



Dear Parents,

Salaam Alaykum,

Insha'Allah you are all well.

As we draw to a close on the 2025/26 academic year, I would like to sincerely thank all parents for your continued support throughout the year. I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all members of staff for their incredible dedication and hard work. We wish them a relaxing and well-deserved summer break.

The more staff and volunteers we have, the better support we can provide for your children's learning and development. Therefore, if you feel you may have some time to contribute to the Madressa from September 2026, or if you are curious about the roles available, please complete the online form here (<https://madressa.net/volunteer-registration-form/>) and a member of our team will be in touch in due course.

Insha'Allah, the new academic year will commence on **Sunday, 13 September 2026**.

This year, the Madressa has been able to organise a wide range of activities, including events celebrating the wiladahs of the Ahlul Bayt (as), including the 12th Imam (atf). We have also arranged educational trips for various year groups and are currently organising the AAWA Acts of Kindness initiative in collaboration with Stanmore Jafferys and WF-Aid. This is new initiative builds on previous years, where we have been able to fundraise more than **£50,000** through a sponsored walkathon, raising money for important causes in some of the most impoverished regions of the world.

We also celebrated Different Abilities Day, which aims to foster a more inclusive community that recognises and accommodates the needs of all individuals. For the girls who have reached the age of puberty, we recently hosted a Baaligah Party at the Madressa. In addition, our senior HED students have participated in several activity days designed to develop new skills and provide valuable experiences as they prepare to complete their Madressa journey.

We were also pleased to hold our third Parents' Day. It was wonderful to meet so many of you and discuss your child's progress, achievements, and future goals.

Coordinating all these activities is a significant undertaking, and I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished together. However, like many organisations, the Madressa has not been immune to rising costs. We have consistently sought to minimise fee increases by utilising reserve funds to cushion the impact on parents wherever possible.

Despite our efforts to keep increases to a minimum, this year we have experienced a 4% increase in our rental costs at Northwood School, alongside rising operational expenses across the board. Previous projections suggested that fees could reach approximately £300 by the end of the 2027/28 academic year. However, the Madressa is doing its utmost to limit the increase and currently intends to set fees at **£260 per child for 2026/27**.

Due to the substantial increase in annual rental and operating costs, we currently anticipate the following fee structure over the next two academic years:

- **2026/27:** £260 per child
- **2027/28:** £280 per child

It is important that we communicate our expected direction of travel so that families can plan accordingly. We will continue to review these figures and, should projected costs not materialise, we will seek to reduce the fees where possible.

As a not-for-profit organisation, all funds collected are used solely for the benefit and operation of the Madressa.

With the Madressa operating for approximately 30 weeks each year, the cost equates to between **£8.67 and £9.50 per week per child** over the next two years.

Given that students spend approximately three and a half hours with us each week, this remains significantly below the cost of many comparable educational activities. Nevertheless, we remain mindful of our role as a community organisation and are committed to maintaining fees at a level that is accessible to the vast majority of families.

The S I Madressa is an organisation formed under the Hujjat KSIMC of London (charity no: 288356) providing education services since 1985.

We will continue to offer the option of spreading payments over ten months to help ease the financial burden on households. Furthermore, as we have always communicated, any family experiencing financial difficulty is encouraged to contact us in confidence, either in person or by email at admin@madressa.net. All such matters will be handled sensitively and confidentially. If you have any concerns, suggestions, or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@madressa.net.

We pray that all families enjoy a wonderful summer break. If you are fortunate enough to travel to the holy lands for the ziyarat of Imam Husayn (as), we kindly request that you remember us in your supplications. We pray for the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (atf) and that, under his guidance, we may all be led towards success.

With duas,

Shaykh Mehdi Abdullah
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