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

## **Quarter 2 Newsletter 2025-2026**

### **Hijri Year 1447-1448**

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## **Theme of the Month: Knowledge**



### **Knowledge**

Knowledge is the information, understanding, and skills that a person gains through learning, experiences, or studying. Knowledge is something that every person needs. It helps us understand the world and make good choices. Without knowledge, everything would be confusing. It gives us the power to think, solve problems, and simply function.

Can we live without knowledge? We may "survive" without it, but we wouldn't know how to truly live. We naturally have knowledge on how to eat and survive, but without knowledge, we wouldn't know how to stay safe or distinguish right from wrong. Knowledge keeps us safe.

In Furqaan Academy Online, I learn many types of knowledge. I learn:

- 1. Islamic Knowledge:** I take Advanced Islamic Studies, where I study five main subjects: the Quran (in depth), the Prophet's life, Hadith, Fiqh, and the names of Allah.
- 2. Academic Knowledge:** I learn Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Reading. These subjects will help me graduate from middle school, then high school, and eventually attend a university, Insha'Allah.

Knowledge is everywhere, and you cannot live without it. Always strive for knowledge!

Allah says in the Quran:

"اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ" – "Read in the name of your Lord who created." (Surah Al-Alaq 96:1)

This ayah reminds us that seeking knowledge is an important act in Islam, and learning is a way to get closer to Allah.

**Naila H.**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**2nd Quarter Begins**  
October 14

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

October 31 2025

**Mid-Progress Reports Sent Home**

November 14 2026

**Science MAP test October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**1st Quran Competition**

November 20 2026

**Late Start/Teachers' Meeting**

November 26 2026

**Culinary Show**

November 26 2026

**Thanksgiving Break - No School**

November 27-28 2026

**6-12 Midterms**

December 15-19 2025

**Winter Break**

December 22-January 2, 2026



## My Experience in Advanced Islamic Studies Class

This year, in 8th grade, I'm taking Advanced Islamic Studies for the first time. We study five main subjects: Tafsir, Hadith, Seerah, Fiqh, and the Names of Allah. From 8th to 12th grade, students have two periods of this class every day. First, Tafsir. In Tafsir, we learn about the Qur'an's ayahs in depth. So far, we have finished Surah Yusuf, Surah Kahf, and Surah Maryam. Right now, we are studying Surah Ta-Ha. We have this subject every day during the first period.

Next, Hadith. We take Hadith once a week, and we are currently memorizing from the 40 Hadith of Imam An-Nawawi. One of the Hadith we've learned says, "لا صَرَّرَ وَلَا ضِرَّارَ". Memorizing used to be very hard for me, and I barely knew how to read Arabic. But Mrs. Begum, our teacher, helped me improve. She suggested using transliteration, and it really worked!

Seerah is the study of the Prophet's life and stories.

In Fiqh, we first learned about the rulings of Zakat and how to give it properly. Now, we are learning about Qurbani, the sacrificial offering. Finally, the Names of Allah. We are memorizing them, and we have reached number 15, Al-Qahhar.

This class has really given me new knowledge about Islam. I'm excited to spend the year learning more about these topics and exploring unique experiences!

Nailah H. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



## My Experience in Pre-Calculus Class

The Furqaan Academy online Pre-Calculus class is a new addition to the classes offered this new academic year. It's my first time learning pre-calculus, so it's all new for me. In this class, we learn about different math topics like functions, graphs, and equations that help us get ready for calculus. The class is really interesting because it explains things step by step, so it's easy to understand. Mrs. N. begum teaches the class, and she is very clear and patient. She shows examples, gives us practice problems, and answers all our questions. I like how she makes the lessons fun and easy to follow, and I also like that we get to solve lots of problems to really understand the topics. I enjoy how the class is organized and how it helps me feel more confident in math. This class will prepare students to feel confident learning any college math class insha'a Allah.

Any student who considers taking the Calculus or Advanced Placement Calculus class, this will definitely help.

Advanced Placement classes are classes that are known as AP classes are classes that feel like college classes but are in high school. They are advanced college level courses that you can take in high school. At the end of the year, you take one big exam. If you score high, some colleges give you college credit, so you can skip a class later in university.

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



# Muslim Scholars



## Abd Ar Rahman bin Muhammed ibn Khaldun

Ibn Khaldun was a highly influential Arabian scholar whose insights helped establish the foundation principles of multiple branches of knowledge. He was born in Tunisia in 1332.

His life is commonly divided into three periods. The first is his childhood and early life where he was dedicating his time to education. The second stand was when he was in his early 20s and 30s and continuing his studies whilst learning more about politics. The final stage is when he was a respected scholar.

