

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We have put together a Q&A of the most common questions we receive from our Zayed College whānau regarding student attendance and absenteeism.

Studies have shown that regular attendance at school is critical to student achievement. We want to ensure that your child is receiving the best learning experience with our kura to achieve better outcomes for their future.

It is important to remember that all attendance matters are to be reported to the Attendance Officer on 09 255 0904 ext 212 or linat@zayedcollege.school.nz

What happens if my child arrives late?

It is good practice for parents/carers to phone ahead before dropping your child off, to inform us if your child is arriving late. Students must follow correct procedure and go straight to the office to sign in on arrival.

What if my child needs to leave early?

If you need to sign your child out early for any reason, please phone the school office in the mornings to let them know. This allows the school office plenty of time to organise the release of your child from their class please expect a delay as your child will need to be sent for. This is particularly relevant at interval or lunch.

If your child wishes to leave school due to a medical issue, they must first come to the office who will assess their condition and call the student's contact person to arrange for the student to be collected.

What happens if my child is ill/sick?

For any absence, please contact the school office. You can call 09 255 0904 or email absence@zayedcollege.school.nz or use our Skool Loop App.

Each day the school is open and your child is absent, the parents/carers listed on the students profile will be notified. It is important that your contact information is up-to-date. If unsure, please phone us to check your contact details are correct.

What if my child is sick for more than 3 days?

If your child is absent for more than 3 days, a medical certificate is required.

The medical certificate from your Doctor or the District Health Board must state the date of when your child is absent from and the duration of days your child is going to be absent from school.

Why have I received an absence notification when my child is at school?

There are a couple of reasons why:

- Your child arrived late to school and did not report to the office to sign in.
- Your child missed the roll call when names were being read out
- Your child is at school but is not in their timetabled class

Please encourage your child to be responsible for having their names correctly marked on the roll when arriving late to school by following the correct procedure..

Can I take my child overseas during term time?

When school is open, we expect our students to be here and learning. Like every other secondary school in New Zealand, we follow the term dates as decided by the Ministry of Education – and under the Education and Training Act (2020).

Students must be enrolled in school and attending during term time.

~ Ust Lina

Attendance Officer

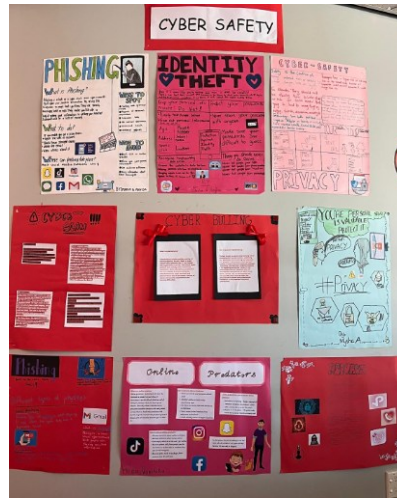
2025 Zayed College Quran Competition

Week 2- Term 2
Semi-Final: Wednesday 7 May
Final: Friday 9 May
Venue: School Gym

<p><i>Beginner hifth</i> Ad Dhuha to An Naas</p>	<p><i>Intermediate hifth</i> Surah Al Hujurat or Al Qiyamah & Al Insan</p>
<p><i>Advanced hifth</i> Surah Al Baqarah Ayat 1-57</p>	<p><i>Tilawah</i> Surah An Nisaa Ayat 1-33</p>

YEAR 9 SHARE CYBER SAFETY MESSAGE

Cyber safety is an ongoing issue, and our Year 9 students have created some fantastic posters highlighting important messages on the topic. Their work covers various themes, including cyberbullying, phishing, online predators, and more.



ONLINE SAFETY FOR KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN



PICK, LAUGH, REPEAT! JOIN OUR OLIVE HARVEST CREW TOMORROW!

As we embrace the spirit of Ramadan and the values of charity, community, and selflessness, we are excited to announce a meaningful initiative that aligns with these principles. This year, our school will be collecting ripe olives from the school grounds, which will be preserved and sold to raise funds to help the people of Gaza.

We invite all students and their families to participate in this special opportunity to earn rewards by contributing their time and effort for the benefit of others. Fasting during this blessed month teaches us the value of patience and sacrifice, and by giving our time and energy to help others, we can deepen our connection to these noble qualities.

The olive collection will take place over two days:

**Friday the 21st of March (after school, from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm) and
 Saturday the 22nd of March (from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm)**

Volunteers are welcome to join us for either day or both, according to their availability. All you need is a rake and a clean sheet or tarpaulin. We need shakers and sorters (sorting black from the green).

We encourage our students to get involved, not only as an opportunity to help others but also to earn rewards for their efforts. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, *"The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others."* (Daraqutni). By contributing to this effort, we are not only supporting a good cause but also building a stronger sense of community and helping those in need.

