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## 6th Form Presentation Evening: Celebrating Achievements

Hurmat Shahzad, 10S1



Celebrating sixth form leavers' achievements and successes with our special guest - Saleha Bagas

This term, the long awaited Sixth Form Presentation evening took place on Saturday 19th November. The event was a phenomenal success. It brought together over a hundred graduates - each of whom were eager to see awards being handed out to our brightest and boldest young women, hear some heartfelt recitation of the Quran, and watch the presentation by award-winning fashion designer, Saleha Bagas.

Saleha Bagas is a designer who, despite only being two years out of university, has already created a buzz on social media and attracted the attention of Vogue, the English Asian Awards 2013 and the Dubai High Street.

Before the event, Umaira Iqbal stated: "It will be exciting to see all the students and teachers again. I can't wait to see who the guest speaker will be." The teachers were also enthusiastic to see ex-pupils as they graduated from the school with remarkable grades, ready for university and the wider world.



## Principal's...Reflections on the Term

(Mufti) Hamid Patel **Executive Principal**

**All praises to the Almighty, Lord of the Worlds and the Master of our fortunes and salutations to our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the Seal of the Prophets and the guide for all our actions.**

### Hearts and Minds...

The noble Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) said:

**"Indeed, in the body, there is a lump of flesh – if it is set right, the whole body is right. But, if it is corrupt, the whole body is corrupt."**

This is a reference to our heart – our soul.

During each day of our busy lives, we make scores of decisions, interact with tens of people and complete hundreds of deeds and actions. Our mind is filled with a multitude of thoughts – good and bad – and our senses are peppered with hundreds of experiences.

Each of our actions – and how we respond to all of the things that happen around us – depends on the health of our heart and the strength of our soul.

When we are faced with an important decision, respond to a fantastic opportunity that presents itself or face something that is as tempting as it is harmful, it is the strength and purity of our soul that will determine how we react. If our soul is pure, and our conscience is strong, we will make smart choices, respond positively to all of the day's events and firmly reject those things which we might desire but know are wrong for us.

However, if our soul is corrupt, and our conscience is weak, we can expect to make wrong judgments and fall victim to the worst of our whims and desires. As the noble Prophet warned us, the state of our soul will determine the actions of our body.

So, how do we purify our soul and nurture a conscience that is strong and steadfast? Just like a young tree needs to be watered and pruned regularly, our heart and soul also needs to be gently cultivated each day.

There are a number of ways to do this.

Firstly, we need to read the biographies of pious and good people. History is littered with those who have led a life of virtue and sacrifice. They should serve as inspiring blueprints for us to adapt and then adopt in our own contexts.

A short Taleem (study circle) in our homes each evening would achieve this. Through the example of Khadijah and Abu Bakr Siddiq (May the Lord be pleased with them), we can learn about integrity. Through the story of Bilal (may the Lord be pleased with him), we may start to appreciate true resilience. Reading about the sacrifice of Uthmaan (may the Lord be pleased with him) would truly inspire us to forego more in our lives for the love of others. And in the example set by Fatima Zahra and Ali (may the Lord be pleased with them), we can start to bring modesty and humility into our lives. And, thorough reading about the words and deeds of Umar (may the Lord be pleased with him), we can see an excellent zeal and passion for a cause.

Such incredible and inspiring trailblazers are not just found within our faith – but they may be seen across all walks of life. In the study of Mandela, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Anne Frank and many more, we can learn about inspiring people who have pure hearts and minds.

But, the greatest human being – and the best of guide for us – is our noble Prophet (Peace be Upon Him). As the Lord says in the noble Qur'aan:

**"Truly in the messenger of [the Almighty], you have an excellent example."**

In addition to learning about inspiring people from the past and present, another way of developing our soul is to commit to regular prayer. Whether it is our daily Salaah (prayers), Qur'aan or quiet Dhikr (seclusion and supplications to the Lord), prayer offers us a connection with our Lord, soothes the passions of the day and cleanses the soul of its darkest stains.

