

8 February 2024

Dear Parent

Iftar

Iftar is the name given to the breaking of the fast for Muslims during Ramadan – one of the most important months in the Islamic calendar. Muslims use this month to focus their attentions on God, achieving personal goals and spiritual growth, increasing charitable efforts and strengthening bonds in communities. We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our annual Iftar in the Queen's Hall on **Tuesday 26th March 5 – 9pm**.

There will be space to pray the sunset prayer in congregation for those who wish to perform this prayer. However, we have limited washing facilities on site and therefore request that attendees **perform wudu before they arrive and also bring their own prayer mat**. Tickets are now available via the <u>Little Box Office</u>. Please also be aware that any profits made from the event will be donated to One Nation as chosen by the student leadership for this event.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Junayd Khan and Eisa Nabi for their leadership under the Islamic Society in arranging the programme for the evening. We have been overwhelmed by the number of students expressing a desire to contribute – either by speaking or helping with the set-up of the hall – and am so pleased to see this event having student ownership. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our parent committee who have supported in arranging catering, decorations and donations to support the funding of the event.

In nurturing the character of our students at RGS, we strongly believe in fostering curiosity alongside kindness and empathy. We actively encourage them to be proximate with those who have different perspectives and beliefs, fostering a culture of understanding. We therefore extend a warm invitation to all, irrespective of faith or cultural heritage, to attend and look forward to welcoming you all.

Yours sincerely

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