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AVICENNA ACADEMY

SPECIALIST IN HERBAL MEDICINE AND ISLAMIC SCHOLARSHIP

SHEFFIELD



A Primary School and Secondary School for all
in Sheffield, Darnall.

Providing excellence in Secular, Islamic and Herbal education



2014 - 2015
SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

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السلام عليكم

Assalamu Alaikum

peace be on you

BACKGROUND

Avicenna Academy is a non-profit organisation that was created to please Allah (swt) by serving the Islamic Educational needs of Muslims. Avicenna Academy was named after Ibn Sina; one of the luminaries of the Islamic World from who shone the rays of intellectual light to the West culminating into the Renaissance. Ibn Sina was a polymath of renowned intellectual ability and boldness as he mastered many fields of knowledge such as Islamic Sciences, Herbal Medicine, Philosophy and Empirical Sciences. During the Renaissance he came to fame by his Latinised name of Avicenna. Avicenna Academy hopes to revive the light of true knowledge. We wish to empower our youth with a love for learning and a vast set of skills that allow them to excel in life.

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ACADEMY'S VISION

Let us first congratulate you upon reading one of the most important school prospectuses in the United Kingdom. After deep reflection we identified a very important unfulfilled need for an Islamic School at the Primary stage in South Yorkshire. At the same time, however, there remains a desperate need for an Islamic Secondary School that provides good quality Islamic and worldly education leading to recognised academic qualifications for all of its students. Avicenna Academy will aim to end the legacy and cycle of failure experienced by young Muslims, in South Yorkshire, by opening an independent Islamic Academy comprising Primary and Secondary schools. We promise to provide a first-rate education for all of our students regardless of their background at a fee that is modest and affordable.

Avicenna Academy will not tolerate being less than outstanding, against OFSTED standards, with a 100% A*-C GCSE pass rate including English and Maths. The academy will also strive towards achieving the best English Baccalaureate results in the region. Avicenna Academy will strive to ensure that graduating students progress to Further Education and eventually gain enrolment into a university from the prestigious Russell Group of Universities. The academy will ensure that its students are intellectually able and are motivated life-long learners. The students will have the opportunity to complete Islamic Scholarship to an Advanced level from the most authentic and purest sources of Islamic Sacred Knowledge. We will only educate our students through teachers with Ijazah and Sanad that lead back to the Seal of Prophets, the Pure and Abundant Fountain and Ocean of Knowledge our Holy Prophet Muhammed (saw).



EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Avicenna Academy is based in premises that were formerly a school in Darnall, Sheffield. Avicenna Academy will be unique in offering a distinct Islamic Ethos coupled with a specialism in Islamic Herbal Medicine; in the Primary phase this will be an Ethos. A key aim of an Islamic Ethos is to instil the values of good etiquettes and manners and therefore Avicenna Academy assures you that we will expend every effort in this regard. Insha'Allah we will expand into a sixth form when our first group of students achieve five or more A*-C GCSE grades, including English and Maths, as part of the English Baccalaureate subjects (the new government Gold Standard).

We will appoint only capable and skilled teachers who share our vision, passion and desire for educating our children and youth. The teachers and students will have the benefit of small class sizes and the provision of tried and tested curricula. Our curricula are resourced with effective teaching materials coupled with innovative steps that make them unique to us. The academy is investing in information and communication technology, projectors and interactive whiteboards that are on par with the latest technology possessed by maintained state schools. In addition to this we have online distance learning technology that will allow us to extend our academy's educational services beyond the classroom. Therefore, by the Permission of Allah (SWT), we are in the position to provide even greater individuality and support learning even in the home!

WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?

Avicenna Academy is based in premises that were formerly a school in Darnall, Sheffield The school has a large playing field for pupils and a seperate playground for primary school pupils. The school has good transport links and road access with on-site parking facilities.

