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## Introduction

Al Noor Heritage and Character centre, where light guides our journey towards enlightenment, wisdom, and cultural harmony. At Al Noor, we believe in fostering an environment where students, teachers, and parents can come together to explore, understand, and appreciate the rich tapestry of Islamic heritage and British values.

Our centre is more than just a place of learning; it's a beacon of knowledge, radiating the values of peace, understanding, and unity. Whether you're a curious student, a dedicated teacher, or a supportive parent, there's something for everyone at Al Noor. For our young learners, we offer a diverse range of educational experiences tailored to ignite curiosity and foster personal growth. From Quranic recitation classes to language and cultural exchange sessions, our aim is to provide a holistic education that nurtures both the mind and the soul. Through engaging workshops and interactive seminars, students will explore the intersections between Islamic teachings and British values, gaining a deeper understanding of their roles as global citizens.

Teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the minds of future generations, and at Al Noor, we provide them with the tools and resources they need to inspire and educate. Our educational seminars and workshops not only enhance professional development but also promote inclusivity, tolerance, and mutual respect in the classroom. By integrating Islamic principles with British values, teachers can create a dynamic learning environment where diversity is celebrated, and differences are embraced.

As parents, you are instrumental in your child's educational journey, and Al Noor is committed to supporting you every step of the way. Through family bonding seminars, cultural celebrations, and community events, we strive to strengthen family bonds, promote open communication, and instill positive values that resonate beyond the classroom walls.

Together, let us embark on a journey of discovery and enlightenment at Al Noor Heritage and Character centre. Let us illuminate our minds with knowledge, our hearts with compassion, and our communities with unity. Welcome to Al Noor, where light leads the way towards a brighter future for all.



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## Workshops for the Academic Year

<b>September</b>	Cultural Heritage and Personal Growth: Drawing Strength from Your Roots
<b>October</b>	Balancing Faith and Ambition: A Journey to Holistic Success
<b>November</b>	Effective Communication for Leaders: Inspiring and Influencing Change
<b>December</b>	Calligraphy workshop
<b>January</b>	Storytelling
<b>February</b>	Cultural Journey
<b>March</b>	History of the UAE
<b>April</b>	Emirati hospitality
<b>May</b>	Traditional customs
<b>June</b>	The Role of the Majlis



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## 1. Islamic Education Spiritual Development Services

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Explore Quranic teachings in guided studies.

- Engage in discussions on Quranic interpretation (Tafsir).
- Experience spiritual renewal in retreats.
- Enhance Quranic recitation skills through Tajweed classes.
- Express creativity through Quranic art workshops.
- Embark on educational trips to Umrah for spiritual enrichment

## 2. Educational Seminars and Workshops

Conduct seminars, lectures, and workshops on topics such as interfaith harmony, cultural diversity, and civic responsibility, integrating Islamic teachings with British values of democracy, rule of law, and individual liberty.

- Host seminars, lectures, and workshops focusing on interfaith harmony, cultural diversity, and civic responsibility.
- Provide a platform for discussions and learning on topics crucial to societal cohesion and understanding.
- Foster dialogue and mutual respect through engaging seminars and workshops.
- Empower individuals to uphold shared values of tolerance and inclusivity in diverse communities.



### 3. Language and Cultural Exchange Sessions

Provide language classes in Arabic , English and other languages, alongside cultural immersion experiences showcasing Islamic heritage and British culture, fostering appreciation, and understanding among participants.

- Offer language classes in Arabic, English, and other languages.
- Foster appreciation and understanding among participants through language and cultural exchange sessions.
- Create opportunities for students to learn about different languages and cultures in an interactive setting.
- Host book clubs and international literacy comprehension activities to further engage students in cultural exchange.

### 4. Cultural Literacy & Heritage Hub

The Cultural Literacy & Heritage Hub is essential in cultivating a comprehensive understanding of the rich heritage of the UAE, the UK, and the world, ensuring that our students grow as well-rounded global citizens.

Our library provides diverse educational resources covering various cultures and topics, fostering cross-cultural understanding, heritage appreciation, and values like tolerance and unity.

Importance of Understanding Heritage: Understanding and appreciating heritage is crucial for several reasons:

#### **Cultural Identity**

Learning about the heritage of the UAE helps students connect with their roots, fostering a sense of pride and identity. This connection reinforces the values, traditions, and customs that shape their community.



- **Global Awareness**

Exposure to global heritage broadens students' perspectives, helping them appreciate the diversity and interconnectedness of the world. It cultivates empathy and respect for different cultures, promoting a more inclusive and harmonious society.

- **Historical Insight**

Knowledge of heritage provides historical context, enabling students to understand the evolution of societies and the factors that influence cultural development. This insight fosters critical thinking and a deeper appreciation for the present.

- **Civic Responsibility**

Awareness of cultural heritage encourages students to participate in preserving and promoting their heritage. It instills a sense of responsibility towards their community and the environment, aligning with the values of citizenship and stewardship.

- **Educational Trips for Heritage Exploration**

To enrich the learning experience, we organize educational field trips to significant heritage sites. These trips provide hands-on learning opportunities, allowing students to witness and engage with historical and cultural landmarks firsthand.



## List of Heritage Places

### Cultural Heritage Tour in Dubai

- **Dubai Museum:** Located in the Al Fahidi Fort, the Dubai Museum offers insights into the emirate's past, showcasing artifacts and exhibits that narrate the story of Dubai's transformation from a fishing village to a global metropolis.



### Environmental Conservation Expedition

- **Jebel Ali Wildlife Sanctuary:** This protected area highlights the UAE's efforts in conservation, providing students with an understanding of the region's unique biodiversity and the importance of sustainable practices.