This is a wonderful chance for our students to embody the values of Islam by volunteering their time and energy, especially during a month when acts of charity are particularly rewarded. Whether you are fasting or not, your participation will be an act of goodwill, benefiting both the community and the students involved.

Students will need parental permission to take part. Permission slips have been sent out already. We look forward to seeing you there, as we work together to serve and help others in need.

Jazakum Khairan for your support, and may all of our efforts during this blessed month be accepted.

Shukran,

Ust Fawziyyah and Ust Hala



CHELSEA SUGAR FACTORY TRIP - YEAR 9 TECHNOLOGY

On the 21st of February 2025, we had the incredible opportunity to visit the Chelsea Sugar Factory with our Year 9 Technology class. This educational trip was a truly enriching experience, covering multiple aspects of technology, including Manufacturing and Processing Technologies (MPT). It provided students with valuable hands-on learning opportunities while also deepening their understanding of both the technical and historical significance of sugar production.

The trip was structured into three engaging sessions, each offering a unique learning experience. The first session focused on baking, where students actively participated in preparing delicious Yo-Yo's using Chelsea sugar products. This hands-on experience allowed them to apply their learning in a practical setting, fostering both creativity and teamwork.

The second session was a guided train ride through the factory, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the entire sugar production process. Students were fascinated by the intricate machinery and the various stages involved in refining sugar, from raw material to the final packaged product. Witnessing the industrial processes firsthand helped them connect theoretical concepts to real-world applications.

The final session was an interactive games session, designed to reinforce their learning in an engaging and enjoyable manner. These activities encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking, making the learning experience both informative and fun.

Beyond the technological aspects, the trip also provided students with valuable insights into the rich history of the Chelsea Sugar Factory. They learned about its establishment, evolution, and impact on the local economy and food industry. Understanding the historical context added depth to their learning, allowing them to appreciate how technology has transformed over time.

Overall, the Chelsea Sugar Factory trip was a memorable and insightful experience for both students and teachers. It successfully blended education with enjoyment, reinforcing key concepts in an interactive way. The students not only gained knowledge but also developed a deeper appreciation for the technological advancements that shape everyday products. This trip truly exemplified the power of experiential learning, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved. ~Ust Sahar





Students actively participate in making decorations and putting them up around the school, enriching the spirit of Ramadan



THE POETS AMONGST US

At the beginning of this month, we had the Sea Week Poem Competition, organized by **Science Alive**, in which a few of our students participated by submitting their writings. I am pleased to share that two of their poems have been selected among the list of favorites! Congratulations **Aaira Ali** (Year 7) and **Raseena Miakhil** (Year 8).

You can read their poems and others at [this link](#). Please congratulate them on their wonderful achievement!

~ Ust Marliya

Raseena
Zayed College for Girls

THE Beach

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THE BEACH IS MY FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE. ALL MY TROUBLES MELT AWAY WHEN I'M BY THE SEA.

I LOVE TO FEEL THE COOL SEA BREEZE BLOW THROUGH MY HAIR, AND WALK BAREFOOT ALONG THE SAND WITHOUT CARE. WHEN I SIT AND LISTEN TO THE WAVES CRASH INTO THE SHORE, I DREAM OF STAYING HERE FOREVER MORE.

THE BEACH IS MY FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE. ALL MY TROUBLES MELT AWAY WHEN I'M BY THE SEA.

I LOVE TO FEEL THE WARM SAND BETWEEN MY TOES, AND SMELL OF THE SALTY SEA BREEZE ON MY NOSE. THE ENERGY RUNNING THROUGH ME WHEN I AM BY THE SEA, FILLS ME WITH HAPPINESS AND POSITIVITY.

THE BEACH IS MY FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE ALL MY TROUBLES MELT AWAY MELT AWAY WHEN I'M BY THE SEA.

I LOVE THE BEACH AT ANYTIME OF THE YEAR IN SUMMER OR WINTER I WILL STILL BE HERE IT IS THE PLACE TO GO TO SET MY SOUL FREE. THE BEACH IS THE PLACE I WANT TO BE

Ocean Poem!

Don't you ever see the light
Gazing down at the right
Ain't it tight
In the morning comes the sun
Shining bright into the fun
Prizes so ever clean
Never much to be seen
As they wash the tiny treasures onto shore
More come bonding for more

Even eyes can lie for so ever dear
Now the sun silks into water so clear

The reflection of you currently appears
Shocked with the appearance of tears
Quite strange for me to stare

Nothing more, neither less
The moon arises for the rest
Shining brighter than the stars
Watching over our little scars.
Seeking revenge against the lies.
Even more than the prize.

