

# At-Tazkirah

A MONTHLY MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF DARUL HADIS LATIFIAH

## WORDS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Assalamu Alaikum,

Alhamdulillah, I am delighted to announce the re-launch of our monthly newsletter formerly known as 'Al-Manaar'. We have decided to rename the newsletter to At-Tazkirah, which means 'the reminder', as we believe it is a more appropriate name which reflects the purpose of the magazine.

I would like to congratulate the editors, student council members and teachers for their hard work. I have no doubt that this magazine will be a success.

I ask Allah Ta'ala to allow the readers of At-Tazkirah to benefit greatly.

*M Hasan Chowdhury*  
Principal

### GCSE EXAMS!

With the GCSE exams fast approaching, the year 11s will no doubt be extremely busy with revision. Their first exam will be Arabic Speaking on May 4th, followed by Bengali Speaking on 6th May 2016. We pray that Allah assists them and grants them success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YEAR  
10s FOR COMING **1st** IN THE UNIT-  
ED MADRASAH CHAMPIONSHIPS!

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### What's in this issue...

In the first ever edition of At-Tazkirah, you will find:

1. Anticipating Ramadan
2. 'Islamic' riddles
3. Book review: Crocodile Tears
4. Trip review
5. A poem on racism
6. United Madrasah Championship review

### Did you know?

Did you know that the word 'Tazkirah' appears in the Qur'an 9 times?

They appear in the following surahs:

1. Taha (verse 3)
2. Al-Waqi'ah (verse 73)
3. Al-Haqqah (verse 12)
4. Al-Haqqah (verse 48)
5. Al-Muzzammil (verse 19)
6. Al-Muddathir (verse 49)
7. Al-Muddathir (verse 54)
8. Al-Insan (verse 29)
9. Abasa (verse 11).

# In Anticipation of Ramadan

Hussain Ahmed Wadud—Year 11

Ramadan “O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you many learn piety and righteousness.” (2:183)

As the month of Ramadan rapidly approaches, the entire Muslim Ummah will soon be obliged to abstain from food and drink from dawn to dusk once more. But however difficult the struggle may seem, abandoning these luxuries from daily routine allows us to focus the mind on the most fundamental aspect in life; worshipping Almighty Allah.

The month of Ramadan is the most blessed month in the whole Islamic calendar, this is due to the many opportunities Almighty Allah has given us to be forgiven for our past sins, as well as gain extra reward. Almighty Allah has said in Holy Quran: "Indeed We have revealed it (Qur'an) in the night of Power. And what will explain to you what the night of Power is? The night of Power is better than a thousand months. Therein descends the Angels and Jibreel by Allah's permission, on every errand: (they say)

"Peace" (continuously) till the rise of Morning." (97:1-5) The night of power, known as Laylatul Qadr can be found on any one of the odd numbered nights during the last ten nights of the month, but it is

most likely to be on the 27th night of Ramadan. On this night, the rewards and blessings that Almighty Allah rains upon us are immeasurable, so whether it be extra Salah, Tasbeeh or any other form of Ibadah, be sure to engage in worshipping Almighty Allah for it is the perfect opportunity to find a ticket into Jannah.

Also, it is narrated by Abu Huraira (radiyallahu anhu) that: The Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said: "Whoever fasts during Ramadan out of sincere faith and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven." (Bukhari). From this it is clear that he month of Ramadan is a month which reminds us all of Almighty Allah's mercy, and injects hope into our hearts because Almighty Allah is always willing to give His loyal servants a second chance to gain His love and approval.

So, make sure this Ramadan consists of more Ibadah and deeds than the previous, and treat it as if it were your last, for we can never be sure it is not. May Almighty Allah grant us the ability to reach this years Ramadan well prepared and utilise it in the best possible manner.

Ameen.



## A day at the Natural History Museum

Abu Taher - Year 8

This review is about the Natural History Museum when the years 7 & 8 of Darul Hadis Latifah had gone on a trip the natural history museum in South Kensington, London.

We travelled to the museum by using the Central Line from Bethnal Green to South End and from there we travelled to South Kensington using the district line. We had to walk from the station for about 5-10 minutes before we arrived at the natural history museum.

As we walked into the museum, a giant skeleton of a dinosaur was above us and it was in the centre of the main hall. It led to a lot of exhibitions, showing fossils of animals that lived millions of years before humans had ever existed. Firstly, we looked at these exhibitions then we went to one of the rooms that were about insects, parasites and microorganisms. We looked at the different species of spiders. Some of the spiders even ate other spiders. There was also another part in this room where it exhibited machines that produce sounds and noises of insects like crickets, spiders, ants and many more.

Then we moved on to our workshop which was about investigating and being scientists in a lab. We looked at various samples and researched about these samples.