He held various roles throughout his life serving as a judge, author, diplomat, and more. He worked in a number of places. He held jobs in places like Spain, Morocco, Egypt, and Syria. He was known for his work as a judge being reinforced by his dedication to Islam. But, he is best known for his book, *The Muqaddimah*, which established new standards for learning and writing history. This is why many call him the first philosopher of history. In his book he analyzes and reflects patterns of civilization and society viewed through the lens of Islam.

Yasmeen S.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Fatima bint Muhammad al-Fihriya al-Qurashiyya

Fatima al Fihri was born in Tunisia, Kairouan in 800 AD, and was the daughter of a well-off Arab merchant.

His name was Mohammed Ibn of Abdullah. Fatima and her family migrated to the city of Fez in Morocco. Fatima and her sister were really well educated. Since there's not a lot of detail about her life, It is believed that she died around the year 880 AD.

Fatima Al Fihri came from a devout Muslim family that really valued learning. She happened to inherit a large sum of money after her father's and her husband's death. At the time there were a lot of people who were coming to the town where Fatima lived.

At that time, worshippers eventually outgrew the mosques that were available to them. So Fatima decided to build a new mosque with all the money that she inherited, and name it the Qarawiyyin Mosque. Some scholars say that she fasted from the start to the end of the building of the the mosque and it was all built under her supervision.

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

# Quran competition winner list!



## المستوى المتقدم (Advanced Level) (Honors)

المركز الأول: هازار أ. Hasar A.

المركز الثاني: ياسمين ي Yasmin Y

المركز الثالث: فادوما أ. Faduma A.

Juz Amma Level + Surat Al Mulk & Surat Al Qalam High School

مستوى الجزء الثلاثون + سورة القلم + سورة الملك (HS)

المركز الأول: هدى ع. Huda A.

المركز الثاني: آية ع. Aya A.

المركز الثالث: ياسمين ص Yasmeen S

Juz Amma Level + Surat Al Mulk & Surat Al Qalam  
Middle School

مستوى الجزء الثلاثون + سورة الملك + سورة القلم (MS)

المركز الأول: تالا أ. Tala A.

المركز الثاني: مارييا ص. Marya S.

المركز الثالث: زينب ب. Zainab B.

Juz Amma Level + Surat Al Jin, Surat Nooh, Surat  
Al Muzamil, & Surat Al Mudathir

مستوى الجزء الثلاثون + سورة الجن + سورة نوح + سورة المزمل + سورة المدثر

المركز الأول: زيد ح. Zayd H.

المركز الثاني: يوسف ب. Yusuf B.

Juz Amma Level

(from Surat Al Nas to Surat Al Bayinah)

Juz Amma Level

(from Surat Al Nas to Surat Al Bayinah)

مستوى الحفظ (من سورة الناس إلى سورة البيّنة)

المركز الأول: نائلة ه. Naila H.

المركز الثاني: خديجة إ. Khadija E.

المركز الثالث: كبير ه. Kabir H.



# Interviews

## Interviewing A new teacher

1. Can you please introduce yourself?

My name is Mrs. Essmat Bar

2. What inspired you to become a teacher?

The COVID crisis inspired me to teach my children who were in their first steps in education

3. Where are you teaching from?

I am teaching from Texas

4. How long have you been a teacher?

3-4 years

5. What subject(s) do you teach?

I teach Arabic and Quran

6. What grade levels do you teach?

Grades 3-12

7. How do you like teaching at Furqaan Academy Online?

I love working with Furqaan Online School a lot.

I am very happy to contribute to this great work!

8. What is something you like to do out of teaching?

Gardening and also volunteering to serve my local community

9. If you didn't become a teacher, what do you think you would be doing right now?

Social work

10. Why do you think you joined FAO?

Because I believe in their message and their noble mission

11. How long do you think you are going to be teaching?

Allah only knows.

*Jaleelah A. 11<sup>th</sup> Grade*

## Interviewing A new Student

1. What is your name?

My name is Sarah

2. How many siblings do you have?

I have only one sibling.

3. When is your birthday?

My birthday is on November 23.

4. What school did you attend ?

I used to go to a public school.

5. What's your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is a cat.

6. What's your goal for the end of the school year?

My goal for this school year is to try my best and to succeed.

7. What's your favorite sport?

My favorite sport is basketball.

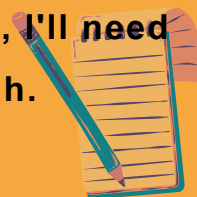
8. Do you like to read?