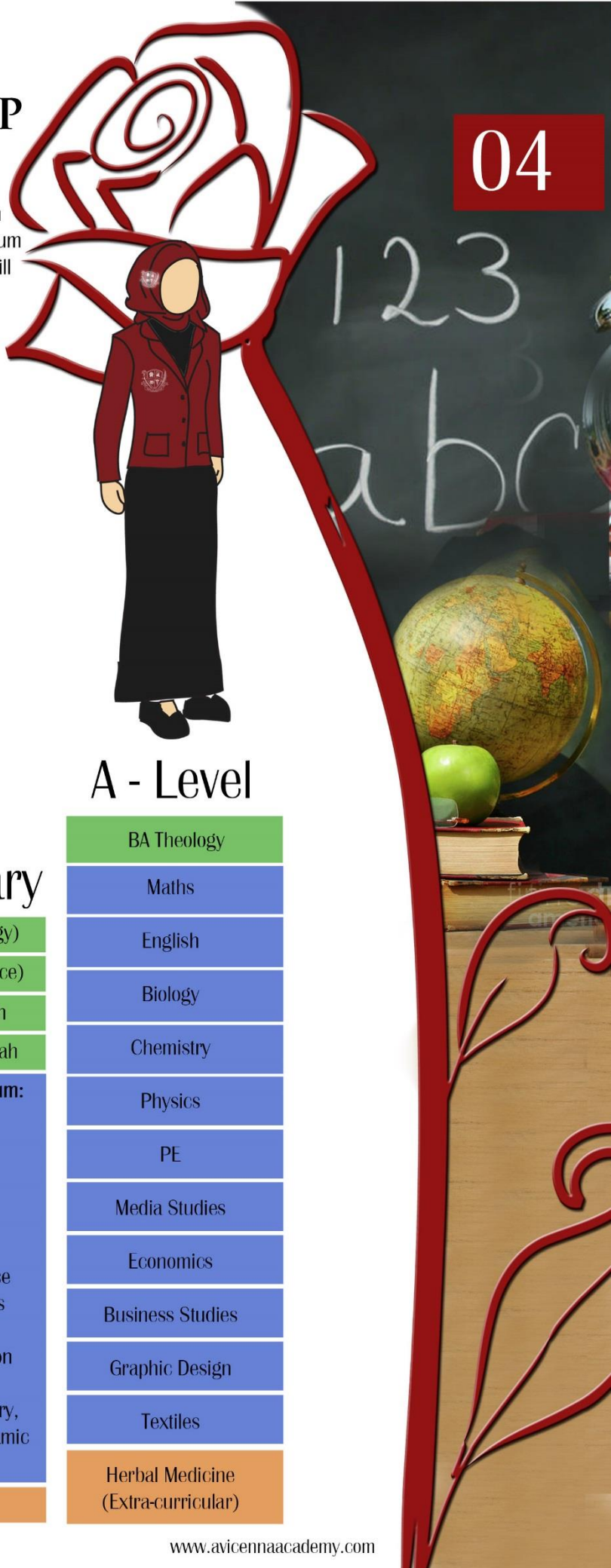


Address:
Avicenna Academy
Tinsley Park Road
(off Coleridge Road)
Darnall
Sheffield
S9 5DL



CURRICULUM MAP

The pathway students will take at Avicenna Academy will involve students moving from the Primary curriculum through to the Secondary curriculum then concluding with the college curriculum. The curriculum map demonstrates the wealth of subjects students will study at Avicenna Academy with a combination of secular studies taught to a very high standard by qualified teachers, with the incooperation of Islamic studies taught to a very high level, also with an introduction of the herbal course.



Primary

Islamic Studies
Arabic Lang
Tajweed / Quran
National Curriculum: Mathematics Literacy Science History Geography Art & Design Physical Education PSHE & SEAL
Herbal Medicine



Secondary

Aqeedah (Theology)
Fiqh (Jurisprudence)
Science of Hadith
Tajweed and Seerah
National Curriculum: Mathematics English Science History Geography ICT Computer Science Business Studies Art & Design Physical Education PSHE & SEAL Humanities (History, Geography, RE/Islamic Studies)
Herbal Medicine



A - Level

BA Theology
Maths
English
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
PE
Media Studies
Economics
Business Studies
Graphic Design
Textiles
Herbal Medicine (Extra-curricular)

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Avicenna Academy will incorporate a Primary School from Reception to Year 6 (Ages 4 - 11 years old) in a mixed gender setting. In September 2014 we will be taking only Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students for admission as part of our strategy of managing progression and growth of the school with good provision of resources.

