



Literature, Film & Music Policy

Al-Khair is an educational institution which is competitive with other good independent schools in terms of the quality of teaching provided and the GCSE exam results.

As an Independent school we are not restricted to teaching the National Curriculum at KS3, however, best practise has shown that the National Curriculum can be infused with Islamic values and thus taught within the framework of Muslim morality.

We do this in order to give the pupils the tools to analyse and deconstruct the society they are part of.

As an example, we teach topics such as Evolution and the Big Bang Theory from a Muslim perspective.

With reference to English Literature, in the Secondary School we do not restrict the pupils' reading unless the book contains material that is not age appropriate. Instead, we provide an Islamic context for them to deconstruct the book and understand it from a Muslim perspective.

Most books will be age appropriate but contain ideas which do not reflect a Muslim perspective however pupils are given the opportunity of reading these books and our role as Muslim educators lies in giving the pupils the Islamic framework to understand these books (and our own British society) with.

The books in the library, as per our school policy, are monitored and due care is taken that the pupils are not given any material which has a negative impact upon their creed. Literature provided to the pupils although not vetted, are all age-related. Such reading materials are not censored in anyway, however, where a book is deemed to be gratuitously and grossly inappropriate either in the form of vocabulary, content or pictures, such an item will not be allowed in the school or will be taken out of circulation.

Films, where deemed to be beneficial in terms of teaching and learning may be shown to the pupils. Such movies again would be strictly age related. Further, in case of inappropriate content, the teacher responsible for showing the movie will be expected to have watched it beforehand, in order to fast forward any scenes which are found to be non-conducive to Islamic morals and principles.

Where there is background music in a film, providing that the educational value is great and that there is no alternative available, such a movie would be deemed as acceptable for pupil viewing.

Music with Islamic percussion such as Nasheeds, are permissible in the school. Any other form of music created by musical instruments not sanctioned by the Shariah or sang by a female artist will not be allowed to be played in the school.