

Re-commencing Building Stage 3 Hoxton Park Campus

Back in 2016 the Board needed to take the decision to suspend a major building project at the Hoxton Park campus because of the uncertainty about the School's future.

Now that the future of the School is secure and assured, we are very pleased to report that the Stage 3 building work will re-commence next week. This new building will provide additional quality learning spaces at Hoxton Park, including two new Science Laboratories. It is scheduled to be completed by mid-November ready for the 2022 school year.

Ms Nasheen Parker – Acting Deputy Head of Campus

Congratulations to Ms Nasheen Parker who commenced the role of Acting Deputy Head of Campus, Greenacre, due to Ms Linda Nachar's maternity leave. Ms Nachar will commence her maternity leave in the coming weeks.

Due to this appointment, there will be a shuffle in the Welfare team from the beginning of Term 3.

- Ms Bahija Elmir is Girls Welfare Coordinator (Year 7, 9, 11) whilst Ms Parker is the Acting Deputy Head of Campus.
- Mr Mustafa Rubaie is the Boys Welfare Coordinator (Year 8, 9, 10) whilst Ms Elmir is looking after girls welfare.
- Mr Fawzi Afioni is the Year 8 Boys Year Advisor whilst Mr Mustafa Rubaie is looking after boys welfare.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

One in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85. Malek Fahd Islamic School supports Australia's Biggest Morning Tea as funds raised help run Cancer Council's vital support services, lifesaving cancer research projects and educational prevention programs. Morning Teas will be held at each campus to raise funds for this great cause.

School Uniform

MFIS strongly supports the wearing of full school uniform by students and the upholding of high standards of dress. Part of being a student at MFIS is to wear the school uniform with pride during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Students must arrive at school each day in full School uniform. Now that the winter season has started, all

students must be in their green School jumper and blazers. A School tie is compulsory for the boys and the girls must only wear the plain white hijab. The hijab must be pinned and worn appropriately. Boy's top button must be done up and tie pushed up into the collar. Socks for all students must be above the ankle. Please ensure your child is in full School Uniform every day.

Road safety when driving through the School

We need your help to ensure the safety of every child at the School. I ask that all parents practise safe driving and parking at the school and to be patient and not rush when dropping and picking up their children in the mornings and afternoons. It is essential that all parents follow the instructions of security and teachers in the guidance of traffic and students during the peak time of before and after school hours. At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor and model safe and considerate behaviour for your child as they will learn from you. Remember to always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways. It is essential to use the drop-off and pick-up area.

Parents Parking at Greenacre

During the afternoon pick up of children I need parents to take great care in and around the school grounds and on Waterloo Road. Some cars are parking in the bus bay, double parked and holding up the flow of traffic. I ask that all parents take special care at this time to ensure the maximum safety of our children. Management of Suttons Chullora and EWE Global Express Transport Group have requested that no parents block their driveway whilst dropping off or picking up children in the morning or afternoon. Parents need to be aware that cars and delivery trucks need to use their driveways throughout the day and this is why it needs to remain clear. Council rangers will be notified to fine any parents parking illegally on their property.

WELLBEING CORNER

What is Empathy?

Empathy is the ability to recognize, understand and share the feelings of others, like walking in someone else's shoes.

Humans are naturally tuned to show empathy; however, we can still actively try to develop this trait and use it in our day-to-day lives.

Empathy in Islam

Is empathy encouraged in Islam? Absolutely! Consider this Qur'anic verse about our beloved Prophet Muhammad:

"There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful." [Qur'an: Chapter 9, Verse 128]

Our Prophet would always feel our suffering and is praised by Allah for his empathetic nature. The Prophet himself also encouraged us to feel empathy for each other, he was reported to have said:

"The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever." [Bukhari]

The Qur'an describes believers as those who practice compassion, which is a form of empathy that moves one to help others.

"And what can make you know what is [breaking through] the difficult pass? It is the freeing of a slave, or feeding on a day of severe hunger, an orphan of near relationship, or a needy person in misery. And then being among those who believed and advised one another to patience and advised one another to compassion." [Qur'an: Chapter 90, Verses 12-17]

How To Develop Your Empathy

The first step is to make the intention to try to "walk in the shoes" of others.

The next step is to understand yourself and your own feelings better. The better you understand your inner world, the better you will understand the inner world of others. Realize that your life experiences help you to develop your empathy, so make a point to use your life experiences to improve this trait.

The purpose of showing empathy is to improve your life along with the lives of others, by spreading compassion, care and comfort. Being empathetic does not mean that we put the needs of others above our own needs. **Empathy is a tool that we use to make more effective decisions and to show that we care.**

Ms Houda Kbbar, Head of Wellbeing

School Fee Reminder

A reminder to our parents and carers that School fees for Term 2 are due and payable. The prompt payment of these fees will ensure the school is able to continue to provide quality education for the students. For families that have balances outstanding from last Term, we ask that these fees are paid in full

immediately to bring your accounts in order. The school thanks the parents in advance for their assistance in paying fees on time.

2021 School Term Dates

Please be advised following are the remaining Term dates of schooling for 2021.

Term 2 - Tue, 20th April to Fri, 25th June 2021

Term 3 - Tue, 13th July to Fri, 17th September 2021

Term 4 – Wed, 6th October to Fri, 10th December 2021

Please note Monday, 14th June is a public holiday.

School Uniform Shop

All parents are required to schedule appointments for their child's school uniform through the Midford online via: <https://Midford.as.me/MalekFahdIslamicSchool> Online Store

Parents are welcome to purchase through the online store by:

- Selecting Malek Fahd Islamic School Uniform Shop from the online School Shops tab
- Registering a new account - the unique school pass phrase: Malek1989 will be required.
- Add your personal information, create a username and password

Should you require further information or details, please feel free to contact 0498 518 916.

Kind regards,



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal