



AL NOORI NEWS

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"BE PATIENT. FOR, WHAT WAS WRITTEN FOR YOU, WAS WRITTEN BY THE GREATEST OF WRITERS"

MASJID MAZIN AHMED



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

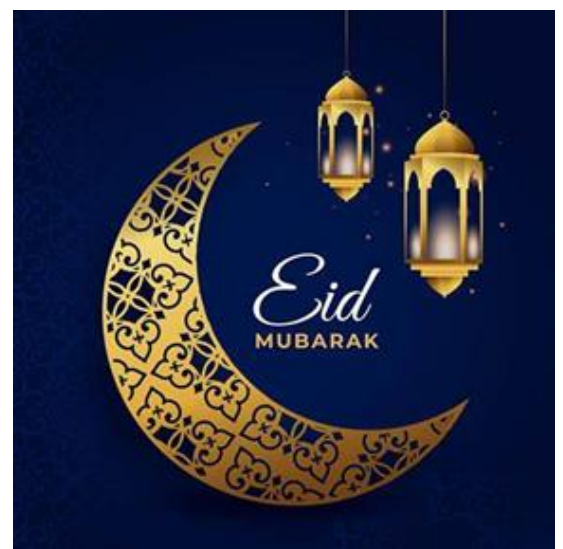
We know that these coming weeks will be challenging for all our families as we manage the Learning from Home together and the much tighter restrictions at school. Over the holiday period several emails were sent to families containing updates. We noticed that a few emails bounced back. If parent/carer did not receive these emails, in the first instance, please check your spam/junk emails. If you have not received any emails, please email the administration office via enrolments@alnoori.nsw.edu.au with your accurate contact details, as email is our main platform for communication. Newsletters will be published on the school website and sent via emails to parents/carers. Please keep updated with these emails as instructions and information pertaining to your children's learning are constantly being communicated in line with NSW Health advice to schools.

EID AL-ADHA MUBARAK

We wish all families a safe and happy Eid Al-Adha. We encourage families to enjoy their Eid celebrations whilst ensuring they follow the safety guidelines issued by the NSW Department of Health.

The school will be closed on Monday, 19th of July 2021, Tuesday, 20th of July 2021 and Wednesday, 21st of July 2021 to mark the Eid celebrations and no online learning will take place. **In line with today's announcement by the Premier Gladys Berejiklian, online learning will resume on Thursday, 22nd of July 2021 until further notice.**

The Prophet (PBUH) recommended for those who are not pilgrims to fast on the day of Arafah, which falls on Monday, 19th of July 2021 as he said: "It expiates the sins of the past year and the coming year." (Muslim)



THE MAZIN AHMED TRIBUTE

Mazin Ahmed was a gentle, generous, respectful, and considerate gentleman who was deeply loved by his peers and teachers. His private struggle with cancer and his determination to stay positive and continue with his schooling journey was inspirational to all who knew him. His legacy was patience and perseverance and a strong faith in Allah's (SWT) decree.



A couple of days before the 2020 HSC started, the school was informed about the passing away of our brother Mazin Ahmed. May Allah (SWT) be pleased with him and grant him access to the highest level of paradise. It was heart-warming to see his peers at the funeral getting together to ensure he is not forgotten.

Prior to his passing, NESA had awarded him an HSC Certificate. UTS made him an early round offer to the double degree he was seeking. The senior staff visited him to congratulate him and award him his graduation certificate.

The students embarked on increasing his reward through Sadaqa Jaariyah (ongoing charity) as a small token of their love for him. Students from across Kindergarten to Year 12 donated towards this worthy cause, raising in excess of \$15, 000. The money collected went towards the purchase of water wells in Asia and the building of the Mazin Ahmed Mosque in Africa with a water well for the mosque and surrounding community.



“O Allah, forgive them and have mercy on them and give them strength and pardon them. Be generous to them and cause their entrance to be wide and wash them with water and snow and hail. Cleanse them of their transgressions as white cloth is cleansed of stains. Give them an abode better than their home, and a family better than their family and a spouse better than their spouse. Take them into Paradise and protect them from the punishment of the grave [and from the punishment of Hell-fire].”