After this workshop we had lunch and left the museum. Overall I would say it was a very enjoyable trip.

### Book review

## *Alex Rider: Crocodile Tears*

Fahim Shakil—Year 8

**Author:** Anthony Horowitz

**Summary:** This book is pretty good and, as the acknowledgments say, it's pretty hard to keep on writing about bad guys. I mean 7 books! But his 8th book is just as good. This is how it started. Alex Rider was at a party hosted by Desmond Martin (a retired boxer who broke his jaw). At the party, he won a card game against Desmond. This made Desmond really angry. When Desmond heard Alex talking about things he doesn't like, he decides to kill him. Later, after completing his last mission, Alex gets kidnapped and taken to Kenya on the Silmon camp in Kenya. While there, Alex got to know Desmond's plan and tries to foil it. You will have to read it to find out if he is successful.

**What I enjoyed about the book:** I enjoyed that it was fast paced and even if it was the most desperate of times it was still quite humorous.

**Improvements I would suggest:** Well it is pretty good overall, but if there was more backstory on the villain that would be good and it would make the story more interesting.

**Would I recommend?** Yes I would to young readers who like reading about adventure.

## Different Faces

Mamunur Rahman - Year 10

People have different faces

But we share the same soul

People have different races

But we're on the same road

We've come from different places  
and different parts of the world

But we'll all end up on the same  
plain

We'll all have the sun just above  
our heads on the same day

And in this world the white and  
black man will all drive the same  
lane.

*The Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said: "All mankind is descended from Adam and Eve, an Arab is not better than a non-Arab and a non-Arab is not better than an Arab; a white person is not better than a black person, nor is a black person better than a white person - except by piety and good actions."*

## Islamic Riddles

1. What is the only sunnah act which the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) commanded but never performed it himself?
2. There is a sin forbidden in the Holy Qur'an. Nobody has ever committed this sin, and it is impossible for anyone to ever commit it until the day of Judgment. What is it?
3. Which Hadith is the only Hadith that the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) narrated from a Sahabi (companion)?
4. What is the only act of worship that somebody can perform and say with certainty that nobody else is doing it at the exact same time.

Answers to be revealed the in next issue.

## United Madrasah Championship 2016

### Review

The feeling of coming first. Not many people know what that feels like, but the year 10 students of Darul Hadis Latifah certainly do. On Thursday 28th April 2016, Darul Hadis Latifah were one of 8 Islamic Schools from East London that took part in the United Madrasah Championship 2016. The annual sporting event took place at Mile End Stadium and consisted of students from years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Accompanied by their inspirational teachers, the boys of DHL made sure that this year's event was one in which they left the stadium lifting a trophy with their heads held high. The year 7s did brilliantly to finish 3rd in their year group, and were unfortunate to fall short of 2nd place, claimed by London Islamic School (LIS), who were pipped to 1st place by Jamiatul Ummah (JU). A standout performer from year 7 was Abdul Alim, who came first in the tedious 400m race. The year 8s went one better and managed to finish 2nd, with JU claiming 1st place again. A standout performer was Fiyaj Khan, finishing 1st in the 400m race and shot-put. Unfortunately, the year 9s didn't perform as well as the others this year, but Mahfuzul Alam did well to finish 1st in the 100m race. Insha'allah, they build on their experience and perform better next year.

However, the accolades belong to DHL Year 10s. With multiple 1st place winners, and a greater number of 2nd and 3rd place finishers, the year 10s did the school proud by coming 1st ahead of LIS. There were many stand-out performers, notably Amir Ali who came first in the 400m race and Mamunur Rahman who made the 80m hurdles look like stroll in the park. But according to his classmates, the star of the show (or the 'MVP' as they like to call him) was Mijanul Islam, who totally bossed the 100m race by finishing 1st, with the runner up a good 2 miles behind him (that may be a slight exaggeration).

The boys' fantastic achievements meant that DHL finished 2nd on the combined scoreboard, very narrowly missing out on 1st place. Nevertheless, they were brilliant and did their school proud.



*The year 10s celebrating their achievement with their form tutor.*



*Catch me if you can? Mijanul Islam showing Usain Bolt how it's done.*

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE,  
REVIEW OR PUZZLE FOR NEXT MONTH'S  
EDITION OF AT-TAZKIRAH?**

**If you would like to contribute, please hand in  
your submissions to your class captain.**

**The theme for next month's edition is *Ramadan*.**

### MI'RAJ AN-NABI

To commemorate Al-Isra and Mi'raj an-Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam), there will be a special program for the students during the 6th period on Wednesday 4th May 2016, featuring Qira'at of the Holy Qur'an, Nasheeds and Speeches.