Our curriculum will embrace much of the National Curriculum programme of study along with various Islamic subjects. The curriculum has to inspire children to learn by encouraging an enquiry-based learning ethos. All pupils must come to believe that they can improve, irrespective of their ability. Staff will be encouraged to look at good practice in other settings, and to research what they can of innovative and effective teaching practices. We expect our teachers to invent new ways to cover the curriculum. We want to provide meaningful contexts for teaching literacy; where children actually want to write!

TIMETABLE

School Opens	8.45am
Registration / Assembly	9.00am - 9.15am
Learning Time 1	9.15am - 10.10am
Break	10.10am - 10.25am
Learning Time 2	10.25am - 11.20am
Lunch	11.20am - 12.15pm
Learning Time 3	12.15pm - 1.10pm
Break	1.10pm - 1.50pm
Learning Time 4	1.50pm - 2.45pm
Learning Time 5	2.45pm - 3.40pm

ISLAMIC ETHOS

Islamic Studies:

Beliefs, Practices, Fiqh, Akhlaaq, Seerah and Stories of the Prophets (AS).

Qur'an:

Reading with Tajweed, as well as memorising and understanding.

Arabic Language:

Speaking and listening, reading and writing. We have provided a native Arabic speaking teacher who is highly qualified and skilled in the Arabic language and pedagogy.

HERBAL MEDICINE ETHOS

Herbal Medicine:

Knowing and understanding what constitutes healthy living according to Islamic Herbal Medicine. Exploring and analysing the benefits of some basic herbs for their medicinal properties.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM ETHOS

Literacy:

Speaking and listening; reading and writing.

Mathematics:

Using and applying mathematics; numbers; shape, space and measures; and basic data handling.

Science:

Experimental and investigative science; Life processes and living things; Materials and their properties and physical processes.

Art and Design including DT:

Exploring knowledge to develop understanding and ideas; Investigating and making art, craft and design; Evaluating and developing work.

ICT:

Using, exploring and discussing experiences of IT; Communicating and handling information; Controlling and modelling.

History:

Chronology, range and depth of historical knowledge and understanding. Interpretations of History; historical enquiry, organisation and communication. These strands of learning will be integrated into the Islamic History lessons.

Geography:

Geographical enquiry; Skills to develop knowledge and understanding of places, patterns and processes; Environmental change and sustainable development.

PSHE & SEAL:

Promoting our children to live emotionally sound, healthy, independent lives, and to become informed active Muslim citizens.

Physical Education:

Through games, movements and gymnastic activities: acquiring, developing, selecting and applying skills, tactics and compositional ideas; evaluating and improving performance; knowledge and understanding of fitness and health.



The Secondary School will be from Year 7 to Year 11 (Ages 11-16 years old) and it will be segregated into Boys' and Girls' sections. In

September 2014 the secondary school will still be expanding and therefore we will only enrol Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. Our Key Stage 3 (KS3) will be shortened to two years with KS4 starting in Year 9 and therefore enjoying more curriculum time to develop our students to higher academic standards. The KS4 and KS5 (sixth form) students are expected to actively demonstrate, through their work, that they have thinking skills such as analysing, evaluating and creating. We will aim to develop and better all students academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially, morally, ethically, and physically. That is we have a holistic vision of education that prioritises the important matters but does not neglect any need.

The school will implement the standard national curriculum with a major creative and practical slant. For example Avicenna Academy will setup summer internships for students with local commercial establishments and students will be encouraged to run community projects. Insha'allah a dynamic and innovative curriculum will give students the knowledge and skills to succeed at university and in the 'real world'. The reason we can teach better and more content is linked to the Islamic ethos and strict discipline of the school as Adab, Akhlaaq and Tarbiya (nurturing and training) will be uncompromising aspects of our curriculum. The Academy will press for the highest respect for parents, teachers and the interests of the community over that of the individual.

TIMETABLE

The Secondary school timetable is designed to maximise learning time as 6 lessons cover the school day allowing pupils to have a wider curriculum.

School Opens	8.45am
Reg / Assembly	9.00am - 9.15am
Period 1	9.15am - 10.10am
Period 2	10.10am - 11.05am
Break	11.05am - 11.20am
Period 3	11.20am - 12.15pm
Period 4	12.15pm - 1.10pm
Lunch	1.10pm - 1.50pm
Period 5	1.50pm - 2.45pm
Period 6	2.345pm - 3.40pm

All subjects below will be offered at GCSE level and A-level (or by their equivalents).

