



**FURQAAN  
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A DIVISION OF AL-FURQAAN FOUNDATION

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**THE COAST TO COAST NETWORKED SCHOOL**  
FULL-TIME ISLAMIC SCHOOL WITH INTEGRATED HIFDH

## Quarter 1 Newsletter 2025-2026

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### Theme of the Month: Justice



Justice is one of the most important values in life. It means being fair, treating people equally, and standing up for what is right. In Islam, justice is not just a good thing, it's a responsibility. Allah tells us in the Quran to always be just, even if it's against ourselves or someone we love.

In one verse the Quran says:

“Oh you believers, Stand out firmly for justice, as a witness to Allah...”(surah Nisaa, ayat 135)

This shows that Muslims must always speak the truth, regardless of the cost.

The prophet (saw) also taught us to be just in our daily lives. He was fair and kind to everyone, even those who didn't believe him. He judged cases with honesty and made sure everyone was treated equally, whether they were rich or poor.

In conclusion, justice is a key value in Islam. It helps build a peaceful and fair society. As, muslims, we should always try to be just in everything we do because it pleases Allah and helps make the world a better place.

Hasar A. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade



### Upcoming Events!



**Labor Day - No School**  
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)  
September 1 2025

**FALL MAP Tests**  
From September 15-19

**Mid-Progress Reports**  
**Sent Home**  
September 17 2025

**Arabic & English Spelling**  
**Bee List Sent Home**  
September 19 2025

**Introduction of Quran Fair (6th-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**surrah assigned to students**  
September 24 2025

**Read-a-Thon Progress**  
September 24 2025

**Late Start/Teacher Meeting**  
September 25 2025



# Students' Interviews



1. What is your name?

My name is Jaleelah Abdulhasib

2. What is your grade level?

I'm in Grade 11

3. How old are you?

I'm currently 16 years old

4. How are you liking Furqaan Academy Online so far?

Furqaan Academy Online is okay.

5. How did you discover Furqaan Academy Online?

My parents had heard about it.

6. What are some goals you would like to achieve this quarter?

Inshallah to end with all A's.

7. What is your favorite class so far? Why?

My favorite class so far is Quran because I'm relearning a lot of surahs I forgot.

8. What subject do you find the most challenging, and how do you deal with it?

I don't think any of the classes are difficult but because Art and PE classes aren't live classes, I forget to do them, but inshallah I won't in the future.

9. If you could improve one thing about your learning experience, what would it be?

To improve my learning experience, I would do my homework as soon as school ends.

10. If you could learn something new outside of school, what would it be?

How to crochet, I've always wanted to but I haven't tried.

Faduma A. 11<sup>TH</sup> Grade



1. What is your name?

Omar Atiq

2. Where are you from?

I'm from Palestine.

3. Where are you right now?

Now I live in Chicago, Illinois.

4. What grade are you in?

I am in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.

5. What are your favorite hobbies?

My favorite hobbies are playing outside at the park, and playing basketball on my free time.

6. Do you play any games?

Yes, I play some video games but not as much.

7. Have you ever been in a private school?

No, this is my first year attending a private school.

8. Was your last school a public school or private school?

My last school was at a public school and it was Manhattan Junior high school.

9. What is your favorite food or deserts?

My favorite food is pizza and my favorite dessert is ice cream.

Sharif A. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

# Articles

## Read-A-Thon



The Read-a-thon is an event where students will try to read at least 100 books throughout the school year.

During the Read-a-thon, everyone focuses on reading every day which helps build a good habit. It also gives students a chance to explore new books and improve their reading skills.

The Read-a-thon is important because it helps students become better readers. Reading often improves vocabulary, spelling, and understanding of different topics. It can also enhance students' imagination and help them think more creatively. The Read-a-thon is a great way to enjoy books and grow as learners!

Yasmin Y. 10th grade



# Articles

## Interviewing

### A new teacher



1. What is your name?

My name is Fariha Saif.

2. Which classes do you teach?

This year, I am teaching Health to High school students and Islamic Studies & Science to Junior High students.

3. Did you go to college? If yes, Which college?

Yes, I attended college, it was a well known college of Pakistan called Sir Syed College for Women.

4. Where or When did you discover Furqaan Academy Online? How?

I was teaching at Furqaan Academy Bolingbrook when FAO was started, so I knew about it.

5. How are you liking teaching in Furqaan Academy Online?

Teaching is my passion and I love working with students of different age groups. Furqaan Academy online is a good platform where I can lead my class to nurture young minds. Alhamdulillah, I like working in FAO.

6. What are your goals for this School Year?

I want to provide quality education to my students in an Islamic atmosphere, where we can relate the real life problems with lessons in the light of our religion.

7. How long have you been a Teacher for?

More than 8 years, Alhamdulillah!

Aya A. 11<sup>th</sup> grade

# A Teacher's Interview



1. What is your name?

Mrs. Hira Imran

2. How long have you been working with FAO? Is this your first time teaching online? How is it for you?

This is my second year working with FAO and my time teaching in an online setting. While online teaching presents unique challenges, my priority is to create an engaging and supportive learning environment where students can learn, grow, and feel at ease as if teachers were right there in their home.