### Islamic Values Exploration

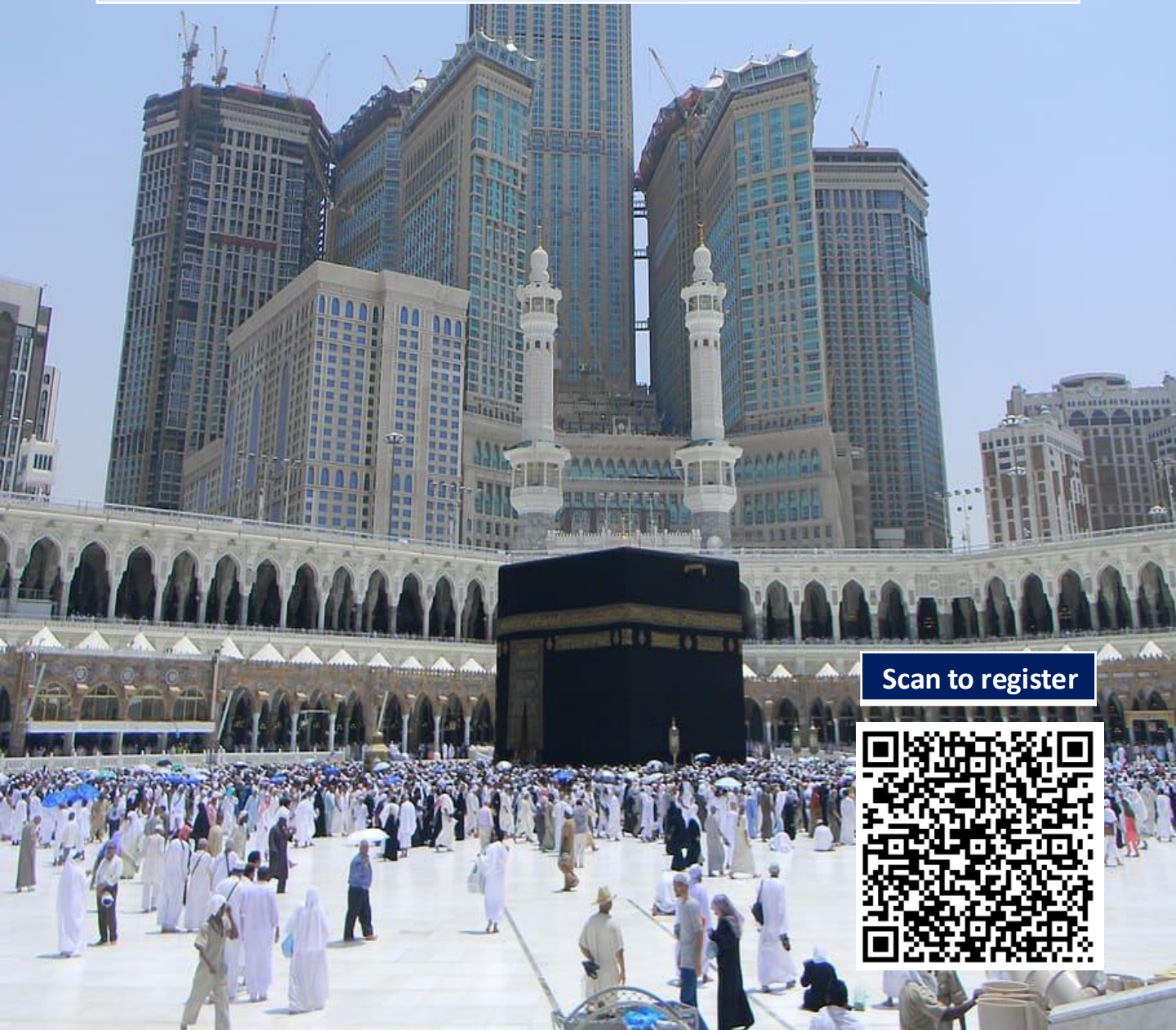
- **Jumeirah Mosque:** Open to visitors of all faiths, this mosque provides insights into Islamic practices and promotes interfaith dialogue.
- **Quranic Park:** A unique park that combines natural beauty with educational exhibits about the Quran, fostering a deeper understanding of Islamic teachings.





## 5. Umrah Trip: January 2025

The Umrah trip scheduled for January 2025 offers a profound spiritual experience, allowing students to connect deeply with their faith and understand the significance of Islamic rituals and traditions. This journey is designed to enrich students' educational, historical, and spiritual perspectives, providing a unique opportunity to put their learning into practice.



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## Benefits of the Umrah Trip

### 1. Educational Benefits

- **Practical Learning:** Students will have the chance to apply the knowledge gained from their Quranic and Islamic studies in a real-world context. The trip provides hands-on experience of the rituals they have learned about, reinforcing their understanding and retention.
- **Cultural Immersion:** By visiting significant religious and historical sites, students will gain a deeper appreciation for Islamic history and culture. This immersion helps them understand the historical context of their faith and its impact on the world.
- **Language Skills:** Interaction in Arabic during the trip will enhance their language skills, providing practical usage in a native context and improving their fluency and confidence.

### 2. Historical Benefits

- **Visit to Madinah:** The trip includes a visit to Madinah, a city of great historical and spiritual significance. Students will explore key sites such as the Prophet's Mosque, gaining insights into the early Islamic era and the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
- **Islamic Heritage Sites:** Students will visit various heritage sites that reflect the rich history of Islam, allowing them to connect historical events with their current studies and appreciate the continuity of Islamic traditions.

### 3. Spiritual Benefits

- **Strengthening Faith:** Performing Umrah is a spiritually uplifting experience that strengthens students' faith and devotion. It allows them to engage in personal reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal.
- **Understanding Rituals:** Students will learn the importance and meaning behind Islamic rituals, such as Tawaf (circumambulation of the Kaaba) and Sa'i (walking between the hills of Safa and Marwah), deepening their spiritual understanding and commitment.
- **Community Bonding:** Sharing this spiritual journey with peers fosters a sense of community and brotherhood, reinforcing the values of unity and mutual support.





