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Helping little feet climb mountains...



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Asalaamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu.

All praise is for Allah, the Exalted, the Great. May his salutations and peace be upon our beloved Prophet, as well as on his family, his companions and all those who follow his guidance. Education at the primary stage of life shapes our children's inclinations and concepts. These will form the basis of principles for their life, therefore we need to place great importance in choosing the right education that helps preserve and enhance their Islamic identity.

Our ethos and values supports the need for a high standard of education coupled with an Islamic atmosphere to help develop the Islamic personality of the child. We use leading technologies, adopt modern teaching practices and positive reinforcement for educating and nurturing our children, aiming to develop well rounded individuals who excel in every aspect of life by following Islam as a complete way of life.

We hope that you will support us in this endeavour and help us to achieve our goals.

Meherun Hamid
Head Teacher





“ Striving for (beneficial) knowledge is compulsory upon every Muslim ”

Prophet Mohammed (salla Allahu ‘alayhi wa-sallam)
Narrated in Sunan Ibn Mājah (224)



THE APEX ETHOS

At Apex we are committed in providing a quality learning experience built upon core values to achieve excellence. The foundation of our values is **spirituality** and God consciousness which we believe lies in the heart of every child.

Honesty, respect and **humility** are embodied in interactions within the school and wider community; qualities that underpin the ethos of Apex life. The nurturing of our pupils encourages them to be courteous and **charitable**.

Education at Apex provides pupils with the ability to develop a healthy mind, body and soul. Thus leading to a **dynamic** attitude towards life where creativity can flourish. We aim for pupils to leave our school with high **aspirations, resilience** and as critical **thinkers**; reflecting upon their skills, knowledge and wisdom by overcoming obstacles to determine success and reach their potentials.

At Apex we encourage our pupils to be....

- ✓ **Spiritual**
- ✓ **Honest**
- ✓ **Respectful**
- ✓ **Humble**
- ✓ **Charitable**
- ✓ **Dynamic**
- ✓ **Aspirational**
- ✓ **Resilient**
- ✓ **Thinkers**

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WHY APEX?

1. Personalisation

Our class sizes are small thus allowing the school to provide a truly focused and child centred education.

2. Rich Cross Curricular Thematic Curriculum

Our broad, balanced and holistic curriculum brings learning to life, making it fun and engaging for our pupils. Religious subjects form part of our core curriculum which is unique and developed in house by specialist teachers.

3. Value Based Tarbiyah

Our key Islamic values provide focus to help nurture the IPD (Islamic personality development) of every child. Islamic morals and manners, which are complimentary of British values, are encouraged through guidance and by promoting self reflection (muhasabah), to build a solid foundation and cohesive identity.

4. Diversity

We are a very open minded school that embraces diversity; having pupils and staff from many different background and cultures and also reflected in the partnerships we have with a range of different organisations.

5. Experiential Learning

We promote and engage in many exciting educational experiences to build confidence, knowledge and life skills, such as school trips, residential retreats, community participation and endeavours, the annual Umrah trip and much more.

“ Education
is not
preparation
for life...”



Education
is life itself ”

John Dewey

CURRICULUM EARLY YEARS

We fully support the principle that young children learn through free play where they can explore, learn actively and engage in well-planned, purposeful activities which foster creative and smart thinking. Our Reception children enjoy a full day at school whilst Nursery children have the option to attend full or half day sessions.

Apex Primary School promotes the Islamic personality development of the child. Therefore, the curriculum is delivered incorporating an Islamic ethos.



We follow the EYFS Statutory Framework and Development Matters to support children's development in the seven areas of learning, whilst also embedding learning of Quran and Islamic studies. Our curriculum aims to give children the varied range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

AREAS COVERED

The areas of development and learning are:

Prime Areas

Personal, Social & Emotional Development
Physical Development
Communication and Language

Specific Areas

Literacy, Mathematics
Understanding the world
Expressive arts and design
Quranic / Islamic development



Allah makes the way to Jannah easy for him who treads the path in search of knowledge

Narrated in Sahih Muslim - 2699



CURRICULUM KS1 & KS2

THEMATIC CURRICULUM

At Apex we bring learning to life by following a thematic curriculum called Learning Journeys where subjects are taught in a fun and holistic way linked to a theme, making learning a rich and meaningful experience for children. All subjects follow the new National Curriculum except for religious subjects*.