3. How long have you been teaching English and World History?

I have been teaching English Literature/ ELA for over five years. World History for two years

4. What is your favorite grade to teach?

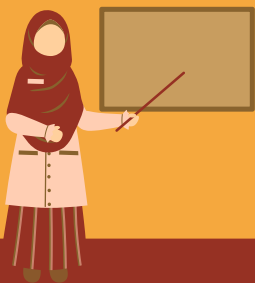
I enjoy teaching both middle and high school students, and I value the unique qualities of each group. Middle schoolers are in a transitional stage as they approach their teenage years; they may have less patience, yet I find fulfillment in addressing their challenges and supporting their growth. High school students, on the other hand, tend to be more understanding and composed, which creates a peaceful learning environment.

I genuinely appreciate the opportunity to teach and guide both age groups.

5. What is your favorite book you've ever read?

My favorite book is "If Tomorrow Comes" by "Sidney Sheldon". I enjoy it because Sheldon's thrilling and suspenseful writing, combined with strong characters and unexpected twists, makes the story both engaging and inspiring

Huda A 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



# New FAO Schedule 2025-2026

As a returning student of FAO, the new schedule has really created a positive impact on my education. Previously, classes would run late, ending at 4-5 PM. Now, classes consistently end at 2:30 PM. This allows for students to have more time in the afternoon. It is much easier to balance schoolwork and still have free time to do what we like. With the previous schedule, I felt overworked because I would be exhausted after school but still had to complete homework. Many of the returning students I have spoken with have also said they liked this new schedule. Overall, this shift to an earlier release has been receiving positive feedback and is a highly beneficial change for students.

Yasmeen S. 11<sup>th</sup> Grade



Timing / Periods	Middle School 6 -8th	High School 9 - 12th
<b>Assembly</b> 7:50 -8:00 am CDT	Daily School Assembly	Daily School Assembly
<b>Period 1</b> 8:00 - 8:40 AM CDT	QURAN-Mrs. Ghazy Level 2  ARABIC Level 1 Mrs. Bar	ADV. ISLAMIC STUDIES 8-12th Mrs. Begum
<b>Period 2</b> 8:40 - 9:20 AM CDT	QURAN Level 2 Mrs. Ghazy ARABIC Level 3 Mrs. Bar	ADV. ISLAMIC STUDIES 8-12th Mrs. Begum
<b>Period 3</b> 9:20 -10:00AM CDT	Math 6 Mrs. Hanafi Math 7 Mrs. Begum	QURAN Mrs. Ghazy ARABIC Level 3 Mrs. Bar
<b>Period 4</b> 10:00-10:40 AM CDT	ELA 6-8th Mrs. Imran	QURAN Mrs. Ghazy ARABIC Level 4/8 Mrs. Bar
<b>Period 5</b> 10:40-11:20 AM CDT	ELA 6-8th Mrs. Imran	PRE-CALCULUS Mrs. Begum
<b>Period 6</b> 11:20 -12:00 PM CDT	SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8th	HEALTH 9-12th Mrs. Saif
<b>Lunch</b> 12:00 -12:30 PM CDT	LUNCH	LUNCH Algebra I Mrs. Begum
<b>Period 7</b> 12:30 -1:10 PM CDT	ISLAMIC STUDIES Mrs. Saif 6-7th	GEOMETRY Mrs. Begum
<b>Period 8</b> 1:10-1:50 PM CDT	SCIENCE Mrs. Saif 6-8th	Literature Mrs. Imran
<b>Period 9</b> 1:50 -2:30 PM CDT	QURAN/ARABIC Level1 Quran	SOCIAL STUDIES Mrs. Imran
<b>Online Electives</b>	Gym / Art See Google Classroom	Gym / Art See Google Classroom

# “Daughter of Mine”



“Daughter of Mine” by Megan Miranda

is a suspenseful, mystery thriller set in the quiet lakeside town of Mirror Lake, North Carolina. The story follows Hazel Sharp, a young woman who returns home after her stepfather's death to settle his estate. What begins as a simple visit turns into a journey of discovery as the dropping lake-level starts to reveal long-buried secrets. Along the way, Hazel reconnects with her Step-Brothers Gage and Caden Holt, and faces memories of her mother's mysterious disappearance years earlier. This is a great fictional book for anyone who enjoys family drama mixed with suspense, thriller, and mystery. It's a good book that keeps readers hooked until the very end.

Jahairah A. 10<sup>th</sup> grade

*Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body..*

*Richard Steele*



# Singapore

Singapore is a small island country in Southeast Asia, but even though it is small, it is very modern and clean. The country is known for its tall skyscrapers, bright city lights, and beautiful gardens. Singapore has a mix of cultures, including Chinese, Malay, Indian, and Western, which makes the food, festivals, and traditions really interesting.

The capital city, also called Singapore, has many famous places to visit. Marina Bay Sands is a huge hotel with a rooftop infinity pool and an amazing view of the city.

Gardens by the Bay have giant tree-like structures called Super trees and large flower domes with plants from all over the world. Sentosa Island is another popular spot with beaches, theme parks, and the Merlion, a famous symbol of Singapore.

Visitors also enjoy Chinatown, Little India, and Arab Street to experience the different cultures and try local foods.



Food is a big part of Singapore's culture. You can try chicken rice, laksa, chili crab, and roti paratha. Hawker centers are popular for tasty and affordable meals.

Singapore is very safe and easy to get around with buses, trains, and taxis, which makes exploring the city simple and convenient.

Overall, Singapore is a fun and exciting country to visit. It has a mix of modern life, culture, and nature. You can enjoy gardens, beaches, shopping, and festivals, while also trying different foods and learning about many cultures. Singapore is clean, safe, and full of things to see and do, making it a great place for tourists.

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