ISLAMIC ETHOS

Aqeedah (Theology):

It is enough to note that the Prophetic Mission of Our Blessed Nabi (SAW) was primarily about Aqeedah till at least its tenth or eleventh year when Salah (Prayer) became obligatory. Thus the methodology of the Prophets' (AS) was to teach Aqeedah and then came the actions. Today this subject is rarely studied and so consequently we see great evil overcoming the Muslims. We will teach Aqeedah from the earliest sources and through the understanding of the rightly guided first generations.

Fiqh (Jurisprudence):

Avicenna Academy will teach its students to the highest standards in Fiqh so that they are acquainted with the strongest opinions of the madhab that they are studying (Hanafi/Shafi'i). They will be taught to analyse situations and apply principles to derive rulings via discussion and debate with their peers and the teacher.

Science of Hadith:

The students will be taught terminologies of the hadith sciences as well as the principles by which the strength/authenticity of hadith are graded. Students will also memorise certain important collections of hadith and learn the explanations (sharh) for them.

Tajweed and Seerah:

For students that haven't mastered tajweed by the start of Secondary school there will be opportunity to continue this important subject. Since a key aspect of a Muslim's belief involves connecting with the Prophet (SAW) we will teach the Seerah at a deep and analytic level as to the authenticity of sources, and the moral lessons that can be drawn with reference to students own lives and environment.

HERBAL MEDICINE ETHOS

Islamic Herbal Medicine:

Unfortunately the provision of authentic herbal medicine is non-existent and government strategies to improve health are largely ineffective in the Asian/Muslim communities of South Yorkshire. Herbal medicine is on the rise as people are increasingly turning to away from certain aspects of contemporary medicine. Furthermore herbal medicine is the legacy of the Islamic Intellectuals, such as Avicenna, and therefore students will be able to inherit authentic herbal medicine so that they can benefit themselves and their communities.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM ETHOS

Maths:

Following the national curriculum (NC) the subject will be infused with real life problems and situations that can be solved through maths thus showing the practical applications of mathematics. Furthermore by carrying out student exhibitions and fairs the pupils will be taught how maths is used in different functional areas.

Science:

The NC will be covered with emphasis on deeper logical analysis and creativity of thought. Avicenna Academy wants students to be educated with a broader and more practical understanding of science and therefore experimentation will follow only after deep reflection on the empirical methodology of discovery. Our students will aim to complete either double or triple award.

English:

English will follow the NC but with extra emphasis put on eloquence, grammar and rhetorical thinking. Students will be encouraged to work in groups and individually to present in front of their colleagues. We will strive to instil an appreciation for reading and creative writing skills as these are the key to improving the ability to communicate effectively through quality writing and speech. Our students will be encouraged to complete an English Language and Literature course in KS4 and thereby attaining two highly valued qualifications.

Arabic and optional language:

As a language of immense importance for Islamic Scholarship and deeper connection to the sources and texts of Islam we will teach three strands that will see our students attain higher than GCSE awards in KS4. Avicenna Academy will offer language (Lowgah), Grammar (Nahw) and Morphology (Sarf) so that its students can master the language at a deeper intellectual level. Students will be given the option to learn Urdu as an additional language.

History, Geography, R.E/Islamic Studies and ICT:

For these subjects Avicenna Academy will follow the national curriculum. However there will be a real emphasis in developing the literacy and numeracy of students in these subjects, as well as making cross-curricula connections between subjects. We will ensure that functional skills are actually taught in a way that their benefits are fully realised.

