

# At-Tazkirah

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## Words from our new Headteacher

### Assalamu alaikum! Ramadan Mubarak!

I am delighted to join an exceptional group of educationalists at Darul Hadis Latifiah to ensure the institution continues to provide outstanding education for all students. At Darul Hadis, we aim to provide a holistic education catering for the various needs of our students so that they are better prepared for the world. Students are provided with exceptional educational opportunities that helps to develop skills they need in order to be successful and at the same time supplemented by high quality religious and spiritual training.

Prior to joining Darul Hadis, I was an Assistant Principal in an outstanding Academy with exceptional GCSE and A level results. I have brought with me 18 years of experience from the state sector. In order for all our students to achieve their potential, we will provide all the structural support for them with strong behaviour, achievement and moral ethos. However, in order for all our students to achieve, we will need the ongoing support from all the parents, carers and the wider community. It's so critical that we all work together to enable all our students to succeed and achieve their potential.

Foezul Ali

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# Ramadan:

## The Month of Mercy

### Assalamu alaikum! Ramadan Mubarak!

All praises are due to Allah Ta'ala, for blessing us with the luminous month of Ramadan, the month of the Holy Qur'an, the month of *Rahmah*; mercy.

Imam Muslim رحمه الله narrates on the authority of Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

*“When the month of Ramadan arrives, the doors of mercy are opened; the doors of hellfire are closed and the devils are chained.”*

The doors of Allah's mercy are never closed, but in Ramadan the mercy of Allah is greater because the doors of Allah's punishment are closed and the devils are locked up.

So in reality, although the mercy of Allah never ceases, Ramadan is a month in which it is much easier to attain the mercy of Allah.

We should seize the opportunity to be showered with Allah's mercy, before the devils are once again released.

Ramadan provides us with

an excellent opportunity to discipline our souls and adopt praiseworthy traits and habits.

We should spend the entire month in worship, as rewards are multiplied greatly. However, there are certain acts that specifically guarantee the one who performs such actions to be showered with Allah's mercy, as informed by Allah Ta'ala Himself and His Noble Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم

Insha'allah, we shall mention a few, and we ask Allah Ta'ala to grant us the *tawfiq* (ability), to accept from us, and to grant us *dawam* (continuation) after Ramadan.

### Did you know...?

**Fasting in Ramadan became obligatory in the second year after Hijrah.**



### How Well Do You Know

#### Ramadan?

Abdul Khayum, Year 10

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. The month lasts between 29-30 days based on the sightings of the crescent moon. Ramadan is a time when the Shaytaan and the Jinns (all of which misguide the children of Adam), are locked away, unable to inflict their darkness upon us.

The word Ramadan comes from the Arabic root Ramida or Ar Ramad, which means scorching heat and dryness. Fasting is fardh (obligatory) for adult Muslims, except for those who are suffering an illness, travelling, are elderly, pregnant, breastfeeding diabetic or going through menstrual bleeding. Fasting the month of Ramadan was made obligatory (wajib) during the month of Sha'aban, in the second year after the Muslims migrated from Mecca to Medina.

While fasting from dawn until sunset, Muslims must refrain from consuming food, drinking liquids and smoking. Muslims are also instructed to refrain from sinful behaviour that may negate the reward of fasting, such as false speech, insulting, backbiting, cursing, lying, fighting, etc. Spiritual rewards (thawab) for fasting are also multiplied within the month of Ramadan. Fasting for Muslims during Ramadan includes the increased offering of Salah and recitation of the Quran.

## RAMADAN: THE MONTH OF MERCY (continued)

### 1. Reciting the Holy Qur'an and listening to its recitation

The Holy Qur'an itself is *rahma* (mercy). Allah Ta'ala says:

*"And we reveal from the Qur'an that which is a cure and rahma for the believers."* (al-Isra 17:82)

Reciting it causes mercy to descend, and so does listening to it. Allah Ta'ala says:

*"And when the Qur'an is recited, listen to it attentively, so that you may be shown mercy."* (al-A'raf 7:204)

Salah at-Taraweeh is a wonderful way to listen to the beautiful recitation of the Holy Qur'an.

### 2. To have *sabr* (perseverance)

Ramadan is also the ideal time to try and harness the admirable quality of *sabr*; patience, perseverance, endurance and forbearance.