Aaira
Zayed College for Girls'
Auckland

MOTH POD COMPETITION UPDATE

The junior students have been actively collecting nearly 900 moth pods from the school compound and surrounding areas. You can contribute as well by gathering these pods from your gardens and neighborhoods, helping to eliminate this invasive plant from our environment.

Our collection station is located next to the vending machine. Simply leave your bags of collected pods there, and the Enviro Monitors will count and photograph them.

The Collecting and Counting of Pods initiative began on Monday, March 3, and will continue until May 9. Please note that pods and seedlings will only be counted for the competition if they are properly photographed.



Pestfree
SOUTH AUCKLAND

Moth plant Competition

2025 Registrations open now!

Start collecting pods from 3 March!
Competition ends 9th May

Categories for everyone!

- ECEs
- Teams of 10
- Open - no limit of people collecting

Help your community and te taiao and win up to \$1,000 in prize money!

Moth plant spreads quickly and kills our native plants. You can help control this pest plant by organising your community group, whānau, school, ECE or sports club to collect as many moth plant pods and seedlings as possible. The team who collects the most, wins!

A great way to build team spirit, help the environment and win some money!

Scan the QR code to enter
or email pfsa@otarawaterways.org.nz
or go to [Facebook.com/pestfreesouthauckland](https://www.facebook.com/pestfreesouthauckland)

YEAR 7 ECO WARRIORS

We were blown away when three Year 7 students, Aisha, Amina and Sauda, were captured on camera actively collecting litter left behind by other students on our school compound.

Their actions send a strong message that it is a must and a responsibility for everyone to help keep our school environment clean and safe.

May Allah give us the ability to perform our duties with love and pure intentions.

Thank you for being the eco-warriors we all need!

To help maintain a clean environment, weekly student rosters are in place for rubbish collection after morning and lunch breaks. However, if all students use the designated bins, we can significantly reduce waste and promote sustainable practices, keeping our school environment clean and green.





FROM NIGERIA WITH LOVE

We welcomed a special impromptu visitor - Sister Fiona Lovatt, who shared stories with our students during morning tea in the library on Wednesday 12 March. She is an impressive story teller retelling beautiful, inspirational, funny and sometimes sad tales of the people she advocates for and the situations in which they live on a daily basis. Sister Fiona lives in Nigeria and is currently in New Zealand this Ramadan. She has been attending gatherings and meeting the Ansaar (helpers and supporters) that she refers to as the 'water on which she floats'.

Her impressive background includes:

- Being a revert to Islam for many years
- Working as a dedicated teacher and educator previously teaching at Zayed College for Girls
- A published Author
- Contributing significantly to humanitarian efforts in Nigeria.

In 2011, Sister Fiona embarked on a remarkable six-month journey to Nigeria to deliver much-needed books to literacy-poor schools. In the 14 years since then, she has served communities across five Nigerian states, making significant contributions through:

- Planting trees Promoting literacy/education
- Fixing/ developing water boreholes
- Supporting displaced people
- Helping vulnerable children and widows
- Providing medical supplies
- Aiding start up businesses.

Her ongoing work through <https://lovattfoundation.org/> continues to transform lives and communities.

If you would like to contribute, you can deposit it directly to Sister Fiona:

Account Name: Fiona Margaret Lovatt

Account Number: 01-0338-0054444-000

Reference (tree/borehole/education) whichever you would like to contribute to as ongoing Sadiqah Jariyah.

e-mail: fiona@lovattfoundation.org.





ATTENDANCE DUES REMINDER

Attendance Dues Structure 2025

Total Annual Attendance Dues: \$300.00 per student.
Attendance Dues are a condition of enrolment and compulsory for all students.

Payment Terms

Full payment of Attendance Dues on enrolment or the entire \$300.00 paid in full by the end of Term 1 for all students.

Purpose of Attendance Dues

Attendance dues are compulsory fees charged by the proprietors of Zayed College for Girls to cover operational costs and essential responsibilities.

Payment Options and Methods

Online Bank Payment

Account Name: Zayed College for Girls
Account Number: 02-0124-0100679-00
Reference: Child name
Code: Year Level Particulars: Dues

Cash/Eftpos payment

This can be made at the school reception during office hours Monday – Friday: 8am to 4pm

Potential Actions & Consequences of Non-Payment

- Potential referral to debt collection processes
- Review of student's enrolment status

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By enrolling a student at Zayed College, parents/ guardians agree to:

- Pay the full annual Attendance Dues of \$300.00
- Comply with payment terms and conditions
- Communicate proactively about any payment challenges
- Understand the importance of these dues to the school community.

Contact for Payment Arrangements

We encourage open communication and will work collaboratively to address any payment challenges. Please contact **Executive Officer**: Nafisah Rasheed ;
Email: finance@zayedcollege.school.nz