

# NEWSLETTER



## WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be taking the NAPLAN writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy exams online between the 10th and 20th of May 2022.

Western Grammar School will also be running practice tests to assist in preparing our students for their examinations. These practice tests are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked, but will provide students with valuable practice.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.



## Assistant Principal's Message

By Mr. Zulqarnan Malik

Alhamdulillah, we are at the end of Week 6 of Term 1 2022. It has been an unusual start to the term due to the COVID crisis, and WGS chose to temporarily run online classes for the safety and wellbeing of students, teachers and parents. While we have had several cases, the numbers were less than expected and parents were appropriately informed.

This year we welcomed new staff to the WGS family. Dr. Romana Haq was appointed as the new Head of Secondary, and Ms. Zafirah, Ms. Faten, Ms. Bushra, Ms. Mona and Mr. Furqan joined our teaching staff. Insha Allah their experience, passion and dedication will help in improving the academic standards of our school.

WGS has once again launched the parenting program which commenced in Week 6 with an online presentation by Ms. Ummu Matthews. Insha Allah our next program will be by our principal Mr. Irfan Afzal. We encourage parents to attend to get a better understanding of how they can assist their children in various wellbeing activities.

Finally, I would like to thank all teachers, parents, and students once again for their hard work and effort during this term. I wish you all the best and please stay safe.

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# Notices

## School Fees

Fees paid by parents play a major role in enabling WGS to meet its operating costs. Please ensure any remaining fees for the year have been paid.

## Save Your Seat!

WGS has started providing a bus service for the convenience of our students and parents. The transport service is highly subsidized and parents are urged to take advantage of it.

# HSC Forum

On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, Western Grammar School held its annual HSC Graduates Forum. Graduates from previous years were invited to speak to the Year 11 and 12 students about their experiences with HSC, university and work.

High achievers from the 2021 HSC Cohort were also given gifts from the Principal for their amazing results.

Congratulations to everyone and may Allah grant all students success in this life and the hereafter.



*"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."*  
— Michael Altshuler



## Clean Up Australia Day

This week, Western Grammar School took part in Clean Up Australia Day, an annual event that reinforces the importance of improving the environment in big and small ways. We pledged to change our habits to make a difference in our classrooms, homes and in the world around us.





# Sun Safety Week

Last week at Western Grammar School was all about sun safety, with a particular focus on the various ways students can protect themselves from the sun.

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, Western Grammar's Primary students had their first ever Crazy Hat Day as an initiative to encourage students to participate in protecting themselves from the sun.

Students slapped clouds, spaghetti, pompoms and balloons on their hats that protected them from the summer heat during recess and lunch. We hope our students have further reinforced their understanding of the importance of hats and the overall necessity of protecting themselves from the sun and it's harmful UV rays.



## Important Dates

### Week 7:

**M: Clean up Australia Day  
International Women's Day**

**W: Disability Center Visit**

**Th: HSC Symposium Excursion**

### Week 8:

**M-F: Harmony Week  
Public Speaking Comp.**

### Week 9:

**M-F: Islamic Book Fair  
Anti-Bullying Week**

### Week 10:

**Th: Islamic Public Speaking**

*\*may be subject to change*

## SRC Elections

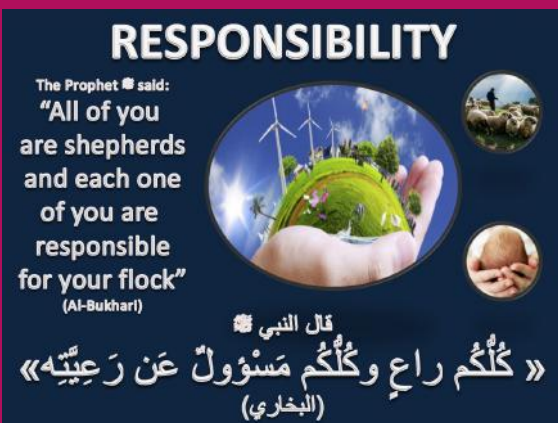
This week, we had the pleasure of announcing our brand new SRC representatives for 2022. After delays caused by online schooling, we finally had the elections and presented the badges to students during assembly. Our Years 7-11 representatives are

Sarina Khan	Year 7
Adam Khodr	Year 7
Rida Muqaddam	Year 8
Noah Baxter	Year 8
Husna Alikozay	Year 9
Bashaar Zaman	Year 9
Hafsa Muqaddam	Year 10
Umar Qassim	Year 10
Fatima Hussain	Year 11
Khaled Al-Turk	Year 11

Congratulations to the new reps and we pray that Allah guides them to lead with dignity and grace.



# Hadith of the Week



# HSC Achievements

At Western Grammar School, we firmly believe that student success comes from Allah first and foremost, and then through hard work.

Our 2021 HSC cohort, under difficult COVID circumstances, exemplified this by demonstrating the qualities of determination, drive and a powerful work ethic. As such, the majority of our year 12 cohort of 2021 achieved Band 5s & 6s across various HSC courses, and ATARs in the 80s and 90s. We are delighted with their efforts.

During our HSC Graduates Forum, we showed our appreciation and pride for these students by giving them gifts and awards on behalf of the school.

May Allah bless and reward all of the Year 12 students, their parents, and their teachers for their efforts and may Allah grant them further success in this world and the next.

