

## ASR ACADEMY - FAQs

### **What is Asr Academy?**

Asr Academy is a programme for young adults to achieve their spiritual potential by growing in **knowledge, character, and community**.

Inspired by verse 3 of *Surah al-‘Asr*, the programme is designed to help strengthen your faith, address real-life challenges within an Islamic framework, and thrive in an ever-changing world. With innovative teaching, relevant topics, and a safe space to connect, Asr Academy will help you make the most of the crucial years ahead that will shape your future.

We began with a **retreat in July 2025**, and inshaAllah, with the support of **SI Madressa**, Asr Academy will continue to **grow and develop**, offering an ongoing journey of learning and personal growth.

### **Who is eligible?**

Asr Academy is aimed at students currently in **Year 12**.

The course is also open to students in Year 13. If oversubscribed, priority will be given to attendees of the retreat in July 2025, Year 12 applicants and existing SIM volunteers. Any remaining spaces will be allocated in line with the SIM admission policy.

### **What will we learn?**

Asr Academy covers **foundations of belief, self building and practical life skills**. The workshops are built on **Islamic principles** and informed by **input from religious scholars**, as well as **young people aged 16–21** to make sure the content is relevant, practical, and engaging.

### **What’s the format?**

Asr Academy runs in **three terms across the academic year**. The dates have been carefully chosen to align with participant availability and to minimise clashes with academic commitments & exams, ensuring they fit as smoothly as possible within your schedule.

Additionally, **ad-hoc sessions and activities** may be added to the calendar, in consultation with participants - these could be extra learning sessions, practical workshops, or social events. This flexible format ensures learning is structured but also responsive to your interests and needs.

### Who will teach?

Workshops will be led by **scholars** and **subject-matter experts** with experience in working with young people. These teachers will be supported by tutors who help consolidate and embed the learning.

### How is Asr Academy different from SI Madressa / HED?

Asr Academy is the **next step**. It strengthens and builds on existing knowledge, with advanced and practical learning that speaks to the real challenges of being a young person in today's world - university, work, relationships, and major life decisions. The commitment is lighter than Madressa, while still providing the guidance and support needed in this crucial stage of life.

### When will this take place?

Sessions run on **Sundays from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm**. This will include two workshops and a tutorial to consolidate the learning.

- **Term 1: 9 Nov – 7 Dec** (5 weeks)
- **Term 2: 11 Jan – 15 Feb** (6 weeks)
- **Term 3: 28 Jun - 12 Jul** (3 weeks)

The schedule is designed to **align with Madressa**. You also have the opportunity to **volunteer at SI Madressa**. This is something we strongly encourage and support.

Sessions are held at **Heathrow UTC**, right next to SI Madressa at Northwood School.

### What is the commitment level?

We understand that this is a busy and important period of life, so Asr Academy is designed to balance **meaningful learning** with a **supportive, welcoming environment**. Term dates have been set to avoid exam periods.

**Attendance and punctuality are expected at every session**, unless in the case of authorised absence or emergency, in line with the SI Madressa policy. You can read the full SI Madressa Attendance and Absence Policy [here](#).

### How will progress be assessed?

There are **no exams**. Instead, you will work on a **year-long project** that applies what you have learned and creates something meaningful to keep. To help retain knowledge, there's a **small amount of work between sessions** - about **30 minutes a week** - so learning is reinforced without feeling overwhelming.

### Will sessions be mixed or separate?

Asr Academy aims for a **balanced approach**, with most sessions held **separately for males and females**, while some sessions may be **mixed** where appropriate.

### How much does it cost?

The programme costs **£250**. Additional ad-hoc sessions may be charged separately. **Financial assistance is available** — please get in touch to discuss options.

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### How do I apply?

Applications are simple — just fill out the **form**.

**Application deadline: 19th October 2025**

Your application will be confirmed once you have made payment by bank transfer or contacted Asr Academy to discuss financial assistance.

If the program is oversubscribed and you are unable to secure a space, any payment made will be refunded to you.