How many times has our mood been elevated, our face illuminated with a glow and the weight in our mind lightened in the immediate aftermath of a short period of prayer? How many times has Salaah brought relief to the knot in the pit of our stomach, comfort to our tired eyes and vigour to our laboured limbs? This is the power of Salaah, the Qur'aan and the remembrance of the Almighty – and it is a key part of what will help to strengthen our soul and invigorate our conscience.

Another thing to consider is fasting regularly. It was the practice of our noble prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) to fast on Mondays and Thursdays. Fasting on a regular basis – particularly during the winter months – may weaken our bodies and dull our senses temporarily, but it nourishes the soul and preens our conscience so that we feel spiritually refreshed and morally cleansed. It is a wonderful example of how a small but regular act can have such wonderful benefits.

So, over the next few months, I hope that we can all endeavour to replenish our soul and strengthen our conscience. Through inspiring stories of those who came before us and a commitment to regular prayer and fasting, we can ensure that our words and actions are guided by the best of hearts and minds. Aameen.

**I hope that you enjoy this edition of the As-Sawt magazine and will remember the school in your prayers.**

*Hamid Patel*

## Celebrating our Languages Nadya Sharif, 10S3

"Europe is a place where all backgrounds are welcome and individuals of every heritage can feel at home."

General Thorbjørn Jagland: the secretary of the Council of Europe.

**European Languages Day is celebrated by schools all over the world and TIGHS was no exception.**

The day was filled with a series of activities, one of which included a display of various tongue twisters in Urdu, Arabic and French around the school. When walking across the hallways and climbing the stairs, students attempted to say the difficult tongue-twisters. Students showcased their ability to learn and repeat tongue twisters from different countries such as:

**Ces cerises sont si sûres qu'on ne sait pas si c'en sont.**

This activity encouraged students to develop an interest in these diverse languages and allowed them to really get involved in the day. They then had to present the tongue twisters during assembly to our 'Language Judges' where the winners were awarded with a prize by the Languages' Department.



Miss Jina, our Urdu teacher, felt:

**"The Tongue Twister competition provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to practise their speaking skills outside the classroom in a fun, challenging and unique way. I really felt a buzz amongst our learners who tried to learn multiple tongue twisters in all three languages!"**

In addition to this activity, during morning registration, form classes participated in a European football quiz. This tested their general knowledge about legendary European players and their teams, but they also had to listen to national anthems and name the relevant European countries. A huge congratulations to football experts, 10T3, who astonishingly achieved full marks in the quiz. For their sensational feat, they received chocolate goodies.

## Going Spotty Humaira Toorawa, 10S3



**One of the most recent projects undertaken by Tauheedul was a week-long campaign supporting Children in Need. A phenomenal sum of £871.13 was raised in just one week. The Social Enterprise Club, headed by Humanities teachers Mrs. Rizwana Patel and Mrs. Aga, organised the entire project.**

Mrs Rizwana stated:

**"It has been fantastic to see both staff and students come together to support a worthy cause and have fun at the same time."**

An array of indulging sweets and cakes were on display which attracted the attention of those with a sweet tooth. There was a 'put-the-spots-on-Pudsey' challenge where students were blindfolded.



Other activities were also offered, such as the woman versus food challenge, in which teachers competed against each other to overcome a large stack of pizzas, or there was the blindfold eating challenge, which was popular with both teachers and students.

Inspiration is the motivation and drive of our school's environment, which constantly emphasises the importance of our duty to serve others. With students and teachers alike taking part and contributing to raise funds for this worthy cause, the Children In Need campaign proved to be a huge success.

**Due to the support offered by everyone from Tauheedul, we accomplished a remarkable result.**





## Michelle Obama: The First (and inspirational) Lady Humaira Paderwala, 11T3

**There is no denying that, as women, we have been blessed with some of the most aspiring and intellectual individuals ever to have lived. As women, we have stretched the boundaries of science, history, geography and sports. We have examples from the past and also the living breathing present where we can believe every day that we can do it.**



Michelle Obama - the 44th First Lady of the States - has been the constant supporter of Barack Obama. She has juggled being the wife of the President, a mother of two, a lawyer, a community activist and a social rights advocate.