QURAN & ARABIC

Focus is given on reading Arabic fluently with emphasis given on memorising and understanding the surahs in Juz 'Amma. Children are taught basic tajwid, with accurate pronunciation (makharij) and simple Arabic grammar.

The most frequently used words in the noble Quran are also taught with their meanings. Lessons are delivered in a dynamic and stimulating way to enhance the love of the language and the Book of Allah.

CORE SUBJECTS

- ✓ English
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Quran & Arabic*
- ✓ Islamic Studies*

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

- ✓ Geography
- ✓ History
- ✓ Art / Design Technology
- ✓ Computing / ICT
- ✓ PE



{Recite in the name of your Lord who created}

Al-Qur'ān, Sūrah al-'Alaq (96:1)

ISLAMIC STUDIES

(Includes aspects of SMSC, PSHE and Citizenship)

We have developed a bespoke curriculum which has been designed specifically with our children and ethos in mind. The broad teachings of Islam are interlinked in "The Journey" which takes our children through the history of the world (from beginning to end; Adam 'alayhi s-salam to Jannah). It covers stories from the noble Qur'an and the authentic Sunnah.

Children learn about the articles of faith, previous prophets, the Sirah and the rich Islamic history. Prayer and other practical aspects of Islam are taught hands-on through projects and discussions (halqas). The spirituality of our children is also supported with religious assemblies, the Muhasabah Booklet and an emphasis on Islamic morals and manners, which are reinforced by our values.

Throughout the year other themed days / weeks are inter-woven into the curriculum to extend the breadth and balance of opportunities we offer our pupils. These include Anti-bullying week; Qur'an week; World book day; Science week; Money week and more.

**"Staff promote
pupils' spiritual,
moral, social
and cultural
development
effectively"**

Ofsted 2016

“ EDUCATION

is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to the one who
prepares for it today

Malcolm X

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PERSONALISED LEARNING

Assessment

Pupils progress is monitored throughout the year to ensure pupils are progressing well. Assessment for learning enables us to structure work suited to individual needs and regular assessment helps track pupil progress and review individual targets.

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

We believe that all children have the right to have access to a good education. The school seeks to be sensitive to children with SEN and those who need help in their learning. We operate a carefully planned policy to identify their needs and then ensure they are appropriately met. Each case is assessed individually. Our SEN Policy is available on request.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

The school also seeks to accommodate children that require additional language support by identifying their needs and how they can be met. Our EAL Policy is available on request.

High Achievers

Our assessment allows us to identify those children who need to be challenged further and measures are put in place to ensure higher progression.

At Apex, taking care of individual pupils' educational needs is our priority.

Educational Visits

At Apex we place great emphasis on enhancing children's learning and bring it to life through a range of wider opportunities. Hence, we organise exciting educational visits every half term! We also invite visitors to the school to share their expertise.

Residential Trips

One of the main highlights of the year is the Year 4, 5 and 6 annual residential trip which includes various recreational activities, which are fun and stimulating; and help to nurture independence and a range of essential life skills.

Extra-Curricular

We offer a range of different clubs such as Cookery, Sports and Hifdh at the school. These run in the mornings and after school. We also offer booster classes to those pupils who we feel require additional support.

Partnerships

The school has established a number of successful partnerships with other organisations such as the Three Faith Forum and Elmhurst Teaching Alliance. We organise an annual food collection for the homeless in winter as an affiliate of FORMO (Federation of Redbridge Muslim Organisations). Our pupils also raise funds which go towards sponsoring an orphan in a third world country.

ABOVE AND BEYOND



WHAT THEY SAY...

Parental Testimonial

The school has given my son a most precious gift: a love of learning. Apex Primary school painstakingly prepares children for their futures and adult life. The school approach and ethos is meticulous and has immensely benefited our children and their peers. With the support of the dedicated staff, our children have blossomed tremendously and we are grateful for the positive influence staff have had on their education, social and moral development.

Ofsted Report, July 2016

Pupils make good progress in English and Mathematics. The school prepares pupils well for life in modern Britain. Staff promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development effectively. The behaviour and personal development of pupils is good. They are courteous, respectful and well mannered. Parents are supportive of the school. They appreciate the quality of learning opportunities the school provides for their children and are pleased with the education their children receive.

Feedback

APEX PARENTS COMMITTEE

Our committee provides invaluable support to the school through organising many social and fundraising events involving parents and the community.



ADMISSIONS





Our Admissions Policy details the registration and admissions process. If you would like to visit the school or require further information, please contact the school on the details below:

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