

NEWSLETTER



WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL
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RETURN TO SCHOOL

Due to current circumstances, the following has been decided keeping in mind the health and safety of all staff and students:

Kindergarten class will start face to face learning on Monday, 31 Jan

Year 1 to Year 12 will start online classes from Monday, 31 Jan

Primary school and Year 11 and 12 return for face-to-face learning Monday, 14 February

Year 7 to 10 return to face-to-face learning Monday, 21 February



Principal's Message

By Mr Irfan Afzal

Alhamdulillah, we have successfully finished another year of schooling here at Western Grammar. This year, we continued to work through COVID regulations and lockdowns. Our teachers and staff outdid themselves by looking beyond the educational needs of our students and catering to their emotional and mental health needs as well during this time. Alhamdulillah, we were able to return to in-person schooling for the last term of school.

As we move on from 2021 and look forward to 2022, it is vital that we take a moment to reflect on our achievements and failures over the past year and factor them in as we plan for the future. Creating goals for ourselves is essential in order to facilitate purposeful growth. Time is the most valuable resource that we have as humans, but often we find ourselves wasting it on useless pursuits. By having set intentions and targets, we can take advantage of the time we have available and use it effectively instead of letting it pass us by.

May Allah grant us all the opportunity and ability to take advantage of the time we have. I pray you all have a good break and I look forward to seeing you in 2022.

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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!

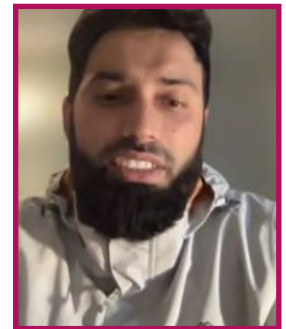
WGS has started providing a bus service for the convenience of our students and parents. The transport service is highly subsidized and parents are urged to take advantage of it.

Parenting Program

In our third WGS online Parenting Workshop for the term, we experienced Mr Usman Malik enlightening us about healthy food and healthy living.

He gave practical tips, helped us rethink the way we see healthy food and exercise and gave us tools to build our own healthy food ecosystem.

Most importantly, he gave practical steps on how to make changes in food and exercise, including having smaller portions, checking your timing of food, decreasing unhealthy food, doing anything that raises your heart rate, keeping records and knowing there are no quick fixes.



"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

–Anthony J. D'Angelo



Breakfast Club

Alhamdulillah, on the 11th of November, the Well-Being team initiated the very first WGS Breakfast Club.

Students were served a variety of cereals, fruits, Up and Go smoothies and grilled cheese sandwiches.

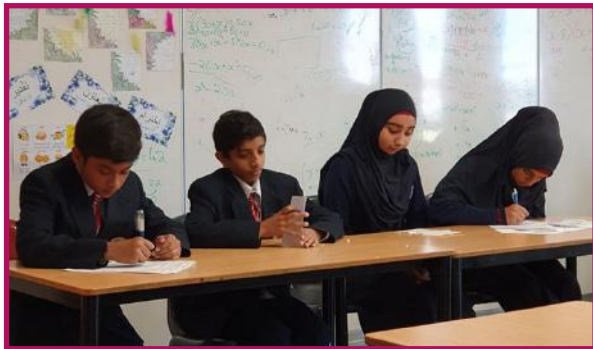
Many students come to school without having had breakfast, which sometimes affects them in class, so we are so grateful to be able to provide this for all students. Alhamdulillah.

Islamic Debate

Alhamdullilah, once again our school had the opportunity to be a part of the Islamic Schools Debating Competition this year. Our students participated in two categories for the debates, the Harun Cup and the Musa Cup.

The students displayed a great amount of resilience, dedication and teamwork throughout the course of the competition, never giving up hope. With their hard work, both our teams made it to the semi finals of the competition and our Stage 4 team emerged victorious in the grand final of the competition, successfully becoming the winners of the Harun Cup!!

A very big congratulations to our team! It has been an enjoyable learning experience for our students.



Important Dates

Week 1:

M-F:

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Week 2:

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Week 3:

M-F:

Week 4:

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Week 5:

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**may be subject to change*

Year 12 Graduation

Alhamdulillah, the 2021 HSC cohort celebrated their incredible milestone at the annual graduation and formal ceremony. The eventful night was filled with many laughs, tears and joy as the success of the graduates was brought to life.

It was a wonderful heartfelt occasion as family, friends and staff members of WGS recognized their achievement. The graduates received medals to highlight their success throughout the year and special awards for outstanding students as well as novelty awards to add humor to the night. Later on, the students reciprocated the kindness from the teachers by warmly gifting them thoughtful presents, thanking them for their constant effort and dedication.

All in all, the night was truly a great success. I would like to thank each person that worked tirelessly to bring the event to life and a special thanks to the executives of WGS for allowing the event to take place, considering the roller coaster year that occurred. On behalf of all the graduates, Alhamdulillah the ceremony was truly a night to remember as the memories will be cherished forever.

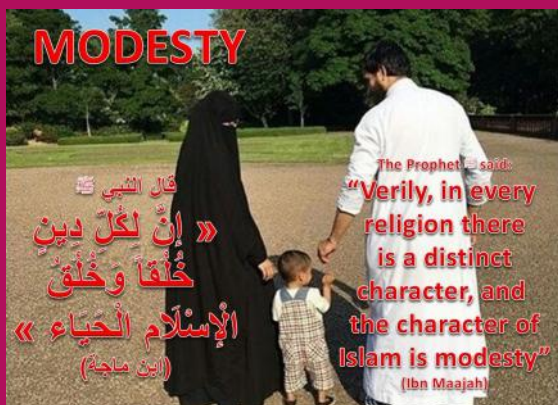
For one last time, JazakAllah Khair,

Yara Almosewy,

School Captain 2021



Hadith of the Week



Final HSC Exams

After a tumultuous schooling journey for the 2021 WGS HSC Cohort, we can finally say "we did it!". Each student has worked their way through the past couple of years, conveying great resilience, strength and compassion.

Standing side by side, I am truly grateful and immensely proud of each and every student for completing their HSC whilst maintaining the intention of gaining an education for the sake of Allah swt.

No doubt, Allah has tested us with challenges beyond measurable, but in the end, we pushed through and succeeded, Alhamdulillah.

I would like to thank our inspiring teachers at WGS, our Principal Mr Irfan and Assistant Principal Mr Z Malik. I would also like to give special thanks to the welcoming staff at Plumpton High School and their Principal Mr Tim Lloyd for providing us with the opportunity to sit the exams at their respective school.

JazakAllah Khair,

Yara Almosewy (2021 School Captain)