In short, Michelle Obama is, without a doubt, one of the most progressive first ladies. She is a star in her own right and she defines herself rather than being defined by others.

Michelle was raised in a small bungalow in Chicago. Her father was a City-pump operator and a Democratic district captain. Her mother, Marian, was initially a secretary, but later stayed at home to raise Michelle and her older brother. The siblings shared close quarters, which involved both sleeping in the living room with a single sheet serving as a makeshift room divider.

Michelle worked hard for her current status. Her gender could have inevitably caused some difficulties along the way, yet despite every obstacle she faced, Michelle continued to fight for what she believed.

If we, as growing women, are to take anything from the First Lady, we should take her persistent attitude.

As Michelle Obama said:

**“There is no magic to achievement. It’s really about hard work, choices, and persistence.”**

You can achieve what you once thought was impossible, by continually working hard, choosing options which are beneficial to you and persevering through difficult times.

**Do not let anyone or anything act as a barricade to your success, do not let society define what you can do, because you can transcend society’s limitations – Michelle Obama is proof.**

## Let the Battle Begin Huma Ahmed, 10S3

Recently, the Sixth Form inter-society competition took place in and around Tauheedul, providing entertainment for both the school and the Sixth Form. There was a fantastic range of activities, with different societies competing to raise the most money in support of a new birthing suite for the Royal Blackburn Hospital. Phenomenally, they collectively raised £1800.29.

Some societies involved were the Literature Society, who acted out a spectacular play titled ‘Porphyria’s Slaughter,’ where they combined two renowned texts. Nour Alarbi (8E2) enjoyed the performance as ‘the characters were interesting’ but also because of the suspense created through the ‘murder mystery.’ The Debating Society invited a celebrity headscarf



A fantastic array of activities during our fundraiser in support of a new birthing suite for Royal Blackburn Hospital



stylist to school who shared her unique styles and inspired students’ creativity. Also, to the delight of many, on sale were appetizing treats – sparking the interest of many of the pupils. This included an Alice in Wonderland themed tea party where there was a steamy hot chocolate bar with delights such as cakes and cookies, but also refreshing mocktails.

**A huge well done to the Mad Science Society who raised the most money which was an outstanding £882.41. They staged crazy experiments which were essentially ‘mad’ but was thoroughly enjoyed by students. They also sold breakfast treats in the Common Room to keep students energised throughout the day.**

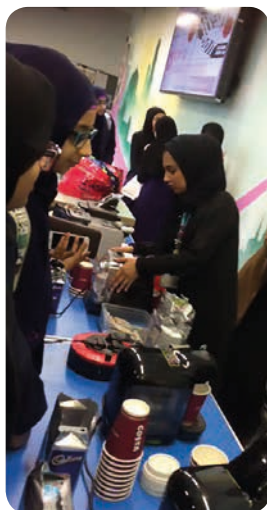
## No One Facing Cancer Should Walk Alone! Batool Sethi, 10S1



Annually, people across the country, from all ages, participate in the Macmillan Coffee Morning. This provides

everyone with the opportunity to partake in activities such as bake sales in order to raise money for those whose lives are affected by cancer. The research Macmillan gather helps to address people's needs while reminding them that they are not alone in their battle.

As a result, the students from Tauheedul were inspired to hold their own coffee morning on Friday 30th September. Posters were placed around the school prompting students from across the years to come and visit the event. All sorts of breakfast treats were served from hot drinks to sugary treats and energising bars.



With the commitment and effort from each participating student, an exceptional total of £600 was raised.

