, including taking part in designing *uniform and gear* using scientific knowledge. Students also had the opportunity for STEM activities where they built a wheelbarrow from scratch and took part in some challenging obstacle courses.



## BIKEABILITY



Students enjoyed taking part in Bikeability, a practical and professional training programme which helped students understand the importance of road safety. The course also helped increase confidence, decision-making, self-esteem and develop perseverance and resilience whilst learning new cycling skills. All our students managed to complete both Level 1 and Level 2 and were awarded with a cycling certificate.



## CSS Clothes Bank

Our students have been learning about the importance of recycling. CSS now have their very own clothes bank. Parents and the members of our community are encouraged to recycle their old clothes to help make a difference to our school and facilities.



## TENNIS ACTIVATOR COURSE

Students also took part in the Tennis Activator Training, in partnership between the Lawn Tennis Association and Tennis Foundation. Students had the opportunity to develop their tennis skills and be involved with tennis competition locally as well nationally.



## An inspirational event with Hazret Moulana Yusuf Mutala SB

It was an honour to have our Shaykh Moulana Yusuf Mutala sb bless us with his presence for our very first Hifz Quran completion ceremony this term. Hazret imparted some important advices, talking about the greatness of the holy Quran and importance of following the footsteps of our beloved Prophet (pbuh) and the pious predecessors.

## Year 11 Down Syndrome

Well done to our brilliant year 11 who hosted a brilliant awareness event for the community on Down Syndrome. The event was an initiative that was thought up by the year 11 class after studying about this condition and realising the lack of knowledge around this area in our wider community. The event was a huge success with guests from around the community enjoying the presentations and workshops the students put on for them.



## OFSTED REPORT

Well done to all our students, staff and volunteers for making our recent Ofsted inspection a huge success. The overall feedback given was that all aspects of the school that were inspected were good, especially the progress students made in all subjects, quality of teaching and learning and the detail given to each and every individual student.. Please take the time to read the full report on the school website.

*'Records of pupils' achievement show that almost all pupils make good progress across a wide range of subjects, and especially in English, mathematics and science.' Ofsted*

*'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' Ofsted*

*'Staff have high expectations of pupils, who conduct themselves well and apply themselves positively to their learning.' Ofsted*

*'The whole-school focus on developing pupils' skills in literacy contributes to the progress they make across a wider range of subjects.' Ofsted*



## Our Islamic theme

Our Islamic theme for the week this term has been *'Worshiping like the Prophet (pbuh)*. Students have been learning about the Prayer, fasting and charity of our Prophet PBUH and working hard to emulate him and bring this into their lives. A special well done goes to *Abdurrafai Hamid* for his exceptional achievements in this regard.



## 12 Star Students



Well done to 12 of our star students this term who were rewarded to a complimentary trip to a fun afternoon at Adredaline Trampoline park in recognition for their exceptional efforts, many merits and good behaviour.



## Hafiz of the month



A special recognition to our hafiz of the month Subhan Quraishi who has memorised a substantial amount this term. Masha-Allah!

## Exceptional Progress



Special recognition to Ismail Ali and Yusuf Ahmd and who have done exceptionally well in their assessments this term and have made outstanding progress. Well done!



## Hifz completion ceremony invite

We would like to invite the whole community to the auspicious gathering of completion of Hifz Quran of Hafiz Ibraheem Khaleel (son of Moulana Azizul Haque sb). The keynote speech will be delivered by Hazret Moulana Abdur Rauf sb and thereafter food will be served for all.

## Open Day

Don't forget to join us on our open day on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. A chance to take a tour of the school, witness student's presentations and learn more about what our school offers.



*Applications are currently been taken for September 2018.*

*Limited places available.*

*Please Contact the school office for an application form.*

## About Cambridge Street School

Cambridge Street School is an independent Muslim boys high. We have a stunning building set in the heart of Batley Town centre that consist of modern state of the art classrooms including a science lab, I.T suite and lecture hall. Our vision is to see all our pupils become confident and resilient individuals that are committed to serving their families and communities with a strong Islamic Tarbiyyah.

