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school in Cambridgeshire



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Iqra Academy



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“Read”

“Read in the name of your Lord who created,
Created man from a clot.
Read, and your Lord is the most Generous,
Who taught by the pen,
Taught man that which he knew not.”

Surah Alaq 96 : Verse 1-5



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Welcome to Iqra Academy

CEO Statement

Assalaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu,
May the peace, mercy and blessing of the Almighty be upon you,

Dear Parent/Guardian, We are proud to present to you the prospectus for Iqra Academy. In this prospectus, you will find all that you need to know about our school: its history, its values and its vision for the future. This prospectus will give you an insight into what it means to be a student at Iqra Academy.

We value every person at Iqra Academy and are driven by an underlying philosophy rooted in the Islamic faith. We believe that every child deserves the best possible education, regardless of background and ability, and we work with determination to ensure that we unlock their potential.

At Iqra Academy, God willing, your daughter will fulfill her potential and emerge as a confident and articulate citizen, proud of her faith and values and ready to contribute to her community. We would like to thank you for considering Iqra Academy and wish you well in the future.

Maulana Tariq Nawaz



Principal's Message

Iqra Academy is the only all Girls Islamic faith school in the City of Peterborough.

The Academy is unique in that it fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum along with the opportunity to learn Islamic values and Quranic studies, giving the students the best of both worlds.

Our aim at Iqra Academy is to enable our students to develop a sense of self-value and self-respect as British citizens and help them to become valued and responsible members of British society.

Moving forward, our vision for the Academy is a simple one: we want all our Students to be the very best that they can be and achieve their full potential.

The Academy has had National success in Sport and has a comprehensive enrichment programme, as we prepare Students for life and higher education or employment. The Academy has a vibrant and challenging atmosphere, where students have the highest expectations and standards, showing trust and discipline in all that we do.

Dr Michael Wright



Our Vision and Aims

Our Vision

Iqra Academy's vision is to be an establishment of educational excellence which will raise the next generation of Muslimahs, producing individuals of a high caliber, delivering on their social moral and religious responsibilities. Producing young women who will be of the highest moral standards benefiting society locally, nationally and internationally. Our students should leave our establishment with all the tools required to be integrated and valued members of British society, being economically productive and socially responsible.

Our Aims

- To provide the best possible education for our children based on national and Islamic curriculum.
- To promote a culture of educational excellence.
- To provide an environment where our children grow as strong confident Muslims.
- To give them an understanding of Islam which will help and support them through out life.
- To give our children a deep understanding of their social and religious responsibilities.
- To enable our students to be of the highest moral standards.
- To help each and every young person discover their unique talent.
- To develop self awareness and self discipline.



Our Curriculum

Iqra Academy offers all students a broad and balanced curriculum. The Academy has a comprehensive intake, taking pupils of all abilities.

Our curriculum has been carefully devised to provide variety and balance between the national curriculum and Islamic education. Iqra Academy is committed to the delivery of a varied group of subjects, subjects including:

- Art & Design
- English
- Humanities (Geography & History)
- ICT
- Modern Language (including Arabic and Urdu)
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Life Skills (PHSE/Citizenship)
- Science
- RSPH level 2
- Psychology
- Bronze Art Award
- Religious Studies (Islam and other Religions)

Iqra Academy provides the following the Islamic subjects:

- Quranic Studies: Appreciate the full value and enormity of the Quran.
- Tajweed: The knowledge and application of the rules of recitation of the holy Quran.
- Hadith Studies: Learn and put into practice how Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon) lived his life.
- Islamic History: Appreciate the history behind the development of Islam.
- Islamic Studies: a look at the tenants of Islam, including but not limited to beliefs, pillars, manners and conduct.

Students receive additional booster classes in the GCSE programme and time for personal study. Students also get the opportunity to undertake projects relating to community service and charity.



Learning

At Iqra Academy, students experience high quality lessons which enable them to make rapid progress in their learning and to help them achieve challenging personal targets. Learning and teaching for both staff and students is an enjoyable shared experience with independent, engaged and interested learners and enthusiastic, reflective, challenging and innovative teachers and teaching.

