



# Al Ihsaan

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- APAX SCHOOL CREST
- THE BEST OF THE BEST
- APAX STARS OF THE MONTH

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## THE DAWN OF A NEW BEGINNING... BY THE HEADMISTRESS MRS H MANJRA

Alhamdulillah, through the grace and mercy of Allah, January 12, 2011 ushered in the first teaching day of the Auckland Park Academy of Excellence (APAX). Our new learners and parents arrived at a freshly painted building, equipped classrooms and an eager group of Educators and staff waiting to welcome them to our new school!

Our new recruits, together with Muallim H Zardad opened the first assembly with a heart rendering recitation of Surah Fatiha.

All present were welcomed and introduced to the members of staff. The assembly was followed by a brief orientation session with the educators.



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## A P A X S C H O O L C R E S T

The shield represents the protection of Islam and education. The crescent can be read as a dome or a moon, both symbolising Islam. It can also be seen as a horizon, symbolising the dawn of a new beginning.

The minaret on a crescent symbolises Islamic philosophy and principles which are taught at the school

The scroll and graduation hat denotes secular education also taught at the school.

The rays of the sun represents the enlightenment of our learners with knowledge, both Islamic and secular, and encourages them to reflect this in every sphere of their lives.

There are 5 rays in the

logo representing the 5 pillars of Islam as well as the 5 principal components of our school - Islam, learners, parents, teachers, governing committee. The colour turquoise symbolises nature, the preservation/conservation of which we will endeavour to uphold.

## THE BEST OF THE BEST...MUHAMMAD (SAW) by Hafez H. O. Zardad

Indeed for you in the Messenger of Allah is an excellent example, for he who hopes in Allah and the Final Day and who remembers Allah abundantly. *Surah Al-Ahzaab v 21*

The life of Rasulallah (P.B.U.H) is indeed one of perfection. This perfection however, is not one of any worldly measure but rather something more intangible and that is perfection of the self, temperament, character and social interaction and the pinnacle of it all is that not only did he master these traits flawlessly but always remained consistent with them. Furthermore, he had perfection in his submission to The Supreme Being, Creator of all the universes. One would agree that the most correct opinion to the accreditation of even the most pious man lay with his wife, for indeed she witnesses his true temperament and nature and so by direct implication, which man then would allow his wife to reveal his true nature to even his most bosom friend? Rasulallah (P.B.U.H) however, was no ordinary man and therefore no pretences, and thus we find his wives been given an open mandate to disclosing even the most private moments of his life all serving as guidelines for his ummah. History bears testimony to the numerous impressions his life had on many people. It was due to his nobility that the mother of the believers, Khadija RA proposed to him in marriage. He started out as an employee of hers, she realised what excellent qualities he possessed, his honesty and integrity. Another incident bearing testimony to his excellent nature was his first encounter with the Angel Jibreel AS in the cave of Hira upon receiving the first revelation which was one of intense fear and anxiety and when returning to his wife Khadija RA she consoles him by rendering him of sound reason as to why Allah would never desert him, she mentions such attributes about him all attesting to his kind nature, she says, *"Allah (S.W.T) will never desert you because you always make it a point of keeping family ties, you help the frail, you assist the less fortunate, you entertain guests and you aid with the difficulties of keeping the truth"*. Undoubtedly his character was the Quraan as confessed by the mother of the believers Aa-ishah (R.A). One often hears his bold statement but afford a moment to contemplate this answer of hers in response to the one who asked concerning the character of Rasulallah (P.B.U.H), what she actually implied was, "what can I say, every aspect of his life was commendable, and so the best way in learning about it is to read The Quraan for indeed that was his character. Those who looked toward him with the mere physical eye admitted to his profound kindness, truthfulness and exemplary character but still proved hostile towards him but on the contrary those who looked at him with the eyes of the heart truly were inspired as the couplets of Hassaan bin Thaabit (R.A) have been recorded:

**More excellent than you, no eye has ever seen  
More beautiful than you, no woman has ever given birth to**

### IQRAA by Muallima Fatima Badat

In the Arabic language, the literal meaning of the verb "Iqraa" is to read. It was the first word of the Quraan, revealed to our prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) by the Angel Gibraeel.

Alhamdulillah, we are pleased to inform you, the parents' of APAX, that we have received a generous donation of musallahs. Please do not worry to send musallahs for the learners as we have already started using these.

Masha Allah all our learners are performing their Dhur salaah at school. May Allah keep them steadfast and may they always perform all their salaah timeously.

Aameen.



### SCHOOL HOURS

#### **Mon, Tues and Wed:**

07h45 to 14h00 (foundation phase)

Grades 4 to 6: 07h45 to 14h45

#### **Thursdays:**

07h45 to 15h00 (all grades)

#### **Fridays:**

07h45 to 11h45 (all grades)

Parents please ensure that your children are dropped off and picked up on time.



### Library by Muallimma Ayesha Coovadia

Alhamdulillah, we are in the process of installing shelving in our school library where our children can quench their thirst for knowledge. Our aim is to ensure that all our learners develop a love for reading. The library will consist of Islamic, Fiction and Non Fiction works. It would be appreciated if parents could assist us by contributing good condition age appropriate books, (6-12 yrs), towards our library.



### The PTA by Muallimma Ayesha Haffejee

We believe that parents play an integral part in the education and holistic development of our children. Our aim at APAX is to develop as well as maintain an excellent and beneficial relationship with every parent at our school. Our hope is that a PTA will therefore play a very important role in ascertaining that every parent as well as teacher has a platform through which suggestions, queries and concerns could be efficiently addressed. Our first PTA meeting will Insha-Allah take place in March. A date will be forwarded shortly. All parents are encouraged to attend in order to elect representatives. We would like to emphasize the fact that even parents who are not elected still form part of the PTA.



### Sport and Coaching

by Muallimma Aarefah Vally

Due to the need of keeping our kids active at school we have partnered with Laerskool Esperanza for a structured sporting programme with professional coaches. The programme introduces our learners to a variety of sporting codes on an amateur level. If the coaches identify any potential future champions, the school and the parents will be notified and given an opportunity to expand on this. The magnificent fields and well-maintained landscape provides a stunning backdrop for our learners to explore their physical abilities.

### Integration and Interaction

A whole new world has opened up for all at APAX. Educators and learners alike are making new friends, experiencing new cultures and relating on a whole new level with all at Esperanza. In the event of unfavourable weather extracurricular activities will be held at our school.

### CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR  
STARS OF THE  
MONTH

Grade 1

Muizzuddeen Bapoo

“Always Greeting”

Grade 2

Ridwaan Khan

“Vast General Knowledge”

Grade 3

Yousha Sader

“Being Efficient”

Grade 4

Talha Bapoo

“Always Greeting”

Grade 5

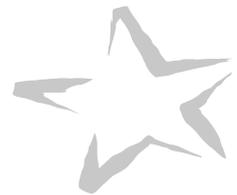
Uzair Bulbulia

“Melodius recitation of the Holy  
Quraan”

Grade 6

Eesa Sader

“Being Extremely Reliable”



Muallima Zaheeda Sujee

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2011**



Term 1 - 12 January 2011 -25 March 2011  
Term 2 -11 April 2011-24 June 2011  
Term 3-18 July 2011-30 September 2011  
Term 4-10 October 2011-9 December 2011

**The Tuck Shop**



**Price List**

Lays Potato Chips	R4
Choc Stix	R5
Cadbury Mini	R2,50
Tex	R5
Bar One	R5
Kit Kat	R5
Lunch Bar	R5
Aero Chunky	R6
Milo	R6,50
Super M	R6,50
Ceres juice	R5
Aquelle water	R3
Valpre water	R5.50

Our tuck shop would appreciate it if learners came with small change .

**LUNCHES**

In the near future sandwiches on a supply by order basis will be offered!!!

*Prices are subject to change.*

Ramadaan 1 August 2011

**Eid Ul-Fitr** Wed 31/8/2011. School will be closed on Tuesday 30/8/2011 and 1/09/2011

**Eid-UI-Adha** 6 Nov 2011 -School will be closed on 7/11/2011

***"A vision without a task is a dream.  
A task without a vision is drudgery.  
A vision with a task is the hope of the world."***

**PARENT-TEACHER MEETING**

Our first Parent-Teacher Meeting will be held on Saturday 19 February 2011 between 10h30 and 12h30. This meeting will give both parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss any concerns they may have. Parents are requested to make every effort to attend.