Mrs Master, Head of Year 9, who played a major role in the organisation of this event, said:

**"It was a very enjoyable morning where students had the opportunity to raise money for such a vital cause. The effort that all students put into the coffee morning was amazing."**

**Overall, the students at TIGHS raised an amazing amount of money, ensuring that those suffering from cancer wouldn't have to face it alone.**

## Make it! In Manufacturing Aaliyah Musa, 10S2



**After coming 2nd place in their previous challenge, eight Year 10 students, once again, competed in the 'Make it!' BAE regional competition. They were hoping to recreate their past success.**

The students took a trip to Manchester United Football Club, in which 13 schools participated by completing a challenge set by the organisation. The challenge was created to test the pupils' maths, logistics and team skills. Each team was required to create an airliner of their choice. The aim was to ensure that it would appeal to companies who may be willing to buy the product they produced.

In addition to this, the competition included creating branding for the plane and setting up a company. There was a set of requirements to meet while creating the airliner and the students were forced to think outside of the box. They had to consider logistical aspects such as: flight testing, prototype costs, lead times and estimated completion dates of the airliner. The students also had to take into account the internals and features of the plane but also how the features would help in marketing the product.

All research and statistics, along with the concept of the plane, were condensed into a two-minute presentation. This was performed in front of a panel of judges and an audience where the team explained their ideas while pitching the final product.

**Mrs Master, who accompanied the students on the trip, said:**

**"The Year 10 students worked very hard, a lot of thought and effort was required in order to complete the task and the teamwork skills displayed by the group were excellent. They really did us proud!"**





# Sports Day Survivors

The sky was gloomy and the wind was brisk, yet every year group slowly made their way outside, fully aware of the tormenting workout to come.



The annual Winter Sports Day commenced on Monday 31st October and then continued on throughout the week ending on Friday 4th November.

The PE department organise this event annually and, despite the mild complaints from the students, the day never fails to bring out the inner competitiveness - leading to thrills and excitement throughout the day.

The pupils all began the day with a game of netball or bench ball with students showing great sportsmanship throughout and always remaining optimistic despite the constant weather change. The wind and the students moved with real gusto as they competed in

a game of football, which caused many girls to go home with patches of mud and grass stains coating their PE uniform.

Following lunch, the girls returned to the field where they battled for the title 'Sports Day Winners.' Congratulations to the deserving owners of this title: 7M2, 8E3, 9H4, 10S3.

**Miss Robb, who teaches PE, proudly commented:**

"The weather was perfect for the event which led to fantastic sporting performances with some very close matches. Well done to everyone for putting in so much effort and an even bigger well done to the winners."

# Maths Murder Mystery



On Friday 25th November, the Maths Faculty held its annual Murder Mystery Night, where thirty students from Key Stage 3 undertook the deeply challenging murder case. This event was relished by everybody who participated. The clues were created to specifically stimulate the students' mathematical and logical abilities which would lead them to finding the culprit.

This event, which has been held annually for the past three years, has received many positive reviews, with students believing that it has improved their ability to overcome logical problems in order to get to solutions. The afternoon began with refreshments before the students began their journey to unveil the murderer. Other skills which were also relevant in their endeavours to finding the culprit included: artistic abilities, navigation skills, team working skills and riddle-cracking attributes.

**A huge congratulations to the winners of the event: Amirah Moosa 7M3, Wajeeha Bilal Patel 7M2 and Nour Alarbi 8E2, and everybody who participated.**

**Miss Laher, one of the organisers of the event, stated:**

"It was a lot of fun for all of the students and proved that maths can be exciting as well!"

## Pictures Worth a Thousand Rhymes



On Thursday 10th November, students at Tauheedul were faced with a rather exciting task - creating poetry from pictures. In celebration of National Poetry Day, Year 7 students embarked on a journey of self-expression, photography and, of course, style.

Each student had a single photograph upon which their poem was based; the main aim was to express the thoughts and feelings they felt the photograph portrayed. Further they had to capture the moment in which it was taken and the memories it could hold. Then, from each class, two of the best poems were chosen to be attached to a helium balloon and released into the sky. A message attached to each balloon informed the lucky recipients who had sent them and why they had done so, enabling the students to communicate with and share a connection with members of the community.