Allah Ta'ala says regarding those that possess *sabr*:

*"They are those that are showered with blessings and rahma, and they are the guided ones."* (al-Baqarah 2:157)

And undoubtedly, this summer, fasting will need *sabr*. May Allah Ta'ala make it easy for us.

### 3. Seek forgiveness (*Istighfar*)

Ramadan is the month of forgiveness. Only the truly wretched ones fail to attain forgiveness from Allah Ta'ala. In fact, the Prophet ﷺ has cursed the ones

who find Ramadan, yet fail to obtain *maghfirah* (forgiveness from Allah for their sins).

Constantly asking Allah Ta'ala for forgiveness is the blessed habit of our beloved Prophet ﷺ, and also a means of being showered with mercy.

Allah Ta'ala says:

*"And why do you not seek forgiveness from Allah, so you that you may be showered with mercy."* (an-Naml 27:46)

May Allah Ta'ala forgive all our sins, and grant us safety from the hellfire.

### 4. Remember Allah and study the Holy Qur'an

Ramadan is the month of the Holy Qur'an. We should try and recite as much of it possible, but also make an effort to understand the beautiful message it portrays. Alhamdulillah, most mosques hold sessions throughout Ramadan, the month in which the Holy Qur'an was revealed. We should try and attend these gatherings as they are certainly gatherings of mercy.

Imam Muslim رحمه الله narrates on the authority of Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه that the Prophet ﷺ said:

*"No group of people gather together in a mosque and recite the Qur'an and study it; except that they are showered with rahma, angels surround them, tranquillity descends upon them and Allah remembers them with those who are with Him."*

### 5. Pray 4 raka'at Sunnah before 'Asr

This last one may seem a little peculiar, but Ramadan is a month of voluntary worship. In addition to our obligatory prayers, we should try and make the habit of increasing in *tatawuu'* (voluntary) prayers.

Although the jurists agree that the four raka'at Sunnah are not emphasised (*ghayr-Mu'akkadah*), its blessing is unique. In fact, by praying these 4 units of prayer, we may be fortunate enough to benefit from the du'a of our beloved Prophet ﷺ

رحمه الله; Imam Tirmidhi رحمه الله narrates on the authority of Abdullah ibn Umar رضي الله عنه that the Prophet said:

*"May Allah have mercy on the one who prays four raka'at before 'Asr."*

As mentioned earlier, these are just a few deeds we may perform throughout Ramadan in order to attain mercy from Allah Ta'ala, but we should do as much *ibadah* as possible, to the best of our ability.

May Allah Ta'ala shower His mercy upon us in this month, accept our good deeds, forgive our sins and grant us salvation from the hellfire.

Amin.

## ***Ramadan Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)***

### **Q1. Is it OK if I break my fast because the doctors said I must have medicine?**

A1. If a doctor tells you that you must take medicine during the day (and it is not possible to take it at any other time), then you are permitted to take the medicine. You will be required to perform a qada (make-up fast) after Ramadan for each fast that you broke.

### **Q2. If a person eats forgetfully, does he continue fasting?**

A2. If a person eats or drinks while forgetting that he is fasting, then his fast will not break regardless of how much he eats. As soon as he remembers, he should stop eating or drinking immediately, and continue with his fast.

### **Q3. If I gargle during wudu and swallow water accidentally, does my fast break?**

A3. If a person accidentally swallows water during wudu, his fast will break and a qada will be necessary. If one fears that gargling may result in swallowing some water, then it should be avoided.

### **Q4. If I need to have an injection, do I need to fast?**

A4. Having an injection whilst fasting will not break the fast.

### **Q5. If I missed some fasts from last year's Ramadan, do I have to make them up before this Ramadan?**

A5. Although it is Fard to make up any previously missed Ramadan fasts, it is not obligatory to perform them before the next Ramadan arrives—but it is recommended.

### **Q6. If I backbite or swear whilst fasting, will it break my fast?**

A6. Although backbiting and swearing are both forbidden, they will not break the fast. However, if one engages in such forbidden acts whilst fasting, the fast is less likely to be accepted by Allah Ta'ala.

### **Q7. If I don't pray Taraweeh, will my fast be valid the following day?**

A7. It is an emphasised Sunnah to perform Taraweeh during the nights of Ramadan. However it is independent from fasting and missing it does not affect the fast of the following day.

