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Mentor Wise Monthly Newsletter

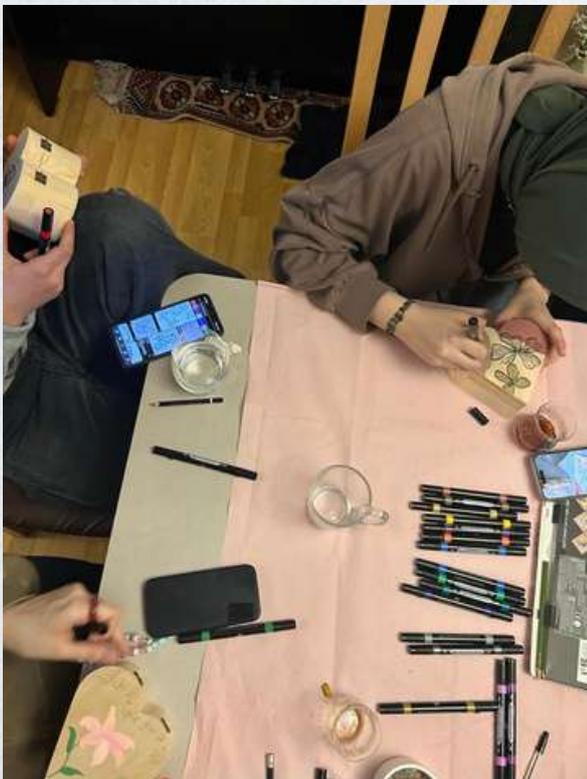
Memorable Moments
MONTHLY CHALLENGES
ANNOUNCEMENTS



ACTIVITIES

NORTH LONDON

Our university mentees took part in a Sadaqah Box Painting activity as part of our Three Sacred Months programme. This simple yet meaningful activity encouraged reflection on generosity, sincere intention, and giving throughout these months. Each box became a reminder that even small acts of charity, when carried out consistently, carry great reward.



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NORTH LONDON

As part of our activities, two university mentee groups separately created their own herbal tea blends to enjoy throughout these blessed months. Each blend was prepared with the intention of accompanying moments of reflecting and reading.



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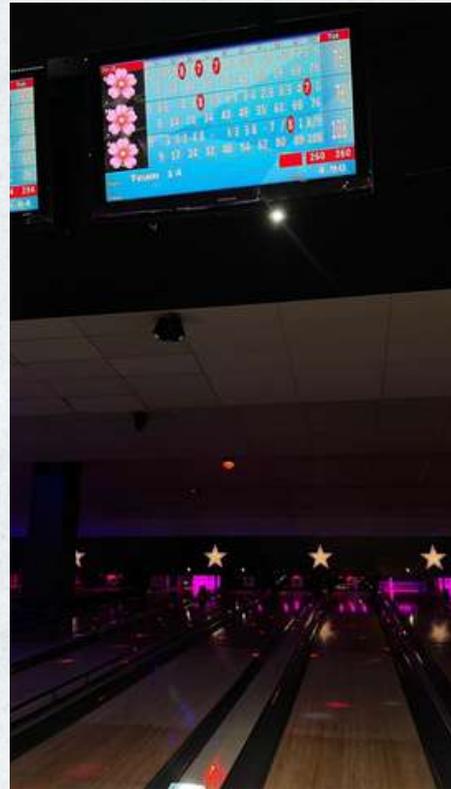
As part of our programme, our academic mentors took time to reflect and create these artworks, centred on the themes of patience and trust. This was a thoughtful moment, reminding us that mentors also grow alongside their mentees.



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Our mentors organised a pottery painting and bowling activity for our KS4 mentees.



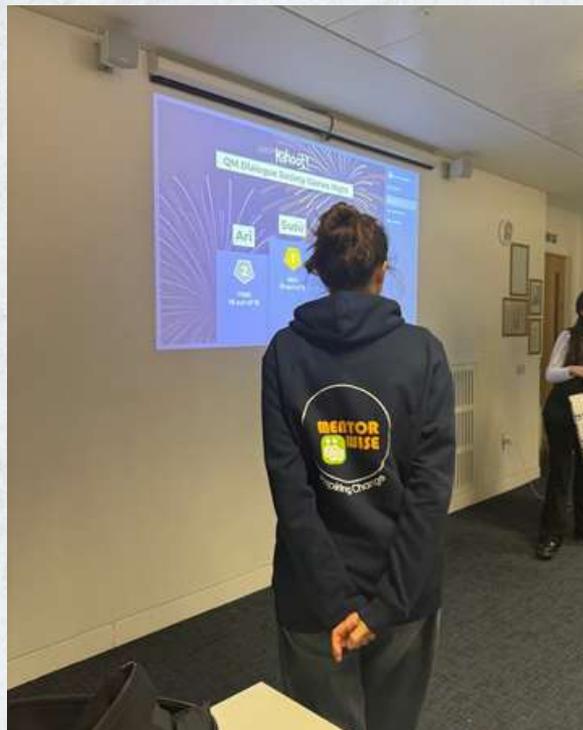
We celebrated Lailat al-Miraj and mug painting activity with our mentees.