Muslim: 963

HSC STUDENTS' TRIBUTE

Extract from the Graduation Night Tribute

Mazin was different to us all. Often, it would seem as if he was everyone's friend; there was not a single quality in him that would make one dislike him. He was kind, compassionate, and did everything truly from his heart for others. He put our needs above his own, and kept our feelings at heart, no matter the situation. Never once hesitating to give away from his time and comfort for others.

He never once brought up his situation or spoke of his hardships, but instead he told the doctors and his parents to not speak a word of it to anyone. Despite all the tests that had befallen him, and the calamities he was facing, he set aside his feelings and concerns to make sure that not one of us let his situation affect our own lives. Not for a single moment in his life was he nothing short of selfless and compassionate.

That was the person Mazin was.

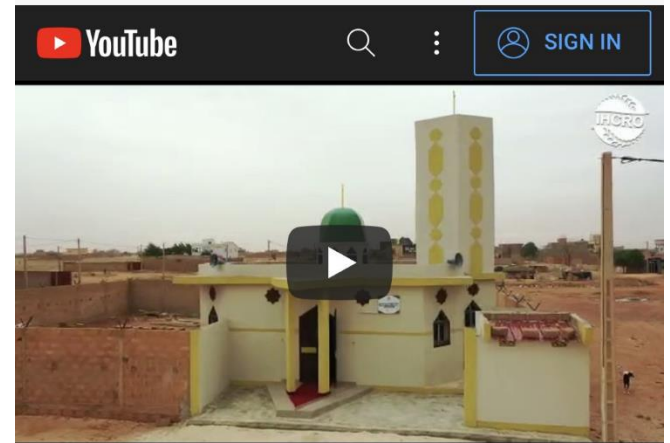
He was fearless, determined, caring, loving, and you could never ask for a better friend. He made everyone comfortable, made everyone feel the most important, and never once did he hurt others or belittle them. In every situation we shared with him he proved to have a flawless dignity and a respectable maturity that some could never match.

We didn't get much time to enjoy the person Mazin was, but for the time we did, he went above and beyond. He was the person who left a first and lasting impression and that impression will never be forgotten. We did not lose a friend; we lost a brother, and his memory will continue with us until we reunite once again with the permission of Allah SWT in his Paradise.



A link to the video which shows the construction and completion of the masjid can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/by7oiKNVBYU>



Construction & Completion of Masjid Mazin Ahmed

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The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:

“The most beloved of people to Allah is the one who brings most benefit to people ...”

Al-Mu'jam al-Awsat 6026

WHOLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

All communication with the school must be via phone or through email. Please continue to follow the COVID-19 restrictions and the NSW Health advice and do not come into the school office.



2022 ENROLMENTS AND ENTRANCE EXAMS

We are aware that some of you will be anxious to know if there are changes regarding the arrangements for 2022 enrolment applications and the Entrance Exam. At present, all applications and the entrance examinations are on hold until further notice. We will ensure that no applicant is disadvantaged due to the delay in accepting enrolments during the lock down period. Please be assured that we will contact you via email to inform you of any updates.

ROUTINES AT HOME - A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Keeping to a schedule is paramount in ensuring predictability in your child's day. A routine and knowing what to expect can be particularly calming for a child who is presenting anxiously. If your child is resisting a schedule you have set at home, **this is not the time to control every minute of your child's day.**

Work together with your child to find a routine that works for the whole family. Even if your schedule does not go to plan every day, use this as an opportunity to refine what is and is not working.

Your job is not to recreate a seven-hour schooling day but to ensure your child does their best with the learning plan their teacher has provided for them.



KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

TERM 2 ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

'The charity you give will be your shade on the day of judgement'

Congratulations to the students, families and teachers for raising \$12 800 for Orphan Sponsorship in Term 2. This brings the 2021 total to \$20 500, that is 34 orphans. This is an outstanding achievement which brings us closer to our target of 42 Orphans (one per class).

The Orphan Sponsorship Campaign has been embedded in our weekly school routines; students are developing a great understanding of how small contributions can make a huge difference to those less fortunate. The school's Islamic Studies Department is also helping to support this program by teaching the students about the importance of charity and the reward for giving charity.

