



# NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our students, staff and parents back to another year at Western Grammar School. Alhamdulillah, 2023 has started off strong both in terms of academics and extracurricular activities. Our students have participated in inter-school sports tournaments, attended HSC graduates' forums, and fundraised for the disasters in Syria and Turkey. We have also introduced new staff to help our students excel and improve the standard of our services, and have implemented professionally run programs like Get the Kids Fit to provide our students with better opportunities to grow.

This year, the school is undergoing significant expansion: a new admin building is being constructed, which will not only create purpose-built spaces for our staff and visitors, but also new classrooms, which will enable us to increase our student capacity and respond to the growing demands of the community. The construction of this building is expected to be completed during 2023. I thank the students, staff and community for their ongoing support towards the expansion of the school and building a better image for Western Grammar School.

We look ahead to the forthcoming challenges of the year and we welcome the blessed month of Ramadan. I pray that we all have the opportunity, ability and motivation to take full advantage of our time and use it for the best purposes.

Regards,  
Irfan Afzal

## NOTICES

### School Timings & Pick Up

Please note our school timings are 8:20AM–3:15PM. Supervision for students is only available from 8AM–4PM, with the exception of after school programs. Please pick up and drop off your children from the Bottles Rd entrance only.

### Ramadan Timings

Ramadan timings will be 8:20AM–2:30PM.

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is only open on Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00-2:30

## COMING UP

**Ramadan fundraiser:** 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Mayor visit:** 14<sup>th</sup> March

**NAPLAN:** 15<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> March

# YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

This week, our primary school captains and vice-captains attended the Young Leaders conference. They heard various speakers share their journeys and learnt a lot from their experiences.

Some attributes our student leaders heard about were the importance of listening, taming our ego, our purpose when we choose to lead, serving the people we lead, and the joy we feel when we serve people. Alhamdulillah, it was a great educational experience, and built a strong foundation for them to become the inspiring leaders of our future.



# HSC GRADUATES FORUM

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, Western Grammar School held their annual HSC Graduates Forum. Graduates from previous years were invited to speak to the Year 11 and 12 students about their journey to HSC and life after. Students were given a great insight into dealing with HSC and how to prepare for future experiences.

Graduates of 2022 who achieved higher bands were awarded with monetary gifts on the behalf of the school. Congratulations to everyone and May Allah grant all students success in this life and the Hereafter.



Our Year 8 English class had the pleasure of receiving some guests who are very accomplished picture book writers and illustrators. Roger Ibn Tyrone and his wife Devina Sharma spoke to our students about the process of producing a picture book and about their experiences as self-publishers for Minaret Mountain Books.

Our students will be applying the knowledge that they gained today in their upcoming English assignment for which they will need to write and illustrate a picture book. We are so grateful to our guests for their generosity in passing on their knowledge and passion for literature.

# SPECIAL GUESTS



# INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

WGS has been taking part in multiple inter-school sports programs this year, encouraging our students to grow and build their skills through competition.

Around 48 WGS students attended the first ISD touch football competition for 2023, and what a wonderful experience it was! With around ten other schools in competition, our students gave it their all and competed with a great amount of zeal, honour and effort.

One of our students was selected to go to the next round to compete for AICES level, congratulations to Ali Chandab from Year 11 for being selected!

We also had our Stage 3 & 4 basketball teams compete against other schools this week and our students did very well, with the stage 4 girls team making it all the way to the semi-finals.

Well done to all students and we look forward to more ISD competitions this year inshaAllah. We were truly so proud of their efforts on the field mashaAllah.



# TERM DATES 2023

## TERM 1

**Start:** 06<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023  
**End:** 06<sup>th</sup> Apr 2023

## TERM 2

**Start:** 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 2023  
**End:** 30<sup>th</sup> Jun 2023

## TERM 3

**Start:** 17<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023  
**End:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2023

## TERM 4

**Start:** 09<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023  
**End:** 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

# HADITH OF THE WEEK

THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

“VERILY YOUR ACTIONS DEPEND UPON YOUR INTENTIONS, AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN THAT WHICH YOU HAVE INTENDED”

(AGREED UPON)

قال النبي ﷺ  
إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ  
وَأِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا نَوَى  
متفق عليه

THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

“SPREAD SALAM AMONGST YOURSELVES”

(IBN MAAJAH)

قال النبي ﷺ  
أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ  
ابن ماجه

THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

“SEEKING KNOWLEDGE IS COMPULSORY UPON EVERY MUSLIM”

(IBN MAAJAH)

قال النبي ﷺ  
طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ  
عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ  
ابن ماجه

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CONFERENCE	D	O	N	E	N	U	D	J	H	O	Y	O	H	E	A
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ILLUSTRATOR	R	V	Y	T	L	H	L	T	T	D	T	X	M	O	B
INTERSCHOOL	O	K	N	T	Y	S	H	L	S	A	I	O	S	C	A
ISD	F	I	R	A	E	Y	I	K	P	I	U	G	R	O	L
ISLAM	S	R	E	D	A	E	L	L	O	O	Y	D	M	N	L
LEADERS	A	R	A	M	A	D	A	N	R	S	Z	J	A	D	C
RAMADAN	Z	H	I	V	C	S	X	W	T	I	H	L	N	R	B
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YOUNG															

# WORD SEARCH