



Call to the Light



# MUAAZZIN

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## Important dates

14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Information Night Secondary Girls  
 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Information Night Primary Boys  
 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Information Night Primary Girls  
 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Information Night Secondary Boys

## Hadith of the Week:

Hazrat Abu Amaama, Ayas bin-Sa'alaba (R.A.) narrates that the Prophet (S.A.W.) has said, "Do you listen? Do you listen? (In other words, listen attentively and remember). Simplicity and poor circumstances are also a branch of faith." He (S.A.W.) said this repeatedly. (Sunan-AbuDaud)

This implies that the apparent simplicity and adverse circumstances, and lack of concern about dress and beautification, is given rise to by the state of one's Iman. This simplicity is in fact a branch of faith and one of its manifestations.

## Term Dates 2008

Starts	Ends
<b>Term 1:</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> of January	20 <sup>th</sup> of March
<b>Term 2:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> of April	20 <sup>th</sup> of June
<b>Term 3:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> of July	19 <sup>th</sup> of September
<b>Term 4:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> of October	5 <sup>th</sup> of December

## Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

\* be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**

\* be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent. Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (30 January 2007 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2007).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **29 February** 2008.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$215** for primary students and **\$430** for secondary students

and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically twice a year and parents/guardians receive their portion via two cheques. Students turning 16 years in 2008, will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

## Motivational Tools

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Alhumdullillah, we are Muslims, we believe human beings are the best creation of Allah SWT. We have to demonstrate this by every action we do.

We started Year 11 this year, by grace of almighty Allah SWT.

Some motivational tools that may help students to succeed.

**1.** Recognizing obstacles and learning to remove them can make your vision a reality. The individual who is extremely motivated and successful has been motivated by a vision.

**2.** The quest for freedom is the basis for motivation. Total freedom is not necessarily desirable or possible, but the pursuit of that ideal is what motivates us to succeed.

**3.** People who develop a vision control their own life and destiny. With no vision, your life and destiny are controlled by outside forces.

You must change your thinking habits in order to change your life, and you change your habits by keeping the desired results in sight.

**4.** Develop a major goal, but take a specified path to get there. You'll have many smaller goals to reach before you get to the final result.

By learning to accomplish these smaller goals, you'll be motivated to take on the larger challenges.

**5.** Get into the habit of finishing what you start. An unfinished project is of no value. Leaving things unfinished is a habit that must be changed.

**6.** Find support through friends, acquaintances, and

co-workers. If you surround yourself with motivated, visionary people you will naturally develop the attributes that helped them get that way.

Mutual interests and like-minded associates can be excellent motivational tools.

**7.** Another motivational tool is failure. Failure teaches us to keep trying until we get it right. No one ever became successful without prior failures.

Failure is a by-product of imagination and creativity. It challenges you to take risks and teaches you to keep trying until you get it right.

**8.** The fear of failure is a common factor among those who procrastinate. If you want to succeed in reaching your goals, you must be willing to take a risk and lose.

Many people trade joy, satisfaction, and fulfilment for a job that is considered conventional and safe.

**9.** The unfulfilling job is not the failure; not pursuing your dreams is the real failure. Developing a vision requires conquering your fears and finding motivation from within.

**10.** The power of your dreams is the primary factor in becoming motivated. Productivity will be the result of developing habits and attitudes that keep you on the right track.

**11.** By changing bad habits and focusing on your specific goals, motivation will come to you even when you wish you could quit and times are tough.

**12.** By identifying the behaviours that you need to change, developing a vision of what you would like to achieve, and striving to attain that goal, you will become a naturally motivated, highly efficient, productive person.

Do not let fear of failure stop you from having the freedom to choose the lifestyle and destiny you desire.

True motivation is not only a learned skill; it is developed due to a need or desire to make our dreams a reality.

If you want to find inner motivation, you must identify your goals and set out on an unwavering path to achieve them.

Overcoming procrastination is perhaps one of the most important steps you can take to improve your life and become the motivated, successful person you are capable of being.

# Cars & mobile phone usage!!!

## Some helpful reminders:

- *Distracted drivers are dangerous – always keep your eyes on the road.*
- *If your phone rings while you are driving pull over to answer it.*
- *Use hands free.*
- *Set a good example to others about driving safely.*
- *Using your phone while driving is a distraction to yourself & others.*
- *Talking on the mobile phone can also be very annoying to other drivers for example: slowing down.*
- *If you are caught by the police you could incur a large fine.*