

End of Term 2 Newsletter, Winter 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,
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End-of-Term Notices

School will break up tomorrow for winter holidays, **Friday 19th December** and reopen on **Tuesday 6th January**. (IA). Please note we have a full inset day on **Monday 5th January**; therefore, school will be closed for pupils.

Key events of Term 2 are available on the school website. <https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news.php>

Visit from Local MP Alex McIntyre to Al-Ashraf Secondary School, Friday 12th December 2025

We were honoured to welcome our local Gloucester Member of Parliament, Alex McIntyre for a special visit led by our students as part of our PSHE curriculum which encompasses British values and democracy. During the visit, pupils confidently delivered a thoughtful and inspiring presentation showcasing our school ethos and our strong commitment to Citizenship. Pupils also asked thoughtful questions. Many thanks to Alex for kindly visiting.

<https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/news-article/visit-from-local-mp-alex-mcintyre>

Interim Reports

Reports will be emailed out to parents/carers tomorrow, Friday 19th December. (IA) Reports inform parents about pupils' progress in four key areas:

1. Achievement (Red – Below Expected Levels. Amber – Making progress towards expected levels. Green – At Expected Levels. Purple – Above Expected Levels)
2. Attitude to learning
3. Effort/Behaviour
4. Homework

Please do take out time to go over the report with your daughter. Parents' continuous support and engagement in their child's education plays a significant role in their success. If you have any questions or require further information regarding your daughter's academic performance, please do not hesitate to contact the school next term.

Term time leave

We remind parents to avoid booking Umrah trips/overseas visits and holidays during term time. There is no automatic right to leave and parents **must** fill in a leave form prior to booking flights etc. Research proves pupils who are not regularly attending school are more likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results. As per the school policy, parents will be fined £150 for unauthorised leave.

Pastoral Care

It is important for us at AASSG that our pupils feel happy, supported and cared for in order to achieve their best in the classroom. Khadijah Apa & Firoza Apa are our Pastoral Care Leads this year. Pupils are encouraged to contact them to discuss any issues of concern. All matters relating to pastoral care are kept strictly confidential.

Artificial Intelligence Policy

With the growing use of AI, the school have published an AI policy, we ask that parents and pupils read through this to familiarise yourselves with expectations.

<https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/policies/ai-use-policy.pdf>

Assemblies during Term 2

In addition to routine assemblies, special themed days including national and international days were selected for assembly over Term 2.

<https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/assemblies.php>

Thursday is set aside for student assemblies. All Year Groups have an opportunity to research, plan and deliver assemblies according to the topic of their choice. In addition to developing self-confidence & public speaking skills, it also aids in personal development of pupils and helps to broaden their awareness of current affairs and the world around them.

During the past term, each Year group debated pertinent themes during assembly and a vote was held this week to decide on the best debate. Year 11s received the most votes for their debate, *'Was Michael Jackson responsible for his own downfall or was he a victim of fame?'*

Congratulations to Year 11s!

Inter-House Competitions

Details of Term 1 House Art competition and Term 2 cookery competition can be seen on our website.

<https://al-ashraf.org.uk/secondary/school-houses.php>

Bebras Challenge - 10th - 21st November 2025

Once again our pupils took part in the Bebras Challenge 2025 – a fun and exciting online competition that tests your thinking skills, logic, and problem-solving! The Bebras Challenge is an international event that takes place in over 50 countries. It introduces students to computational thinking through short, interactive puzzles.

Awards

We are pleased to announce many of our student's received distinction and merit certificates. (Awarded to the top 25% & top 50-25% in the school respectively)

The following pupils received Best in School certificates.

Zahra Bobat Y7 - Juniors (10-12) Score 102

Sabirah Abdul-Basit Y9 - Intermediates (12-14) Score 115

Ruqayya Begum Y11 - Seniors (14-1) - Score 105

Masha-Allah & Congratulations to all!

Sabirah Abdul Basit also received Gold Award (Given to students who have scored in the top 10 nationally)

A truly outstanding achievement. Masha-Allah!

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation & support and wish you all a restful winter break.

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