# Giving Up Backbiting

Maruf Ahmed (MMA)

As Ramadan approaches, it is imperative that we don't destroy the rewards of our good deeds by committing sins and disobeying Allah. One of the most common sins is *gheebah* (backbiting).

Besides destroying one's rewards, there are numerous and severe consequences of backbiting mentioned in many ahadith, including:

1. Allah Ta'ala will reveal the faults of a backbiting person, just as he revealed the faults of others.
2. It is one of the primary causes of punishment in the grave.
3. Allah Ta'ala will cause those who habitually backbite to eat the corpse of dead bodies in Hellfire.
4. The du'a of such a person will not be accepted.

Here are four ways to try and give up backbiting:

## 1. To observe silence.

Many people begin backbiting the moment they open their mouths.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم encouraged his Ummah to try and observe silence and not speak unless necessary. By doing so, we will not only be absolved from the evil of backbiting, but also other grave sins such as lying and swearing.

This quality (remaining silent) is from the beautiful characteristics of a believer.

Imam Bukhari narrates on the authority of Abu Shuraih al-Adawi (ra) that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, he should only speak good, or remain silent."

Imam Tirmidhi narrates on the authority of Abu Huraira (ra) that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"One of the beautiful traits of a Mus-

lim is that he leaves that which does not concern him."

Imam al-Mundhri narrates in his at-Targheeb with a Sahih chain on the authority of Abdullah Ibn Umar (ra) that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"Whoever remains silent, has survived!"

By observing silence, you have the opportunity to think before uttering anything and also ponder whether what you say will be of benefit, harm, or neither.

## 2. Engage in the remembrance of Allah.

Instead of remembering and recalling others and their qualities, we should remember Allah constantly and talk about Him, His qualities, His bounties and also His Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

Remembering Allah Ta'ala prevents shaytan to whisper into the heart.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is reported to have said:

"Verily shaytan feeds on the hearts of humans. If he remembers Allah, shaytan will flea. But if he forgets Allah, shaytan will feed on his heart."

We should also try to engage in other commendable acts which will keep you preoccupied.

## 3. Think how you would feel if someone were to backbite you.

It is very easy to speak ill of others, yet we get furious even quicker when we discover that someone has been backbiting us.

Just as we would become upset if someone was to speak behind our backs, we should realise before backbiting others that they would also become upset. This is a vital element of Iman.

Imam Bukhari narrates on the authority of Anas Ibn Malik (ra) that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"None of you have truly believed until you love for your brothers what you love for yourselves."

## 4. Avoid people or gatherings that are likely to cause you to backbite.

It is important to assess when, where and with whom we backbite most often. If we can determine these, then it is imperative to avoid such places and people.

For example, it may be so that whenever you meet with colleagues at lunch time, it is very probable that you may backbite. Hence it is strongly advised to avoid such meetings.

Likewise, you should not keep the company of those who you are likely to backbite with.

Imam Tirmidhi and Abu Dawud both narrate on the authority of Abu Huraira (ra) that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"A man follows the way of his friend, so beware whom you befriend!"

It is also advisable, and a Sunnah, to read the following du'a upon leaving a gathering;

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ ،  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ  
أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

"Subhanakal-lahumma wa bi hamdika, ash-hadu al-laa ilaha illa anta, astaghfiruka wa atubu ilaik"

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that whoever exits a gathering and reads this du'a, Allah Ta'ala will forgive any misdeeds committed in that gathering.

(Narrated by Abu Dawud and Nasa'i on the authority of Abu Hurairah)

## The Prophet (SAW) and his Behavior Towards non-Muslims

Hussain Ahmed, A2

*“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah are the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.” (49:13)*

Amongst the seemingly perpetual issues regarding Muslims and non-Muslims of all nationalities, there are some which we have become so accustomed to that we no longer see them as concerns, which itself is a problem. One of which that I intend on raising to our attention, is the behavior of the Muslim Ummah towards the non-Muslims.

