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Dear Parents and Carers

Prayer Times for Muslim Learners at Harrow High School

This week we spoke to our local mosque in Harrow for advice regarding learners praying during the school day. The school offer a dedicated prayer room and ablution facilities for use by our Muslim learners on a daily basis for the Zuhr Prayer time. However, you will appreciate, being in all lessons for their full duration is the key to academic success, learning must not be missed.

The Harrow Mosque agreed there is no issue with learners praying at 1.40pm rather than 1.30pm, therefore, balancing the importance of praying and being in the classroom. The school agrees to:

Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Learners will be able to pray in the dedicated space during their lunchtime between 12:50pm and 1:40pm.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Learners will be able to pray in the dedicated space during their lunchtime between 1:40pm and 2:30pm. Currently with the Asr Prayer time due to begin at around 2:00pm this means your child will have to move to the prayer space quickly after the end of lesson. We and the Mosque appreciate that this means your child will not finish Salah for Zuhr before the recommended 15 minutes before Asr however, as we move into January there will be more time for your child to achieve their Saleh as the Asr time moves to after 2:00pm as the day lengthens. We will also open the Prayer Room at 3.20pm if requested.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter and we look forward to supporting your child with their Faith.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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