**WELCOME TEA AT APAX**

Parents and Well Wishers are invited to attend a "Meet and Greet" at the school on Saturday, 5 March 2011 at 13H30 for 14h00. Refreshments will be served.

**World Cancer Day-Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**February**

**"Cancer is the leading cause of death around the world."**

With this in mind we prepared an interesting and informative programme for our learners on Fri 4<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the **causes and preventative measures** that should be taken as well as the **different types of cancers**.

Learners were then given fun activities to complete. The day proved to be a huge success as the kids displayed signs of an awareness towards cancer and its impact on us.



**APAX APPOINTS ITS FIRST PREFECTS!**

**Congratulations!**

**By Muallima A Dollie**

We have appointed the first five prefects in the history of our school. They are: Juwayriya Docrat, Eesa Sader, Hammaad Akoojee, Shaaista Khan and Mohamed Zain Laher. We shall encourage and support them every step of the way. We make Duaa that our prefects can fulfill their roles with excellence.



**RULES REGARDING CELLPHONES**

We regret to inform you that learners are not permitted to bring cellphones to school. Should there be an emergency, please contact the office.

***Do not feel ashamed if the amount of charity is small because to refuse the needy is an act of greater shame.***

**Imam Ali(AS)**

***Please note that our future issues of Al Ihsaan will include learner contributions. We would like to encourage all our learners to participate.***



***Future issues of Al Ihsaan will also include community announcements and adverts at a nominal fee.***



## UNIFORMS– Muallima Maymoona Asmal

Alhamdulillah!!! We are pleased to announce that our uniforms are nearing completion. APAX believes that a mandatory school uniform will provide a more secure school environment and promote an atmosphere for greater discipline.

### **Purchase:**

*School uniforms will be on sale at the school shortly. We will further communicate with all parents in this regard.*

### **Boys' Uniforms:**

School golf shirt, long grey pants; black school topees, black school shoes; grey/black socks, blazers and a school tracksuit.

### **Girls' Uniforms:**

Grey and turquoise kurta , grey pants with a turquoise burka, blazers and a school tracksuit. Black school shoes; grey/black socks,

### **Cold Weather Apparel:**

Jerseys in our school colour will be available shortly.

### **Physical Education/Excursion Uniform: Boys and Girls**

School golf T, school track suit; suitable sports shoes and school peak caps

Shorts of any kind are not allowed

### UNIFORMS PRICE LIST - BOYS AND GIRLS

#### GIRLS UNIFORMS

<u>SIZES</u> <u>(Kurtas and pants)</u>	<u>PRICES</u>
5/6; 6/7; 7/8; 8/9; 9/10;	R250.00
10/11; 11/12;/ 12/13	R250.00
PANTS-ALL SIZES	R80.00

#### TRACKSUITS – BOYS AND GIRLS

TRACKSUITS	ALL SIZES	R300.00
TRACKSUIT PANTS ONLY	ALL SIZES	R120.00

#### GOLF SHIRTS: BOYS AND GIRLS

GOLF SHIRTS	ALL SIZES	R100.00
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#### BURKHAS

SMALL;MEDIUM	R50.00
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#### TOPEES

SIZES	19½ - 21½	R40.00
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#### PEAK CAPS

SIZES- S,M	R45.00
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#### WINTER JERSEYS

ALL SIZES	R80.00
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#### BOYS GREY PANTS

ALL SIZES	PRICE TO BE CONFIRMED
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#### BOYS AND GIRLS BLACK BLAZERS

ALL SIZES	PRICE TO BE CONFIRMED
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### SCHOOL FEES

All those parents who have not yet paid their February fees kindly settle. Shukran to all parents who have done so already. Bank details as follows:

#### BANKING DETAILS:

Name of Account: Auckland Park Academy of Excellence T/A as APAX

Bank: FNB

Account Number :

62291366815

Branch : Melville

Branch No : 256505

Your reference for the deposit should be your child's name and grade - email to admin@apax.co.za



Quran Bags reflecting the schools logo will be available at R50.00 per bag.