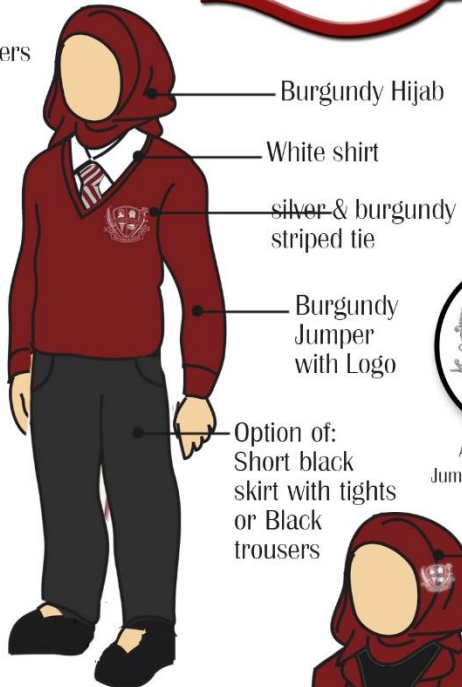
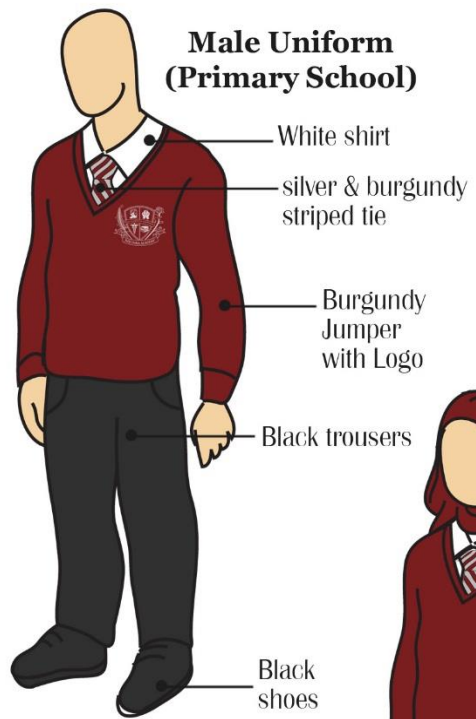
Art & Design/Design & Technology:

Art and DT will follow the national curriculum, with emphasis on creativity and the new sustainability argument. Students will be allowed to be creative and produce design only or real world projects. They will be encouraged to make connections between other subject areas and take ownership in their work.

Physical Education:

The school will put an emphasis on competition and being healthy. Due to Islamic restrictions many Muslim girls are unable to participate in certain sports and activities such as swimming, rugby, football etc. However we will design PE so that girls participate without compromising Islamic Sharia.

**Male Uniform
(Primary School)**

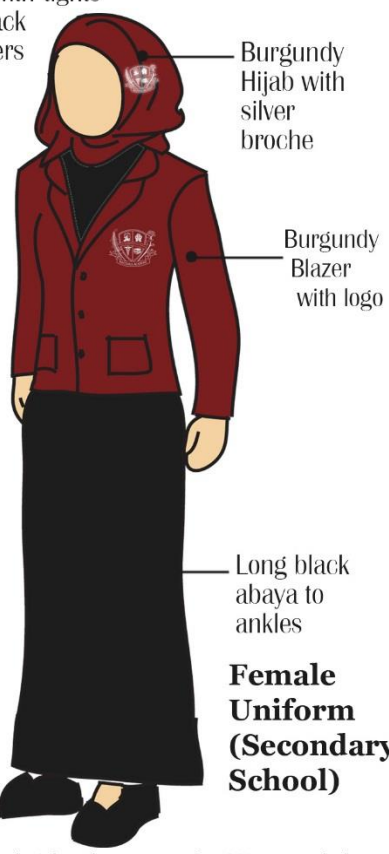


Avicenna Logo on Jumper, Blazer & Broche

**Male Uniform
(Secondary School)**



**Female Uniform
(Primary School)**



**Female Uniform
(Secondary School)**

UNIFORM

Avicenna Academy decided upon this uniform due to the powerful symbolism that coincides with our desire to develop a vibrant and strong community of knowledge seekers. From the choice of colour to the design of the students' attire we wanted to achieve what Avicenna unwittingly did by being a bridge between the West and the East. We wanted to infuse the blessings of Islam's promotion of cultural diversity and its modest sense of dress with a bold and professional look that demonstrates our Academy community's readiness to take on modern day challenges. Parents can rest assured that our uniform for girls and boys meets Sharia rulings and objectives.



Silver & Burgundy striped School Tie

FEES INFORMATION

Below are listed the fees for 1 academic year starting from Sept 2015

Children	Fees Amount
1 Child	£1699
2 Children	£2999
3 Children	£4199

*Note these fees could be changed in the near future.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please read this information carefully to ensure that your child's application is processed promptly and efficiently:

Please download an application form from the school website, under the Primary or Secondary School link as relevant to your children.

