THE SATURDAY SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

As-Salamu ‘Alaykum,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students of the Al-Baqir Saturday School. This prospectus aims to provide you with a detailed overview of our Saturday School.

Description

Al-Baqir Saturday school provides a unique six-module transformative course for young Muslim teenagers. The course is designed to give students a grounding in obligatory knowledge required for every Muslim (Fard al-‘Ayn) and to inspire the love of Islam in a relaxed, comfortable, and engaging environment.

The school aims to take the traditional Islamic learning and fuse it with a more contemporary approach, making it conceivable in a modern-day context. We pride ourselves in offering our students outstanding teaching and all the support required to achieve their goals. These modules are supplemented by a range of trips and relevant workshops throughout the year ranging from health, finance, and drugs to washing, shrouding and burying the deceased.



Trip to Cambridge Mosque 2026

3 Year Course outline

Module 1 – Exegesis (Tafsir – Explanation of the Quran)

The aim of this module is to provide students with an overview and understanding of specific hand-picked chapters from the Quran. Students will be acquainted with the themes and stories of the chapters and encouraged to recite the Qur’an with its meaning and explanation to help understand its true purpose. Introductory in-house notes will be used to teach the module. The following areas will be covered; Introduction to Tafsir, various lenses and approaches to interpreting the Quran.

Year 1: The final ten surahs, Surah Yusuf & Surah al-Kahf

Year 2: Surah Hud, Surah Nur & Surah Mulk

Module 2 – Sirah (The blessed life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ)

This module outlines the significant events of Islamic history and civilisation by studying the life of the beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Students are taken on a journey through the blessed Sirah and teachings of the Chosen One ﷺ. This module allows the students to acquaint themselves with the Messenger ﷺ and extract lessons from his blessed life to implement in their own.

Year 1: The Blessed birth, Childhood, Revelation, Makkan Period

Year 2: Madinian Period, The Rightly Guided Caliphs

Module 3 – Aqidah (Islamic theology)

This module presents the belief of the Ahl al-Sunnah, which is the creed of the first generation of Muslims and those who followed in their footsteps. It covers the core Islamic doctrines outlined in the 7 articles of faith: Belief in Allah, His attributes, Angels, the Divine Books, Prophets and Messengers, the Day of Judgement, Life after Death, and Destiny.



Year 3 graduation ceremony 2026

Year 3: Understanding Islam. An evidence-based understanding into the fundamental truths of Islam. Offering a clear exploration of Islamic theology while equipping students with the tools to thoughtfully engage with common atheist critiques and liberal challenges — strengthening their conviction in an era marked by uncertainty and doubt.

Module 4 – Fiqh (Jurisprudence)

This module addresses the basic rules and duties of a Muslim based on the Hanafi school of thought in Islamic Law. It provides insight into the absolute essentials of purification and prayer, with a focus on legal boundaries. Female-related matters are taught by our qualified female teachers in a safe, comfortable, and friendly setting. The module is delivered based around the text '*Imdad al-Fiqh fil-Ibaadat*' (Islamic Way of Worship) by Shaykh Muhammad Imdad Hussain Pirzada, with additional explanation. The final year is taught based on principle Hanafi texts including Quduri, Hidaya & Radd Al-Muhtar.



Students participating in a practical funeral workshop

Year 1: The Hanafi Madhab, Fiqh of Purification & Prayer

Year 2: Fasting, Zakah & Hajj

Year 3: Marriage, Divorce, Understanding Islamic Penal Law & Business dealings

Module 5 – Islamic History

The study of Islamic history serves as a timeless gateway for Muslims to connect with their rich cultural heritage, profound spirituality, and transformative ethical principles. In this captivating module, we embark on a journey through centuries of Islamic civilization, delving into the events, personalities, and teachings that have shaped the global Muslim community.

Year 3 - A concise overview of the major Islamic Empires from the Umayyad Dynasty to the Ottoman Empire and Muslims and their Nation States.

Module 6 – Adab

In their final year, students will be taken on a journey of guided reading through the famous work of Imam Al-Ghazali, "*Ayyuhal Walad*". The text provides profound spiritual guidance in Tasawwuf. It emphasizes spiritual development, ethical conduct, sincerity in actions, the balance of knowledge and practice, and deepening one's relationship with God through remembrance and prayer. It offers essential advice for students on leading a spiritually dedicated life and putting into action the knowledge they have learnt.

