



Vision of the School

The famous historian Ibn Khaldoun narrates in his book 'Al-Muqaddima' some advice that the well known leader of the Muslims Haroon ar-Rashid gave to his son's teacher, where he said:

“O Ahmar, verily the leader of the Muslims (referring to himself) is entrusting in your care his beloved, so take him under your wing. Make his obedience to you unconditional and let him regard you as if **you** are the leader of the Muslims. Teach him to read and understand the Qur'an and acquaint him with the traditions of our noble prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Teach him poetry and literature and make him aware of the times at which he should speak and when he should remain silent. Do not let him waste his time and ensure that he is always engaged in beneficial activities and cultivate him with closeness and kindness, but if he rejects this approach then you must be firm and severe.”

It was the desire of the great leaders of Islam to have their children instructed not only in the Islamic disciplines, but also the secular ones. They wanted their children to understand the nature of society through literature and poetry, they also felt it important for their children to keep abreast of current affairs and supported these understandings through an education in geography, history, and the sciences. It is well documented that Salahuddin al-Ayyubi and Sultan al-Fatih, two great leaders of Islam were well versed in these secular disciplines.

There is a desperate need to drive education at all levels of the Muslim community, but especially in the formative (primary) and secondary years of our childrens' education, where the seeds of change can be planted and nurtured.

Al-Khair is dedicated in helping our students achieve excellence in education within a cultivating, caring and secure Islamic environment. We focus on providing our students with a holistic education and teach them how to manage their time, how to effect their learning and how to present themselves and their work. We teach them how to debate, how to reflect, how to critique and think. These are life-long skills that will help mould and develop, the type of Muslim professionals/academics that the community needs to help engage with wider British society in the coming years.

All of these methodologies, techniques and understandings employed by the school are strongly underpinned by a cultivating Islamic environment. At Al-Khair we expect the children to memorise as much of the Qur'an as they are able, we teach them Arabic, Islamic studies and all those matters which are necessary for them to complete their Islamic obligations. More importantly however, we teach them what the Qur'an means not only through their Islamic studies, but by creating an environment where they live their Islam by showing respect and kindness to one another, Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Al-Khair Vision Statement

Cultivation is key; we do not religiously instruct, but discuss openly issues that affect our students and help them through discussion to arrive at those Islamic ideals and mannerisms, that will cultivate them in becoming the type of Muslims who will not only be role models for the generations of Muslims to come, but also intelligent and thoughtful citizens who will serve as ambassadors between Islam and the West.