

Nourishing the fitrah of each unique child

Newsletter - Issue 1

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Assalaamu alaykum!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We pray that you are in the best of health and Eemaan.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and existing families and pupils.

Over the summer we had some staff changes.

Please see our table below which shows our current staff list:

Role	Name
Headteacher	Ustadaha Hawwa Mbombo
Nursery Class AM	Ustadaha Ayan Ahmed Ustadaha Hira Imran Ustadaha Salma Farah
Nursery Class PM	Ustadaha Kausar Mirza Ustadaha Rukshan Batool Ustadaha Salma Farah
Reception Class	Ustadaha Fathima (AM) Ustadaha Unza (PM) Ustadaha Saadia LSA (AM)
Year 1 / 2 Class	Ustadaha Nadia Abdul Khaliq (AM) Ustadaha Ahlam Munassar (PM)
Whole School Arabic & Qur'aan	Ustadaha Manal Eweis
PE Teacher	Ustadh Arian Sadiqi

Reminder of the week:
"Help one another in righteousness and piety."
(Surah Ma'idah 5:2)



Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary

<u>Bank holiday</u> Monday 19th September 2022

Parents Coffee Afternoon Friday 7th October 2022, Exact Time: TBC

Parent Teacher Meeting
Thursday 20th October 2022
(No school for pupils)

<u>Half - term break</u> Thursday 20th October 2022 ends on Friday 28th October 2022.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Queen's Funeral – Bank holiday

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II last week Thursday, the government has announced that all schools are to close for a bank holiday on **Monday 19**th **September 2022**, therefore on this day, there will be no school for the children. We will reopen on Tuesday 20th September 2022.

Uniform

Over the coming weeks, parents will be able to order their child(ren)'s school uniform directly from our supplier '**School Bells**'. Orders can be placed online for either home delivery or collection at the store. More details about this will follow in the coming weeks.

Attendance

It is paramount for a child's learning and development that they attend school every day unless they are very unwell. Our pupil attendance target is 96%.

School timings

As we are in the beginning of the term, the roads are becoming busier. Therefore, we kindly request for parents to drop off and collect children promptly following the school times, which are as follows:

Nursery AM Sessions are: 8:45 – 11:45 am

Nursery PM Sessions are: 12:15 – 3:15pm

Reception and Year 1 / 2: 8:45am - 3:15pm

Healthy lunches

Unique Academy promotes healthy eating, in line with our Healthy Eating Policy. A healthy lunch box should contain a balance of nutrients from the 4 main food groups which includes:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Protein
- Starch
- Dairy (if applicable)

Parents should also provide water and avoid unhealthy foods and beverages, such as:

• Crips, chocolate, fizzy drinks or fruit juice with added sugar

Jazakumullaahu khairan for your support.

Communication

The school communicates with parents via the following channels:

Electronically/In writing through our:

- Newsletters
- Blue communication book
- Emails
- Website
- Social Media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)

Verbally:

- Informally at the beginning or end of the day
- Telephone calls

Weduc App

To support more efficient and seamless communication between parents and the school, we have invested in the Weduc App which we will launch towards the end of September/beginning of October. More details about this will follow in the coming weeks.



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SCHOOL NOTICES

<u>Curriculum Information and Class</u> Timetables

A few parents have mentioned that they would like curriculum information and class timetables.

The first 2 weeks of term commencing are assessment weeks which teachers use to assess the children's prior knowledge.

Now that this is complete, our whole school creative curriculum topics commence from this week, therefore, teachers from each class will share this half terms topic maps and timetables (which are subject to change from time to time) with all parents/guardians.

Updated curriculum information and timetables will also be shared on the school's website this week.

Doodle Learning

This year, we are introducing a new interactive home learning support App called, 'Doodle Learning'. The programme acts a 'tutor' and is designed to reinforce the knowledge and concepts that the children are learning about in class. An initial baseline assessment will need to be completed by all children in Reception and Year 1 /2 by this **Friday 16**th **September 2022.** Once the baseline assessments are complete, teachers will begin to set weekly homework for the children.

