



# ICN ACADEMY

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**Illuminating the soul**

Madrasah for boys and girls



## INTRODUCTION:

The beginnings of a pious life spent in the obedience of Allah Almighty begins with the child being appropriately nurtured and educated. Just as parents pay great attention to the secular education of the child, it is incredibly important they do not neglect their religious education. As such, educating our children in their religion must be our first priority if we desire Islam to continue in our generations. The ICN Academy syllabus is one that will maximise the time spent by the students in the madrasah. It will equip them with everything they require to be fully practising Muslims with a contextual understanding of Islam. Alongside being taught the Qur'an with tajweed, students will follow a carefully designed syllabus which will ensure they are educated in Islam to the highest standard so they can graduate with the perfect foundations to specialise in Islamic scholarship or leave and pursue a path in secular education whilst being well nurtured, practising Muslims.

## ABOUT US:

Islamic Centre Nottingham is the first purpose built masjid of the city of Nottingham. It is the largest and central masjid of the city. It has been serving the Muslims of the city by providing essential religious, spiritual and educational services for many years. Alongside the normal five daily prayers and weekly Jumuah prayers, it continues to provide the community various educational courses in classical Islamic Studies for brother and sisters of all ages.

Our mission is to provide a life long learning and development opportunity, alongside addressing the social and spiritual needs of Muslims, helping them positively contribute towards the diverse Britain we live in today.

Working closely with Imams, teachers and community organisations, we aim to accommodate every aspect of the individual and community needs. With the backing of both the youth and elders, the centre has now embarked upon fulfilling this aspiration with the ICN Academy.

ICN Academy is founded by our Imam and teacher Shaykh Issarar Hussain Al Azhari. After completing A levels in Philosophy, Psychology, Biology and Religious studies, he studied the traditional Nizmiya curriculum of the Islamic sciences under the guidance of Shaykh Muhammad Imdad Hussain Pirzada for 6 years, graduating with Ijaza in the Islamic sciences, specialising in Hanafi jurisprudence. Following this, he pursued advanced studies in Masjid Al Azhar with the scholars of Al Azhar in the subjects of Hadith, comparative Islamic Law and Qur'an. He received ijaza in various recitations of the Qur'an, Hadith disciplines and theology.

## OUR MOTTO:

“Illuminating the soul” is our motto since our approach is one that is deeply rooted in the great Islamic intellectual tradition. The Muslims were known to be pioneers in all fields of knowledge and historically have contributed to the creation and development of a great number of disciplines. We aim to inspire our children to become more than just practising Muslims but thinkers and future intellectuals who will contribute the good of society in numerous ways.

# CURRICULUM:

## *Arabic language:*

We have designed our syllabus so that students who graduate at 16 will have a good understanding of the Arabic language, particularly the Qur'an. Imam Ghazali mentions; "To learn one verse of the Qur'an with comprehension and understanding is better than reciting the entire Qur'an without any understanding". Elements of grammar and vocabulary will be taught enabling them to read and translate Arabic sentences and phrases.

## *Islamic Doctrine (Aqida):*

### **KEY TEXTS:**

*Islamic Beliefs By Shaykh Muhammad Imdad Hussain Pirzada, Al Aqida Al Tahawiya by Imam Tahawi*

In order to ensure students are prepared to deal with the attacks and challenges on theism in an increasingly secular Britain, students will study Islamic theology (Aqida) which will be taught with rational evidences ensuring any challenges or questions they face from evil ideologies will be easily deterred leaving their faith in Allah Almighty intact.

## *Qur'an/Tajweed:*

The Messenger of Allah has said, "Recite the Qur'an as it was revealed". Children will be taught the recitation of the Qur'an with tajweed from the very beginning of their studies and upon completion of its recitation, will receive a license (Ijaza) in the recitation of the Qur'an in the recitation of Imam Hafs with an unbroken chain of transmission going back to the Messenger of Allah himself.

## Memorisation (Hifz):

Alongside the prayer and necessary duas that are required in everyday life, students will memorise the 30th part of the Qur'an with tajweed as a minimum requirement. Those who desire to memorise the whole Qur'an will be enrolled in a separate Hifz programme once they have achieved proficiency in recitation.

## Qur'an Translation:

Alongside recitation, children will read the entire translation of the Qur'an with a simple, contextual explanation where required.

