

7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we welcome the month of Ramadan, we want to be clear with students and their families about arrangements in school during the period of fasting. We want to reassure you that whilst we respect religious observance completely we have to also maintain our focus on learning and student progress.

The PE team are very aware that student energy levels can drop during Ramadan and are sympathetic to this, however it is essential that students remain focussed on learning and still bring their PE kit to all lessons. As per faculty policy, even when students are not taking part in physical activity they can contribute and benefit from a wider learning experience by officiating, scoring and supporting staff in the delivery of lessons. For this reason it is essential that kit is still brought to school on days when PE lessons take place.

Learning will continue as usual in all other areas of the school, including the Applied Learning and Technology faculty. It is not possible to put a hold on learning for an extended period of time within so those students who are currently taking part in food technology lessons will be expected to attend these lessons and engage in exactly the same way as they have previously and permission will not be given for students to not take part in cooking.

There will be rooms available for students who wish to pray at lunchtimes or have somewhere to go for a period of reflection, but this will need to be arranged through your child's year team. Please contact them on 0121 533 3750 in the first instance.

We are determined that students get the opportunity to observe their religious beliefs against a backdrop of tolerance and support but also one where the development of mature young people with a focus on the importance of education is paramount.

Ramadan Mubarak

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Davis  
Deputy Headteacher