#### 4. Character Building

- **Empathy and Compassion:** The experience of Umrah teaches students about humility, patience, and compassion. They witness firsthand the diverse community of Muslims, learning to appreciate and respect different cultures and backgrounds.
- **Discipline and Responsibility:** The structured nature of the pilgrimage requires discipline and adherence to specific rituals, fostering a sense of responsibility and self-control in students.
- **Application of Islamic Principles:** The trip provides a practical platform for students to embody Islamic principles such as charity, kindness, and respect for others. It encourages them to integrate these values into their daily lives.

## 5. Itinerary Highlights

**Performing Umrah:** Students will perform the rites of Umrah, including Ihram, Tawaf, Sa'i, and shaving/cutting hair, under the guidance of knowledgeable instructors.

**Visiting the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah:** A visit to this holy mosque will allow students to pray and reflect in one of Islam's most sacred sites.

**Exploring Historical Sites:** Visits to other significant locations in Makkah and Madinah, such as Mount Uhud and Quba Mosque, will provide historical context and deepen their connection to the Islamic faith.

This Umrah trip is not just a journey to a holy place but a transformative experience that will leave a lasting impact on students' spiritual, educational, and personal development. It embodies the principles of Al Noor Heritage and Character centre, aiming to illuminate minds and hearts with knowledge, faith, and compassion.

## 6. Sustainability Education Initiatives

Integrate sustainability concepts into projects, values, and learning activities, serving as a focal point within the school community. Through hands-on projects, instill environmental stewardship, ethical responsibility, and holistic understanding, aligning with Islamic principles of conservation and British values of citizenship.

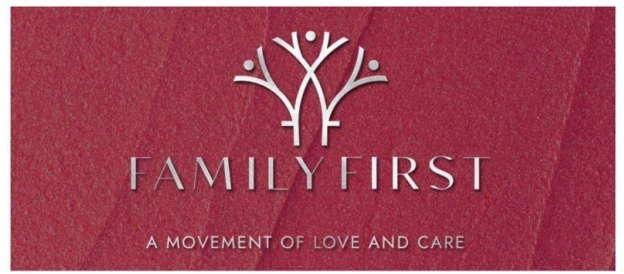


- **Eco Projects:** Implement sustainable projects like recycling programs or energy-saving initiatives.
- **Green Spaces:** Farm development project. Sustainability Workshops: Conduct educational workshops on waste reduction, water conservation, and renewable energy.
- **Nature Trips:** Arrange outdoor activities like nature walks to enhance environmental appreciation.
- **Innovation Challenges:** Encourage students to develop eco-friendly solutions through competitions.

## 7. Family Values Support Service

Offering dedicated resources, workshops, and events aimed at nurturing and supporting family values within the community. Provide activities, and educational programs designed to strengthen family bonds, communication, and unity, aligning with the UAE's commitment to prioritizing family values.

- **Family Bonding Seminars and Workshops:** Host interactive workshops and seminars focused on strengthening familial bonds through engaging activities and discussions.
- **Family-Friendly Events and Activities:** Organize various family-friendly events such as cultural festivals and sports days, fostering quality time and bonding between parents and children.
- **Values-Based Storytelling:** Conduct storytelling sessions highlighting moral values and virtues to instil positive family values.





## 9. Cultural Celebrations and events

Organising cultural festivals, Eid celebrations, community iftar, and special events that celebrate the diversity of the community, inviting participation from students, parents, and staff to foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity.

- **Eid Celebrations:** Host events for Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, including prayers and cultural activities.
- **Community Iftar Dinners:** Arrange communal iftar dinners during Ramadan for community bonding.
- **Cultural Workshops:** Offer workshops on traditions and crafts to educate and engage participants.