## Sirah and the Prophetic example:

### KEY TEXTS:

*The Life of the Prophet/The Sublime Messenger by Shaykh Muhammad Imdad Hussain Pirzada,*  
*Al Sirah Al Nabawiyah by Ibn Kathir*  
*Al Shifa by Qadi Iyad*

Loving the Messenger of Allah is obligatory for every Muslim and is the foundation of our faith. The Holy Prophet has said, "None of you believe until I am more beloved than your parents, children and all of mankind". In an age where those with rancour in their hearts seek to attack and revile the Messenger of Allah, and his Sunnah is misunderstood it is incredibly important that our children know his true reality and are taught his true example. The syllabus has been designed to ensure the children will leave knowing the Messenger of Allah so no doubts towards him will ever enter their hearts.

## *Islamic Law of worship/Halal &Haram (Fiqh):*

### **KEY TEXTS:**

*Islamic Way or Worship by Shaykh Muhammad Imdad Hussain Pirzada, Fiqh of Halal and Haram*

Students will be taught all the necessary rulings relating to the 5 pillars in detail to allow them to graduate as fully practising muslims. They will also be taught the rulings of the Halal and Haram in Islam with relation to food and drink, clothing, relationships and trade.

## *Nurturing the soul (Tasawuf):*

### **KEY TEXTS:**

*The Beginning of Guidance/Dearly Beloved Child by Imam Ghazali*

A very important aspect of our syllabus is the spiritual nurturing the students will receive. Students will learn the importance of rectifying the soul and developing the best of characteristics. They will be introduced to Islamic Spirituality through the works of Imam Ghazali and will be taught how to apply the teachings of tasawuf in their lives and dealings with others.

## *Moderation and tackling extremism:*

Due to the actions of a few evil, misguided people who pose as carriers of the Prophetic mantle, the teachings of Islam have been misinterpreted and used to justify extremism. Our syllabus includes particular texts which deconstruct and refute the extremist mindset and will provide students with the correct interpretation of Islam as a moderate and merciful religion.



# ENROLMENT:

**CLASS TIMINGS:** Monday - Thursday

**PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (7-10):** 4:30PM-6:00PM

**SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (11-16):** 6:00PM- 7:30PM

**SATURDAY:**

*Primary school students (7-10): 10:00AM-11:AM*

*Secondary school students (11-16): 11:00AM-12:00PM*

**HIFZ CLASS:** Monday-Friday: 4:30PM-7:30PM

**HOLIDAYS:** Holidays from the Madrasah will be in line with the Islamic calendar. Students will be given 3 days for the 2 Eid Festivals and the last week of Ramadhan. They will also be given a summer holiday period of 3 weeks maximum. Any unauthorised absences will be monitored and disciplinary action including fines/submission of their place will be taken if necessary.

**DRESS CODE:**

*Brothers: White salwar kameez/jubba and white hat*

*Sisters: Black abaya and white/black headscarf*

**FEES:** Students will be required to pay £25.00 per month which will be accepted via direct debit. Siblings will receive a special discount and will be charged £40.00 for both students per month.

**SAFETY:** The building and classrooms are monitored by CCTV and teachers are all DBS certified to ensure the children learn in a safe and secure environment.

**EXPECTATIONS:**

- Attendance and punctuality must be of the highest standard.
- Correct uniform • Positive learning attitude
- Revision and completion of homework • Attendance of the prayers outside of class times • Respect to staff, parents, fellow students & members of the wider community • Resilience and dedication in learning

To register and confirm a space for your child, please fill in the online registration form by visiting the following link:

[www.registrations.ibeuk.org/icnacadeemy](http://www.registrations.ibeuk.org/icnacadeemy)

Tel: 07970110820

## CONCLUDING REMARKS:

*The transmission of sacred knowledge is a trust and therefore teaching it in the correct way, to the highest level possible is a responsibility. The religion cannot continue to our future generations unless we strive to pass this trust onto them. The scholars have mentioned that prior to the questioning of the children on the day of judgement, parents will first be questioned with regards to their efforts in educating and nurturing them. In order to succeed on that day, we must strive now to teach and nurture our children in the Prophetic way. May Allah Almighty allow the light of Islam to glow in our hearts and give us the ability to pass it on to our next generation.*

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Imam and teacher (Islamic Centre Nottingham)

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