

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: URDU

- **Why study Urdu?** The Urdu language is spoken by over 100 million people. Along with Hindi, Urdu is ranked as the fourth most-spoken language in the world, which makes it an important language to study. The language is dominant in India and Pakistan, and spoken by large communities in the United States, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates. Learning Urdu provides a gateway to understanding the culture and literature of Pakistan.
- **Do I need to have studied Urdu previously?** Prior knowledge of Urdu is not necessary, our syllabus is designed to cater for everyone from native speakers to beginners!
- **Do all students have to study Urdu?** Yes, at Tauheedul we believe every student should study this important community language as it will help them build bridges with others in the community and to interact with people of other backgrounds.
- **What are the main topics you cover in Urdu?** The main topics we cover in Urdu in KS3 are ourselves, our families, our homes and everyday life, school life, and what we enjoy doing in our free time. Later, at GCSE, we cover also future work and aspirations, environmental issues and how to make a contribution to our community. Students will be expected to practise Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing skills as well increasing their cultural knowledge of the Urdu-speaking world.
- **When do we sit the exams for Urdu?** Students begin the GCSE curriculum at the start of Year 9 and are entered to sit GCSE examinations in ALL Modern Foreign Languages at the end of Year 10 (usually in May/early June).
- **Which exam board do you follow for Urdu?** We follow the AQA syllabus for GCSE Urdu. You can find out more via their website at: www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/Urdu-8658
- **How do we support less able students to make good progress in Urdu?** We offer weekly lunchtime clubs to develop listening and reading skills. In KS4 we offer a range of tailored interventions and extra sessions to those students preparing for GCSE exams.
- **What do our students do after studying Urdu?** Students completing a GCSE Urdu may choose to study an A-Level course in Urdu, or even carry this through to degree level. Graduates with a high level of competency in one or more languages are coveted by employers and have a clear advantage in securing positions in industry and a range of sectors globally.