Her Majesty's Inspectors in their Ofsted report (June 2017) concluded that "current pupils show accelerated progress because the work they are set challenges them to achieve well." The report stated that "Staff morale is high" and added that "Parents were universally positive about the education their children receive." The report found that "pupils benefit from effective teaching that provides interest and variety." Inspectors added "the good subject knowledge that teachers display allows them to ask challenging questions that captures pupils interest."

Pupils are attentive and curious. The strong relationships they forge with staff help them to feel secure enough to ask for help, raise questions and confidently articulate their views." Inspectors also found that "in the vast majority of lessons, pupils behave in an exemplary fashion. They are conscientious, concentrate hard, listen attentively and respect the views of others."



Teaching

As part of our School's Curriculum development cycle, all Teachers undergo a Graded Lesson Observation. Areas of Good Practice and Areas for Improvement are identified and recorded. These are collated centrally and inform Staff Continuous Professional Development and Sharing Good Practice sessions. We maintain a CPD log for all staff of internal and external input into Sharing Good Practice sessions.

We record individuals Areas of Good practice and Areas for Improvement at the Teachers Annual Appraisals and Probation Reviews, where we discuss how these areas can be taken forward. Staff Development is one and practicing through Peer Observations is another.

All the Staff will formalize their Peer Observations (which run throughout the year) by completing at least one Observation form a term and by producing an agreed Action Plan, which evidences progress made. This will address the Areas of Improvement identified in their Graded Observations and of which are now, targets in their individual annual appraisals and probation reviews.

These Peer Observation forms are then Collated Centrally and inform future staff development and Staff training days. They also inform the next Developmental Observations, where all teachers are observed again but without giving a grade.

These Peer and Developmental Observations are built in to support all Teachers develop and address those Areas of Improvement identified, so that they are rectified before the next round of Graded Lesson Observations. This along with Appraisal/Probation target Reviews and SD/Training days completes the cycle, which is then repeated every term.

Teachers also utilize and action feedback from Students feedback forms on Teachers. These feedback forms also contribute to the teacher's reflections and targets set in their Appraisal and Probation reviews.

Iqra Academy has developed its own Professional Learning and Development Teacher Mentoring programme. All teachers in training and new to the School have been allocated a Mentor, have completed a PLD Audit and PLD Mentoring Log, to identify and address areas for improvement.

Inspectors praised the leadership of teaching, learning and assessment, describing it as being "highly effective."



Islamic Department

At Iqra Academy our Islamic department is entrusted to prepare, develop and deliver a curriculum and environment that does nurture the most valuable asset of our community, our children, our future.

Our dedicated Islamic team produce students who are ready to meet the challenges of an ever changing social landscape equipping them with the high moral and ethical excellence taught by Islam.

Our team is built up of UK Islamic Graduates who have excelled within the traditional sciences and have successfully sort and gained Ijaazah (permission) from renowned institutions from around the world.

Our highly dedicated team have a passion for educating with a strong proven track history in the teaching field.

The core principals of Islam are used to develop the students to have a deep appreciation of their faith and use its universal lessons to serve their communities. Display excellent character and become part of every aspect of our society as leaders, leaders who will shape society for the better.



The Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him said:

“One who treads a path in the search of knowledge, Allah will make for him the path to paradise easy because of it.”



Ibn e Masood radhiallahu anhu said:

“True knowledge is not measured in relationship to how much you memorize and then narrate, but rather, true knowledge is an expression of piety [protecting oneself from what Allah prohibited and acting upon what He mandated].”

He also said: “Study and act upon what you learn.”



Admissions

We are now enrolling students for year 7-11. Anyone interested in enrolling their daughter at Iqra Academy must obtain an application form, which must be filled in and sent to the Administration Office. In year transfers are also considered and an application form must be filled in.

Selection criteria: We currently only accept female students in years 7-11, after a successful interview and with an agreement with parents that fees will be paid.

The school will consider any female to join throughout the year due to exceptional circumstances. The senior management team will assess each case on its merits.

Over-subscription criteria

We are currently not an over-subscribed school. If the school should be over-subscribed the following criteria will be applied:

1. Children where recognised professional opinion (a letter from a GP, Consultant, Educational Psychologist or Social Worker explaining why the child cannot attend any school other than the Academy) shows that circumstances present a particularly strong case for taking in a child.
2. A child with a sibling currently attending the Academy and who will continue to do so after the date of admission.
3. Proximity of a child's home to the Academy.