**So there we have it, the pictures turned to poetry, snapshots transformed into sonnets and Year 7 students of Tauheedul transformed into budding poets.**

# The End of Bloodshed Amirah Chati, 11T3

**On 11th November 1918, a pen flew across one of the most important documents in human history and, with it, the deadliest war of all time ended. There were sacrifices made by 17 million soldiers with 20 million wounded.**

Here, at Tauheedul, alongside the rest of Britain, the students honoured the actions of those brave soldiers who gave their tomorrow for our today. A series of activities were held to remember the atrocities of human destruction and – equally – the beauty of human resistance. The Armistice Week

began with an introduction to the history of war, to creating ration boxes where the items were labeled in Urdu, and an Imperial War Museum trip. Students paid their respects to the brave men and women of WW1. Hudaa Bax, from 11T3, who attended the Imperial War Museum, said: **"The museum was amazing. It made me think about the sacrifices of the war and their profound effect felt, even today."**

A further activity prepared for Armistice Day was the Anne Frank Trail. Anne Frank, a Jewish school girl brought up in the period of

the tyrannous power of the Nazis, died in a concentration camp. Her father - Otto Frank - released her story to educate and inspire people from across the world by showing them a glimpse of life back in the early 1900s. The trail was a great way to commemorate all the children caught up in the war and those who were left orphans after it had ended.

**WW1 will be forever engraved into the walls of history, encased in memories and remembered for the single, proud, blood-red poppy that stood its ground in the fields of hope: Lest We Forget.**





# The Key to Productivity

Zainab Karbhari, 10S4



## What legacy will you leave behind?

The word 'seerah' means a path one takes from one place to another; a path a person takes during his or her lifetime. The life of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is a treasure chest of guidance for when we need it most. Yet, how much do we know about it?

Loving the Prophet Muhammad is an act of worship and everything we do to develop this love will be a beneficial source of reward. The more we know about him, the stronger our connection with him.

By attending the lunchtime Seerah Club, students and staff have enhanced their individual understanding of the life of the Prophet Muhammad.

Mrs Issa, Head of Year 11, explained:

"The Seerah sessions are truly beneficial for everybody's overall understanding of Islam and the significance of embedding key qualities such as patience and kindness."

Students have enjoyed attending the sessions with many stating that the talks were very interesting and thought-provoking. Most importantly, it provided the participants with the opportunity to apply the lessons that they learnt in their everyday life.

A second practice of Prophet Muhammad was fasting. Students have been reviving this practice each Monday and Thursday which aims to encourage self-discipline, sacrifice and empathy for others.

## Upcoming Events...

### Monday 9th January:

Y11 BTEC Creative Digital Media Unit 1 Exam  
BBC News School Report' Trip

### Thursday 12th January:

November GCSE Exam Results

### Friday 13th January:

Y10 GCSE Urdu Speaking CA Day 1  
Y9-11 Maths Show

### Saturday 14th January:

Y10 GCSE Urdu Speaking CA Day 2

### Sunday 15th January:

Y10 GCSE Urdu Speaking CA Day 3

### Thursday 19th January:

Y11 Parents' Evening

### Monday 23rd January:

Y13 BTEC H&SC Work Experience Wk 1

### Thursday 26th January:

Y10 Parents' Evening

### Monday 30th January:

Y13 BTEC H&SC Work Experience Wk 2  
Y9 An Inspector Calls Production

### Thursday 2nd February:

Y10-Y11 UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

### Tuesday 7th February:

Y12 AS Level and Y13 A Level Parents' Evening

### Friday 10th February:

Spirituality Day 1  
Y10 GCSE French Speaking CA Day 1  
Y10 GCSE Arabic Speaking Mock Exam 2 Day 1

### Saturday 11th February:

Y10 GCSE French Speaking CA Day 2  
Y10 GCSE Arabic Speaking Mock Exam 2 Day 2

### Sunday 12th February:

Y10 GCSE French Speaking CA Day 3

### Monday 13th February:

Half-Term Holiday (1 week)

### Monday 20th February:

School Re-opens

### Wednesday 22nd February:

Y8 Quarry Bank Mill Trip

### Friday 24th February:

Y10 GCSE French Conference Trip



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