

Salaam Alaykum,
Dear Parents/guardians,

Alhumdulill-h, we have completed another year at Muhammadi Madrasah. It has been a year of developments, adjustments and achievements. Although I have been a member of the Muhammadi Madrasah staff team for several years and have always been proud to be one, the past 8 months in the role of Principal and the experiences that have come with it have been significantly momentous. A positive mind-set from the team that I work with and the proactive work ethics of our teaching faculty are some of the strongest reasons why I believe that we have had a successful year.

The months following April 2016 have seen developments for Muhammadi Madrasah that are laying the foundations for even more milestones in our future. I would like to just outline a few of them and how they have positively impacted our students and our Madrasah.

The first and foremost was the revision of the Absence Policy for Madrasah students. The revisions of this policy have brought about notably higher percentages of attendance of students throughout all departments and teachers have also fed back that parents are much more cautious about their children missing work following absences. The introduction of the Muhammadi Madrasah Ambassadors Project was received by community members and leaders with such enthusiasm and warmth. As part of this project our young students volunteered during Main Programmes at KSIMC of Birmingham and also took part by giving short speeches about revered personalities and events. I am very excited for some more interesting and enriching initiatives coming under this banner this year, Insha'All-h.

The formation of the Madrasah Board in December 2016 is another development that will go towards fulfilling one of my objectives to involve parents and community members in the future of the Madrasah. Other achievements in 2016 have paved the way for 2017 to have amazing potential for elevating our students learning and experiences, such as the upgraded Islamic Studies Syllabus throughout both the Primary and Secondary ages, and also the new Qur'an Syllabus for the Primary students. I am also continuing my commitments to enhancing our staff with skills and experience that will aid them both in the classroom and in their personal lives. A new staff enrichment programme is almost ready to roll out where staff will be offered free professional training. I strongly believe that a teaching team who are appreciated and trusted fully will have the ability to unlock the true potential of each of our students. For this reason, Muhammadi Madrasah staff were acknowledged for their efforts at an end of year staff event in December 2016, it was a wonderful evening.

This year, together with the new Deputy Principal Br. MohammedAbbas Jivraj, I intend to continue committing to my objectives that are all focussed around bringing the Madrasah back into the forefront of the Community. Our children are our future community and so we must give them the very best opportunities today. This can include an exemplary education, trained and talented teachers, sustained support on an Islamic and secular level but most of all the feeling that they are loved and that they belong.

I am so overwhelmed by the support I have received from the parents, community members and also the various committees that make up the KSIMC of Birmingham. For this support and encouragement I will always be grateful. I ask for you to continue in your openness when you give me advice and encouragement, and to remember me in your heartfelt prayers – Ameen.

With my sincere Du'aas,

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