**EID  
MUBARAK  
FAMILY  
FIRST**

GEMS Metropole School hopes this Eid be with love, and meaningful moments with beloved families. Eid Mubarak!





## The Grand Interfaith Iftar



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وَعَنْ أَسْرَائِيلَ  
وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

GEMS Metropole welcomes  
the whole community in the  
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**GRAND  
INTERFAITH IFTAR  
FAMILY FIRST**

The Interfaith Iftar event is a special gathering aims to celebrate unity and communal harmony. The theme, "Family First: Uniting Hearts at One Table," underscores our commitment to fostering an environment where families can come together in joy and togetherness. By sharing a meal and engaging in meaningful dialogue, we hope to transcend differences and cultivate a culture of inclusivity and mutual respect. This event promises to enrich the lives of our students, staff, and their families, highlighting the values of tolerance, understanding, and acceptance in a world that needs them more than ever.





## Workshops for each Term

### Term 1

- **Interfaith Harmony Seminar:** A seminar focusing on the importance of interfaith harmony, featuring discussions on shared values between Islamic teachings and British values.
- **Leadership Skills Development Workshop:** Interactive sessions aimed at nurturing leadership qualities among youth, incorporating values from both Islamic teachings and British values.
- **Environmental Awareness Campaign:** A workshop promoting eco-consciousness and sustainability practices in alignment with Islamic principles of stewardship and British values of citizenship.
- **Sustainability Innovation Challenge:** A competition encouraging students to develop eco-friendly solutions, aligning with Islamic principles of conservation and British values of innovation. (Till the end of the year)

### Term 2

- **Tafsir Discussion Group:** A guided discussion session exploring Quranic interpretation and its relevance to contemporary issues, integrating Islamic teachings with British values.
- **Youth Leadership Retreat:** A retreat aimed at fostering leadership skills and virtues among young participants, blending Islamic teachings with mentoring and British values.
- **Family Bonding Seminar:** A seminar focused on strengthening familial bonds through interactive activities and discussions, emphasizing values shared by Islamic teachings and British culture.

### Term 3

- **Quranic Art Workshop:** Hands-on workshop exploring artistic expressions inspired by Quranic teachings, fostering creativity and spiritual reflection.
- **Youth Mentorship Program Orientation:** An orientation session introducing students to the mentorship program, emphasizing values of empathy, integrity, and responsibility.
- **Family Values Storytelling Session:** Storytelling session for families highlighting moral values and virtues, promoting positive family dynamics.

## Classes offered

- 1. Quranic Recitation and Tajweed:** A class focused on improving Quranic recitation skills and mastering Tajweed rules, enhancing students' connection with the Quran. (During school day or after school) (3 terms)
- 2. Introduction to Arabic Language and Culture:** A foundational class introducing students to the Arabic language, its script, basic vocabulary, and cultural aspects, promoting cultural exchange and appreciation. (During school day or after school) (3 terms)
- 3. Spanish Language and Culture:** An introductory class offering basic Spanish language skills and insights into Hispanic culture, expanding students' linguistic and cultural horizons. (During school day or after school) (3 terms)
- 4. Tafsir Studies:** In this class, students delve into the interpretation and understanding of selected Quranic passages (Tafsir), fostering critical thinking and spiritual reflection. (During school day or after school) (3 terms)
- 5. French Language and Culture:** An introductory class providing basic French language skills and an introduction to French culture, enhancing students' linguistic and cultural competence. (During school day or after school) (3 terms)
- 6. Youth Leadership and Empowerment:** This class provides practical strategies for youth leadership development, drawing on Islamic teachings and British values to nurture future leaders. (During school day or after school) (3 terms)

## Events

- UAE National Day.
- Community Iftar.
- Prophet Muhammed Birthday.
- Eid celebration.
- Family Day Picnic
- Farmers Market
- Communication Day
- Heritage Run
- Voluntary Events





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