A special mention to the following classes:

- ✓ K Blue students & families - \$1125
- ✓ 2 Yellow students & families - \$ 994
- ✓ 2 Green students & families - \$ 820
- ✓ K Orange students & families- \$730
- ✓ 1 Yellow students & families - \$625
- ✓ 4 Purple students & families- \$540
- ✓ 2 Red students & families - \$ 515

A huge thank you to the parents & caregivers for their ongoing support and generosity.

K-6 ONLINE TEACHING & LEARNING

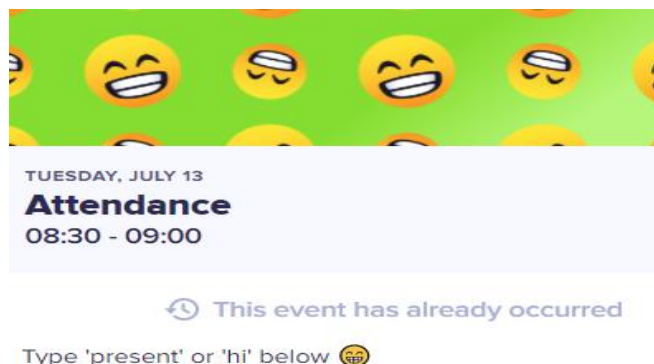
K-6 students and teachers will continue with the current online teaching and learning practice through ClassDojo. A variety of videos developed by class teachers will be uploaded to help introduce the Term 3 units of work, as well as a wide range of other resources including PowerPoints, fact sheets, scaffolds, web links and games.

MS Teams live streaming for Grades 5 and 6 will be used in addition to ClassDojo. Students will be provided with email addresses and instructions soon.

At times, online teaching and learning can be challenging, our teachers are available throughout the school day to assist and support students and parents. Parents can message teachers on ClassDojo.

ATTENDANCE

Parents are kindly requested to comment '**present**' on the daily roll marking event on **ClassDojo**. If your child is unwell or has an appointment, please privately message the teacher to inform them that your child will not be completing online learning for that day.



Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

LEARNING SCHEDULES

Teachers will post daily schedules on ClassDojo. These schedules highlight the lessons for each day as well as some suggestions for mindfulness activities and breaks.

From 8:30-11:00

- Roll Call
- Say the morning Du'a 🕌
- Spelling
- Mindfulness Activity
- Grammar

From 11:00-11:30

- Yummy recess 🍎🍌🥤
- Move around and be active 🧑🏻‍🚶🏻‍♂️

From 11:30-1:30

- History
- Useful Websites
- Science

From 1:30-2:05

- Pray Duhur 🕌
- Have lunch and exercise 🍌🥤🏃🏻‍♂️🏐🏈

From 2:05-3:20

- Islamic Studies
- عربي
- Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R) 📖

Be Amazing as always! 😊

The schedules are a guide for students to organise their day. The most important thing is that students maintain a balance in engaging in online learning and completing their tasks to the best of their ability.

YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12

EXPECTATIONS FOR REMOTE LEARNING

As Al Noori Muslim School returns to online/remote learning due to the evolving health crisis surrounding COVID-19, students need to be aware of our general expectations for participation in the online learning program.

The guidelines below outline general expectations. Specific expectations for each class will be communicated to students by their subject teachers.

1. **Time commitment:** Until further notice, students in Grades 7-12 need to be logging on to each of their classes as per their current timetable. During these timetabled sessions, you will be participating in a mixed-mode delivery of content. It may be recordings, live feeds, independent tasks, online quizzes etc.
2. **Attendance:** Teachers will be marking Period by Period rolls for every lesson which will be checked daily by the Welfare Coordinators to ensure students are logging in and attending all lessons. If you are unwell or unable (for a valid reason) to attend a lesson, an email must be forwarded to the subject teacher and copied to the relevant Welfare Coordinator.

Year 7-10 students must log on from Period 1 (8:30am) until Period 6 (3:30pm).