To begin with, Almighty Allah has told us *“O mankind, indeed we have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another ...” (Surah Hujurat)* which instantaneously displays the equality between all races, for Almighty Allah created everyone equally and He does not say any nation or tribe is supreme over another. In addition to this, Rasoolullah (SAW) has said in his last sermon that

*“...All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white...”*

Therefore, racism and inequality should never be existent, amongst anyone, but in particular the followers of Rasoolullah (SAW).

Furthermore, Rasoolullah (SAW) signed a charter in al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, famously known as the Charter of Madinah, in which he included numerous rules between the Muslims and Jews present at al-Madinah Al-Munawarah to maintain the harmony. To illustrate a couple:

*“Whosoever among the Jews follows us shall have help and equality; they shall not be injured nor shall any enemy be aided against them...”*

*“The Jews shall maintain their own religion and the Muslims theirs...”*

From this, it is clear Rasoolullah (SAW) wanted the Muslims and non-Muslims to live peacefully together and even portrayed how to do so. However, it seems the majority of Muslims have forgotten what the Prophet had laid down for us to follow.

May Almighty Allah give us the ability to follow Islam, be peaceful and forgiving like the Prophet has shown us to be.

**Tip: Read this du'a before an exam.**

اللَّهُمَّ لَاسْهَلُ إِلَّا مَا جَعَلْتَهُ سَهْلًا  
وَأَنْتَ تَجْعَلُ الْحَزْنَ إِذَا شِئْتَ سَهْلًا.

### EXAMS

The GCSE exams are well underway. The final exam the students will sit is on Wednesday 20th June 2018.

We hope that all our students work hard and revise well, and we pray that they are successful.

## Additional places available for 2018/19 Year 7



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Our 2016/17 GCSE Attainment 8 score was 59.7 - well above the national average.

I am pleased to inform you that 6 more places have been made available in Year 7 for admission in September 2018. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

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We also have limited spaces available for Years 8 & 9.

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## Ramadan 2018/1439

### Sehri and Iftar Timetable for London

Days	Ramadan	May 2018	Sehri end	Sunrise	Iftar
Wed	01	16	03-25	05-07	08-50
Thu	02	17	03-23	05-06	08-51
<b>Fri</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>03-21</b>	<b>05-04</b>	<b>08-53</b>
Satur	04	19	03-19	05-03	08-54
Sun	05	20	03-17	05-02	08-55
Mon	06	21	03-15	05-01	08-57
Tues	07	22	03-13	05-00	08-58
Wed	08	23	03-11	04-59	09-00
Thu	09	24	03-10	04-57	09-01
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>03-08</b>	<b>04-56</b>	<b>09-02</b>
Sat	11	26	03-06	04-55	09-03
Sun	12	27	03-04	04-54	09-05
Mon	13	28	03-02	04-53	09-06
Tue	14	29	03-00	04-52	09-07
Wed	15	30	02-59	04-51	09-09
Thu	16	31	02-57	04-50	09-10
<b>Fri</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>01 June 2018</b>	<b>02-55</b>	<b>04-49</b>	<b>09-11</b>
Sat	18	02	02-54	04-48	09-12
Sun	19	03	02-53	04-48	09-13
Mon	20	04	02-52	04-47	09-14
Tue	21	05	02-51	04-46	09-15
Wed	22	06	02-50	04-46	09-15
Thu	23	07	02-49	04-45	09-16
<b>Fri</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>02-49</b>	<b>04-45</b>	<b>09-17</b>
Sat	25	09	02-48	04-44	09-18
Sun	26	10	02-48	04-44	09-19
Mon	27	11	02-47	04-44	09-19
Tue	28	12	02-45	04-43	09-20
Wed	29	13	02-45	04-43	09-21
Thu	30	14	02-45	04-43	09-22

This timetable is in accordance with London Salah Timetable Unification Ulama Committee

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### Niyat for Fasting

نويث أن أصوم  
غداً من شهر رمضان المبارك فرضاً لك  
يا الله فتقبل مني إنك أنت السميع العليم

I intent to keep fast today for the blessed month of Ramadan, O Allah accept it from me, verily You are the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

### Dua for Iftaar

اللهم لك صمت  
وبك امنت وعلى رزقك افطرت  
برحمتك يا ارحم الراحمين

O Allah, I fasted for you and I believe in You and I break my fast by Your sustenance, with Your mercy, O the Most Merciful.

## Fund Raising Appeal 2018

### 17 Ramadan

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10am