Exams:

Exams will take place at the end of each term ensuring students are understanding and learning the work covered in class. Students must achieve an average of 65% to progress onto the next year. In their final year, students will embark on a project in Islamic history, allowing them to explore a topic or era of their choice.



Students who complete the third year of the Saturday School programme with a final average result of 75% or above will be offered a place onto the Foundation in Arabic programme.

Timings:

Saturday: 11.30am – 2.20pm (Year 1)
11.30am – 2.30pm (Year 2 & Year 3)

Classes for the new academic year will start on Saturday 6th September 2025.
Holidays will follow the academic calendar attached.

Attendance and punctuality:

Please note that good attendance at any educational institute is important to learning. We understand that there may be times when absence is unavoidable, which is why the following approach will help us manage attendance effectively. If your child is absent from the institute or he/she will be late, inform the office by telephone or text on 07494757840 before their class.

Where a student has more than three unauthorised absences and has been late on more than four occasions, parents will be invited for a meeting with the teacher of the student. Where parents fail to attend or there is no improvement in the student's attendance, Al-Baqir reserves the right to remove the student from the school.

Late procedures

Students are required to be in the Madrassah by 11:30am. Any student that arrives thereafter on two occasions or more without a reason communicated by parents will receive a 30-minute detention before school. If the lateness is repeated after that, parents will be informed, and a final warning triggered. The student at this point runs the risk of being removed from the school.

Uniform

It is important that the way students present themselves reflects the impression of a positive and well-disciplined establishment.

Students are expected to always attend the Institute in a neat, clean uniform, according to Islamic practice and adhering to Islamic codes of modesty. Students are expected to uphold this in the way in which they are dressed.

Boys: Jubba / Shalwar Kameez and a hat
Girls: Abaya / long modest dress and scarf that covers their hair wholly

Fees

Fees are charged at £40 per month, payable at the start of every month. There is a one-off registration fee of £25 for new students which is paid upon enrolment. For existing students there is an annual book fee of £15 which covers all books and resources used throughout the year. Multiple sibling concessions are available and are as follows:

£40 p/m – 1st child

£30 p/m – 2nd child and every child thereafter

We are not accepting cash or weekly payments; therefore, all payments must be made to the following account as standing orders to avoid any issues:

Name: Al-Baqir Community Centre LTD
Sort Code: 60-11-01
Acc number: 24743992
Ref: Child's name/Eldest sibling's name

All fees are due at the start of the month and attendance for even one day of the month will incur the full fee for that month, as well as any absences.

Student expectations:



Sincere intentions – the purpose of the student's attendance at the Saturday school should be to seek knowledge and understanding of religion for the sake of Allah ﷻ.

Respect for knowledge – Students should not take these lessons lightly, nor should they undervalue their learning. We expect students to work hard and review their lessons weekly.

Implementation – The purpose of the Saturday school is to learn more about Islam and to practically apply the teachings where possible.

Good manners towards teachers and peers – the core of Islamic teachings centres around the concept of Adab (discipline). Knowledge cannot be acquired without good etiquette and readiness to learn.

Respecting classroom rules – students must not be eating/chewing, nor should they use phones during lessons. Students must not talk over others, especially the teacher.

Materials:

All students are required to make good and neat notes of their classwork. In order to maintain that, they will require the following:

- Folder / binder
- Refill pad
- Stationery

Students may also bring some light snacks for refreshment during their break in between lessons.

Contact

The Madrasah admin officer deals with all concerns related to fees, payment and attendance. This means that the teachers do not deal with these affairs, so we ask that you bear this in mind if/when you contact your child's teacher regarding a matter.

Admin contact number: 07494757840
Admin email: admin@albaqir.co.uk
Head of Sat School email: shussain@albaqir.co.uk
Office hours: 4.30pm – 7pm (Mon – Thurs)
9am – 11am (Sat & Sun)

If you have any concerns regarding your child at the Madrasah, please get in touch with the relevant teacher or the admin officer, though we ask that you consider their availability. Our staff have the right to disconnect from work (i.e., not responding to phone calls and messages from parents) outside of work hours to help maintain a good work-life balance. Should you still need to make contact, you can expect to receive a reply or a call-back the following working day, depending on the staff member's schedule, unless it is urgent.

We will not tolerate any rudeness or misconduct displayed towards our staff members or fellow parents, so please bear this in mind when making contact in any case.

Jazak'Allahu Khaira,



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Head of Saturday School