Online Timetable Hours:

Period 0: 7.30am-8.30am [Seniors]
Period 1: 8.30am-9.30am
Period 2: 9.30am-10.30am
Period 3: 11.00am-12.00pm
Period 4: 12.00pm-1.00pm
Period 5: 1.30pm-2.30pm
Period 6: 2.30pm-3.30pm
Period 7: 3.30pm-4.30pm [Seniors]

3. **Technology:** Phones, iPads, laptops, desktops, or tablets can be used to access the lessons and content. Students must log on to their meetings and switch OFF their microphones and cameras.
4. **Interpersonal skills:** Students may be active or passive members of the online classes. However, interactions with classmates and teachers are possible. Students must abide by the school's 'Responsible use of ICTs' policy and Islamic ethos at all times.

5. Presentation: For classes where the cameras need to be active, students **MUST** wear Islamically-appropriate attire i.e., Hijab for girls and presentable hair for boys. We encourage students to get up, prepare themselves and change into appropriate casual attire. This will set the right mood for learning and help students maintain a routine.

- × Do not use Microsoft Teams as a social chatting platform.
- × Do not change settings that will affect the delivery of content.
- × Do not distract other students or detract from the learning experience by being silly online.
- × Do not record, screenshot, reproduce or post any form of school material on social media platforms.
- ✓ Remember ALL online activity is monitored by the school.
- ✓ Take advantage of the flexible learning opportunity to continue your educational experience.
- ✓ Communicate your concerns, issues, or positive feedback to the school.

We are all in this together!

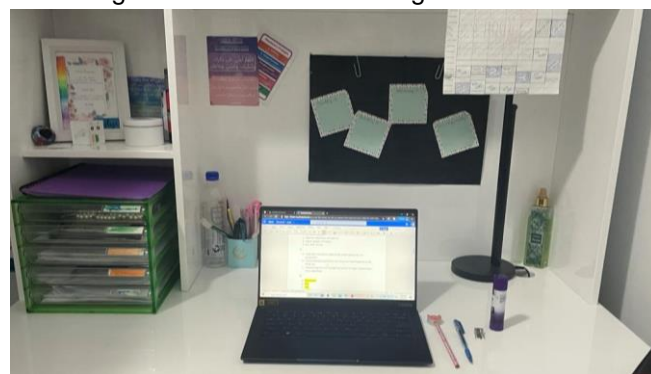
What you can expect of your teachers

1. **Clear Communication:** Teachers will convey their expectations for each of their classes, follow issues up and respond to feedback in a timely manner. Tasks and lessons will be clearly communicated to students to ensure continuity of learning.
2. **Availability of administration and support staff:** Our administration and support staff are available during timetabled school hours to provide assistance and support. Issues may be emailed to helpdesk@alnoori.nsw.edu.au.
3. **Quality Control:** The executive team including Welfare Coordinators will be monitoring online behaviours, posts, and interactions to ensure all parties are abiding by the school's discipline and ICT policies particularly pertaining to social media. Parents will be contacted and informed of any breaches of these policies. Students may be at risk of further disciplinary action upon return to school.
4. **Further Support:** if students have any issues whilst learning from home; they are encouraged to email the relevant Welfare Coordinators for assistance and support. If it is related to a certain subject, please email your subject teacher. Welfare matters can be communicated to the Welfare Coordinators.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Prepare your children physically and mentally for the online home learning experience by:

- Setting up workable routines for your children.
- Displaying their timetable and routine in a suitable learning space.
- Ensuring they wake up early, change out of their pyjamas and have breakfast ready to start the day.
- Encouraging further hobbies. Learning is not exclusive to school content.
- Maintaining their positive wellbeing by allowing them to be active and exercise, eat healthy and sleep well.
- Reducing screen-time during non-learning sessions.
- Increasing family time to connect and bond.
- Being consistent in maintaining routines.



We will be working together to ensure the online learning phase is a positive and successful experience for all involved. Please keep an eye out for all our newsletters for announcements, wellbeing tips and further important information regarding school operations.

TERM 3 2021 EVENTS

Week	Event
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eid Al-Adha School Holiday (3 days) including Monday, 19th of July 2021, Tuesday, 20th of July 2021 and Wednesday, 21st of July 2021. ▪ Online learning resumes on Thursday, 22nd of July 2021 until further notice.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online learning continues from Monday to Friday

We pray for everyone's safe return to school soon. We encourage our community to follow the NSW Health directives during the Eid Al-Adha celebrations.

Wassalaam

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