



Bluecoat Academy
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Muslim students in Year 11 are rapidly approaching their final GCSE exams and for this summer the Holy month of Ramadan falls directly within the examination season.

As a Christian faith school we take very seriously other religions, faiths and beliefs as we are proud of having such a diverse intake of students across the whole academy. As an Academy we want to help support and cater for our Muslim students who will be involved in daily fasts, especially those taking their GCSE exams, whilst managing the potential negative impact fasting and dehydration may have on exam performance. Of course, the way that a person observes Ramadan is a matter of individual conscience and fasting is a matter for individuals and families to consider at this crucial time in your child's education, a time in which they seek to attain their best grades which will take them on to the next phase in their education.

I know this will be a very special time for many of you and your children and, as you are aware, the fasts this year will be very long and can be difficult for some children who may need support in managing their intake of fluids and also their sleep patterns to accommodate late night prayers. I know that you will have thought carefully about whether your child fasts and want to reassure you that the Academy will be respectful of your decisions.

If we can work together in supporting our Muslim students through this crucial time of their lives I think we will be able to help them reach their full potential.

If you wish to liaise/discuss any of the above on how we can work together to support your child during the course of Ramadan please do not hesitate to contact me or their Year Leader. I wish you all a happy and productive month and wish you well in all your devotions. If you are participating in the observance of Ramadan, may I wish you *Ramadhan Al-Mubarak*.

Yours faithfully,

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