Please complete the form in clear, legible handwriting, ensuring you have signed and dated it in the correct place. Alternatively you can complete the application on a computer.

Post the completed form to Avicenna Academy Admin, 4 St Hildas Road, Doncaster, DN4 5EJ or email as an attachment to admissions@avicennaacademy.com

Once your application has been received, an acknowledgement email or card will be issued to you detailing a reference number that should be quoted in all correspondence with us regarding your application.

Our main intake is for September of each year. You must submit your application (for a child of the correct age for admission) before the following August for your application to be considered. You will then hear whether or not your application has been successful in August.

If you have applied for a Reception place after our intake for September has been admitted, or for a place in another class, then your application will be placed on our waiting list for the appropriate class and will be considered should a place arise.

During our routine admissions period for new student intake, we will invite those attracting greatest priority to the school for a short interview and examination. Parents and students will also have an opportunity to take a look around the school at this time.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

What are the admissions criteria?

These are based on our selection criteria. These currently are:

A - Level of commitment to our school's values

Since a shared ethos shapes a strong and vibrant school community we will be assessing this in the interview stage and if we are not satisfied we may seek references.

B - Location

Applications are welcome from families residing anywhere in South Yorkshire, but Sheffield areas will have higher priority
Applications from any area outside of South Yorkshire will only be considered in special cases.

C - Social factors

We pay heed to applicants demonstrating a need for extra support due to social or domestic problems, as well as applications from members of staff.

D - Siblings already enrolled at the school

Siblings have very high priority but must sit entry exams and interview.

E - Mode of transport to school

The school encourages the use of "environmentally-friendly" forms of transport to school.

Please note:

Should any two applications qualify equally for a single place then we will apply a closest-to-school oversubscription criteria and the closer address would gain the place.

QUESTION: Can I appeal if my application is unsuccessful?

ANSWER: If you feel that your application has not been dealt with fairly please put your concerns down in writing to the headteacher, within two weeks of the notification.

OFSTED SUMMARY

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) is a government organisation that regulates and inspects schools to achieve excellence in the care of children and young people, and in education and skills for learners of all ages.

In December 2014 Ofsted officials came to assess Avicenna Academy for their first Ofsted. Ofsted were impressed by the level of progress the school had made in such a short period of time as well as the high standards of behaviour and education upheld within the school. They said the school was a Good school with many Outstanding features. This can be found in the report on the government website. Summary of which is below:



Behaviour - Outstanding
Child safety - Outstanding
SMSC - Outstanding
Pupils achievement - Good
Teaching and learning - Good
Leadership and management - Good



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STANDING ORDER MANDATE FORM

Title: _____ First Name(s) _____ Last Name _____
 Gender: Male Female Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY): / /
 Address: House Number/Name _____
 Street Name _____
 Town/city _____
 County _____ Postcode _____
 Telephone (mobile for text alerts): _____ opt-out of alerts
 Email _____

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 Sort-code: Account Number:
 Account Name:
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Full Name:
 Address:
 Postcode:

Declaration

I want Avicenna Academy to treat all donations I have made since the 6th April of this current year and in the future as Gift Aid Donations until I notify otherwise. (This includes Membership Fees where applicable)
 I know that I must pay an amount of income or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the Tax the charity reclaims on my donations in the Tax Year

Signature: Date:

Pay To:

Account Name: Avicenna Academy Sort-code: 08-92-99 Account: 6563 5753
 Bank Address: The Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

"Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave"

~ Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) ~



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3 Year
Full Time
Herbal
Medical
Program



Admissions/Interviews:

Course Start Date:

Sept 2014

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to make the seeker a herbalist.
Tabeeb (diagnostic)

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“When I read the syllabus I was amazed at the uniqueness of the subjects.”
 - Parent's comment -

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Outstanding Islamic Education

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 requirements of the National Curriculum.

Only teaching Authentic Knowledge

Teaching Purity through Wisdom

Promoting the highest morals

Striving towards Excellence

“We were concerned about our child's future, Avicenna Academy gave the solution.”
 - Parent's comment -

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