Calendly - New Meeting Booking System

We have updated our online admissions form to include a meeting 'self-booking' feature. We will be extending this feature to enable parents to request for short meetings with relevant school personnel. This feature will be made available in the 'Parents' tab of the website and will go live by Friday this week.

Early Years Funding Forms

Parent declaration forms for early years funding were distributed last week to all children in Nursery and Reception class. We kindly request for parents/guardians to return the forms to the school latest by: <u>Tuesday</u> **20**th **September 2022.**

Any parents/guardians who did not receive the form or have lost the form, please kindly send an email to:

office@uniqueacademy.education so that we can have a form ready to give to you at the end of the school day.

PTA and Parent Governors Wanted!

As mentioned last term, we are looking for parents to support the school to advance its vision and goals on its journey to becoming an 'Outstanding' school, in shaa Allaah.

PTA applicants can register their interest here: https://forms.gle/CR6eg4o66D8B4cjU8

Parent Governor applicants should email: personnel@uniqueacademy.education.

Deadline: Friday 23rd September 2022.



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Unique Academy School Lunch Menu



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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C 1 st Sep 2022				Chicken with roasted potatoes Mixed vegetables Fruit cocktail	Lam biryani Mixed salad Mini muffins
W/C 5 th Sep 2022	Chicken pasta Mixed salad Fruit cocktail	Paratha with potatoes Mixed vegetables Waffles	Fish fingers, mashed potatoes and baked beans Mixed salad Vanilla cake and custard	Chicken with roasted potatoes Mixed vegetables Fruit cocktail	Lamb biryani Mixed salad Mini muffins
W/C 12 th Sep 2022	Chicken pasta Mixed salad Fruit cocktail	Sweet potato &butternut squash Cut green peas Sticky toffee pudding	Fish pie Sweetcorn Croquette potatoes Jam sponge	Moroccan Bean Casserole Mixed vegetables Basmati yellow rice Chocolate sponge	Fajita Style Tempeh White rice Sweetcorn Plain sponge
W/C 19 th Sep 2022	Bank holiday	Tomato, lentil, sweet potato crumble Sweetcorn West Country Cheddar Mash Lemon flavour sponge	Chana Masala Sweetcorn Vegetable rice Syrup sponge	Vegetable hotpot Peas Mashed potato Spotted dick	Tuna pasta bake Mixed vegetables Croquette potatoes Pineapple sponge
W/C 26 th Sep 2022	Lentil & Vegetable Flaky topped pie Cauliflower cheese Oven chips Apple pie		Fish pie Sweetcorn Croquette potatoes Jam sponge	Moroccan Bean Casserole Mixed vegetables Basmati yellow rice Chocolate sponge	Fajita Style Tempeh White rice Sweetcorn Plain sponge

Please note: All the foods are mostly grilled or oven baked.

If your child suffers from an allergy, then an alternative meal will be provided on the day. Menus are sometimes altered due to delivery, supply changes or unavailability of ingredients.



The Unique Academy PTA Needs You!



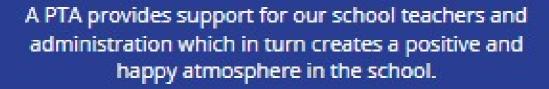
Why join the UA PTA?

YOUR CHILDREN WILL BENEFIT



Participating in your child's school and showing engagement will help them perform better academically.

THE SCHOOL WILL BENEFIT





YOU WILL BENEFIT

Being part of a PTA provides opportunity to socialise with other parents. It also allows you to contribute your skills and knowledge to your Muslim community, to help us raise the next generation of Muslims.

Ready to sign up?

Send an email to office@uniqueacademy.com to express your interest.

We look forward to seeing you Inshalla!





We are looking for a school governor.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our governing body and help grow and develop an Islamic school. You can help us to nourish and teach the next generation.



- Being a school governor is an excellent way of giving back to the community.
- You will be helping us to grow into an "Outstanding School".
- You will ensure that the Islamic vision and character of our school is upheld.
- We are looking for people with experience in the following:
 - IT
 - Law
 - Finance
 - Property
 - Education

APPLY TODAY!



Academic calendar 2022 - 2023

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Staff Inset Training Eid UI Fitr Parents Meeting School closed