Yes, I love to read. I started reading more since I joined FAO

9. How do you become a better Muslim?

To become a better Muslim, I'll need to get closer to Allah.

*Marya S. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*



# Read a thon

“The Lost Heir” is the second book in the ‘Wings of Fire’ series. This volume features Tsunami. In the first book, they escaped the clutches of their mentors, who kept them locked up since hatching. Now, they are on a journey to their families. Tsunami’s happen to be the royal Seawing family.

First and foremost, I want to clarify that the characters are dragons, in the land of Phyria. Tsunami is a seawing, with incredible tail strength and underwater breathing capabilities. When she reunites with her mother, the Seawing queen, she realizes there is a problem with her mother’s eggs. Each one was killed before hatching, and there was only one left.

She figures out that the statue in the hatchery is infused with magic, from her mother’s dead sister. She left a curse so none of her sister’s eggs hatch and she wouldn’t be able to continue her lineage. Tsunami destroys the statue and decides to stick with her friends on their journey, giving up the role of becoming queen in the future.

Yes, I recommend this series to anyone and everyone. It features action and adventure, as well as gore, death, and humor. It’s a great book to wind down with and just have a good time.

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



The book I am reading is called "Enola Holmes", and I am currently reading the second chapter.

In this chapter, it talks about how Miss Letitia arrives at Enola’s home and is determined to learn the truth about her new twin sister, Felicity. Even though some people say Felicity is dead, Miss Letitia refuses to believe it and continues searching for answers. People should read this book because it is full of mystery and keeps you interested. It also teaches readers to question what they are told and to never give up when looking for the truth.

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

The Cruel Prince follows Jude Duarte, a mortal girl living in the wicked, yet enchanting world of Faerie. When Jude was seven, her sister's biological father, a Fae, murdered Jude's parents and took Jude and her sisters to live in the High Court. Jude and her twin sister, Taryn, faced a lot of ridicule, cruelty, and humiliation from their peers because they were mortal.

Jude became determined to get power because she realizes that is the only thing Fae fears. She was offered a position as a spy under Prince Dain, Cardan's older brother and the heir to the throne. From there, she gains status and strength and begins to learn how to navigate the Fae world, where she's no longer a vulnerable mortal. My favorite thing about this book is the crazy plot twists and the characters. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes fantasy and a good plot!

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

# Lebanon

Lebanon is a small but vibrant country located on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea, bordered by Syria to the north and east and Palestine to the south. Surrounded by mountains and the sea, Lebanon's landscapes and diverse culture make it one of the most fascinating countries in the Middle East. Its capital, Beirut is often called the "Paris of the Middle East" because of its lively culture, historical charm, and beautiful seaside views. Facing many challenges over the years, Beirut remains a city full of energy, creativity, and resilience.



The People Of Lebanon speak Arabic Language, and the most famous religions in Lebanon are Islam and Christianity. Lebanon is known for its rich cultural heritage, delicious cuisine, diverse natural landscapes ranging from beaches to snow-capped mountains, and vibrant hospitality.

Lebanese cuisine is one of the country's greatest treasures and it is also famous for its rich flavors and fresh ingredients. Popular dishes like Waraq Enab (stuffed grape leaves), tabbouleh, kibbeh, and a sweet dish that is known as "Layali Lebnan" are enjoyed both locally and around the world. Meals are often shared with family and friends, reflecting the warm hospitality of the Lebanese



# What FAO students are grateful for ?

Being a muslim  
Tala A.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am grateful for being able to memorize the Quran and understanding it. Huda A.  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for protection from harm.  
Nailah H.  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for my ability to move around freely and quickly.  
Karim H. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for my knowledge.  
Maen K.  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for being a Muslim.  
Salma H. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for being apart of the last ummah.  
Omar A.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade.

All my senses  
Rehmat E.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am grateful for being able to attend an Islamic school like FAO  
Hasar A.  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am grateful for my life that Allah has given me.  
Kabir H. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

I am grateful for having nice teachers  
Zainab B.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for nature and my friends.  
Yasmeen S.  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am thankful for my family  
Fatihah A.  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm am grateful for having a remote school  
Yusuf B. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for being a Muslim  
Zayd H.  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am grateful for Allah  
Lina 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

I am thankful for my family and friends and for being a muslim.  
Zayyan A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for having friends.  
Marya S.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am grateful my family  
Aya A.  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am thankful because i have a home and a family.  
Kaylee L. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I am grateful for being in an Islamic Online School  
Yaqub R. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

I'm grateful for Islam, it guides me and makes me a better person.  
Sarah J.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade