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Dear Parents and Guardians

As you know, Ramadan is now underway. We recognise the importance of this month for many of our families and understand that a number of our Muslim students will be observing fasting.

Eid ul-Fitr in 2026 is expected to fall on either Thursday 19th March or Friday 20th March, depending on the sighting of the moon.

We would like to clarify that all normal school expectations remain in place during Ramadan. Students are expected to attend school every day, arrive punctually, and participate fully in lessons, assessments and wider school activities. Our curriculum and timetable will continue as usual.

Staff have been reminded to be mindful that some students who are fasting may experience lower energy levels. However, fasting does not remove the expectation to engage positively with learning, complete work, and meet the school's standards for behaviour and conduct.

If parents of older primary-aged pupils intend for their child to fast, please inform the class teacher so that staff are aware. This is to ensure appropriate understanding and supervision during the school day.

If you believe there are exceptional circumstances that require discussion, please contact the school via info@st-marks-southampton.org.uk outlining your query, and a member of the leadership team will respond.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that high standards of attendance, effort and conduct are maintained throughout this important time.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Bryant
Executive Headteacher