

GLoucestershire Islamic Secondary School For Girls

Alhamdulillah, through the grace and mercy of Allah (SWT) we have had another eventful and successful year.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite being a non-selective school we continue to achieve excellent GCSE grades, well above local and national averages, Alhamdulillah.

We take academic achievement and religious, spiritual, moral, social development seriously and consider both components to be inseparable in order for education to be 'beneficial'. We also believe our emphasis on religious and spiritual development to be a direct cause for improvements in academic standards. Small class sizes and excellent discipline also helps to raise standards.

GCSE RESULTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/09

National Average:	47%
Gloucestershire LA Average:	56%
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% of pupils with 5 or more A* - C passes:	86%
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including English and Maths	

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY LINKS

The school recognises the need to form partnerships with local schools, organisations and community groups. To this end, we have formed a very successful partnership with Barnwood Park Arts College (a specialist Arts school) by benefiting from the services of a specialist Arts teacher coming in to teach Art and Craft once a week to our pupils. This has given our pupils to develop their creative abilities and also to take an extra GCSE in Art.

We have also formed a successful partnership with the Living and Learning Centre (a partnership project between the University of Gloucestershire, Aspire Sports and Cultural Trust and the Gloucestershire NHS Primary Care Trust.)

Under this partnership we have participated in various sports projects with specialist female coaches. We have also run a 10-week programme of physical activities for our Year 10 and 11 pupils at GL1. A 6-week swimming course for beginners at GL1 was also arranged as an extra-curricular activity.

Our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils have also had the opportunity to visit the Oxtalls Campus at the University of Gloucestershire to enable them a better understanding of Higher Education opportunities.

Parents' Views

The school is keen to seek parents' views with regards to overall services provided by the school. Results from a recent questionnaire given out to parents were as follows:

- 97% of parents think that this is a good school and that their daughters are happy and making good progress.
- 88% of parents believe that discipline is good and students are safe and well cared for.
- 83% of parents feel that teaching is good.
- 93% of parents feel that staff have high expectations of pupils.
- 86% of parents feel that homework builds well on what their daughters learn in school.
- 76% of parents feel that staff treat all pupils fairly and with respect.
- 65% of parents felt they were kept well informed about their pupils' progress.
- 95% of parents felt comfortable about approaching the school with questions/suggestion or a problem.
- 92% of parents felt school leadership and management was good.

ICT

This year has seen another great leap in the IT facilities made available to its pupils. The IT Lab has had another major facelift, with the introduction of newer and faster computers, throughout the suite.

Despite, the suite being upgraded less than two years ago, the IT Support Team, (working under Kassim bhai Ismail), has managed to source 20 high spec computers, which are up to 4 times more faster than its predecessors, and have had more up-to-date software running on them for the pupils. The PCs now have audio and media generating software installed in order to assist the pupils with part of their KS4 projects.

Further as part of the IT Teams more eco-friendly strategy, the old and inefficient Monochrome Laser Printers have been replaced by a single Multi-Function facility that reduces toner usage and allows significant cost savings as well.

Future projects include the school having its own email system, as well as looking at bringing in more exciting technologies, such as classroom based interactive solutions, insha-Allah.

FINAL WORD

We express our heart-felt gratitude to all our volunteers and donors who continue to assist the school with their time and wealth. May Allah (SWT) reward them abundantly in both the worlds. Ameen.

May Allah (SWT) accept our school and grant us success in all our aims. Ameen.

Mufti Abdullah
Head Teacher.