Fees

Iqra Academy is a private institution with no local authority or government grants supporting it. This academy is for everyone and is funded by the community. The running of the academy depends on fees and voluntary contributions

Fees are set annually, with a view of keeping the price as low. The fees can be paid in advance, annually or monthly installments by standing order. Methods of payment will be agreed at the interview.

Sixth Form

At Iqra Academy we promote confident expression in a safe environment.

We offer GCSE retakes. A Level subject availability will be dependant on demand. Our students will enjoy a supportive and mature environment.

We do not hide the fact that we are a Islamic Academy and have high expectations of all our students in everything that they do. The opportunities within the Sixth Form for personal development, together with academic excellence are constantly encouraged.

We inspire our students to reach their potential. At the end of Year 13 students leave as confident Muslimahs who are articulate, employable and personable young adults ready to take on the numerous challenges that lie ahead. Please contact the school for further information.





Extra-curricular

Enrichment through extracurricular activities are a key feature at Iqra, over the course of the year we have seen regional and national success with our football team being named national champions and regional champions. We are continuing to look at ways to enhance our student experience through academic, sport and cultural teams and clubs. Extracurricular activities offered include:

- Art
- Athletics
- Cricket
- Volunteer/Charity
- Self Defence
- Reading
- Badminton
- Netball
- Nasheeds
- Football
- Drama
- Swimming
- Cookery
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Rounders
- Media



Iqra Academy lift National Title and become Double Cup Winners:

Iqra Academy School team were crowned National Champions at The Association of Muslim Schools National Tournament in 2017. The team travelled to Coventry for the U13 Girls 5-a-side football competition after having already being crowned the AMS Inter-Faith Midlands Football Champions in May 2017.

Iqra Academy beat teams from Bolton, Birmingham and Leicester on the way to winning this annual competition. Iqra Academy were the only unbeaten team in the competition with six wins and one draw, scoring 38 goals and conceding ten goals in their seven matches.

In becoming the Interfaith Midlands School Champions, in 2017, Iqra Academy became the first Muslim Faith School to ever win this annual competition.

Iqra Academy School Football Team Results 2016/17:

Played 30, Won 25, Drawn 2, Lost 3, Goals For 153, Against 44

Ofsted Inspection 2017

Ofsted has judged the teaching and learning, leadership and management, pupil behaviour and personal development as Good in June 2017.



"In religious education, psychology, Urdu, citizenship and Islamic studies, pupils attained well above national averages."

"Pupils' increased leadership raises aspirations, while helping pupils to develop their communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills."



"Most-able pupils attain well and make good progress."



"The leadership of teaching, learning and assessment is highly effective"

"Inspection evidence showed pupils to be polite, respectful, conscientious and caring."



"The student council instills in pupils the importance of democracy, compromise and equality."



"In the vast majority of lessons, pupils behave in an exemplary fashion. They are conscientious, concentrate hard, listen attentively and respect the views of others."

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PMET

PETERBOROUGH MUSLIM EDUCATION TRUST

Iqra Academy is the flagship school of the Peterborough Muslim Education Trust (PMET), founded in 2009. With the takeover by the new board of directors bringing a new lease of life, a renewed vision and injecting an abundance of vigour and motivation in February 2016.

PMET is a registered charity and a community initiative which is committed to meeting the educational needs of the Muslim and wider communities of Peterborough and beyond through educational establishments ranging from nursery to university. PMET aims to deliver long and short term, relevant, high caliber education for all ages and sections of our society through national and Islamic curriculums. Building characters that are firmly grounded in Islamic values.

PMET provides a safe and enriching environment where your child can grow as a strong confident Muslim.

PMET sees itself as being the custodians of our communities greatest assets, our children, our future and strives to nurture tomorrows leaders.

The Trust employs the best most suited staff members and invest in their continuing professional development. Staff also benefit from a range of nationally accredited training.

Find out more about Peterborough Muslim Education Trust by visiting:
<http://www.pmet.org.uk>





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