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Our mentor organised a games night at QMUL for the KS3 and KS4 mentees.



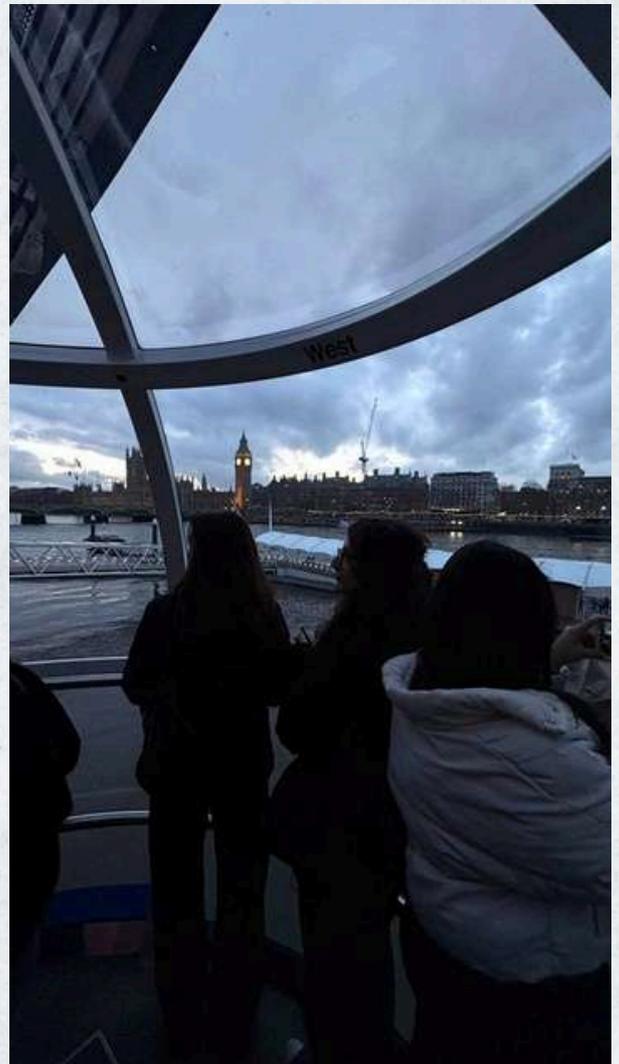
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This stone painting activity was carried out with Year 7, 8 and 9 mentees. It encouraged creativity, focus and hands-on learning in an efficient way.



The girls had a wonderful time during their trip to the London Eye. We would like to thank the sponsor for his support.



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CAMBRIDGE

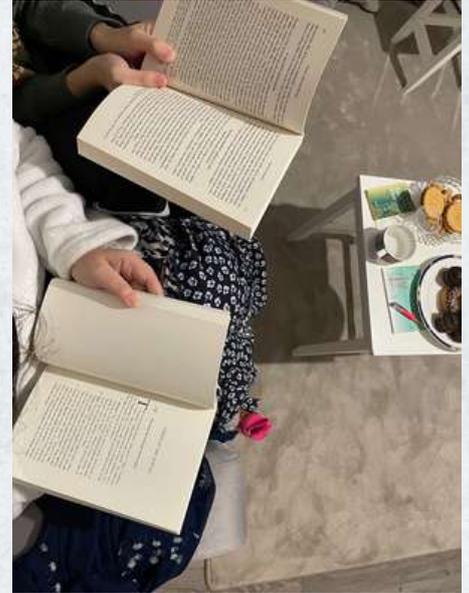
Our KS3-KS4 mentees had a colour-themed food party, where they brought a variety of colourful snacks and treats, creating a joyful atmosphere as they shared food together.



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NEWCASTLE

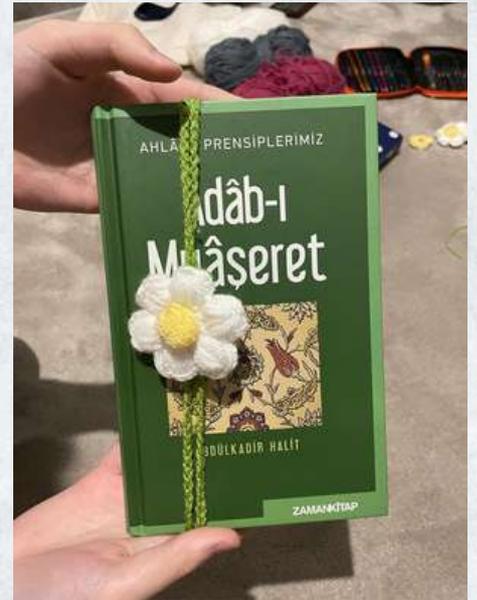
Our winter retreats were blessed and peaceful. While listening to various guest speakers and reading books, our young people also had the opportunity to take part in and experience a range of different activities.



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NEWCASTLE

Another snapshot from our retreat. We enjoyed a delicious maqlubah meal and took part in a crochet activity.



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LEICESTER

Our mentors organised a fun, laughter and learning-sharing workshop with our Year 9 mentees in Leicester.

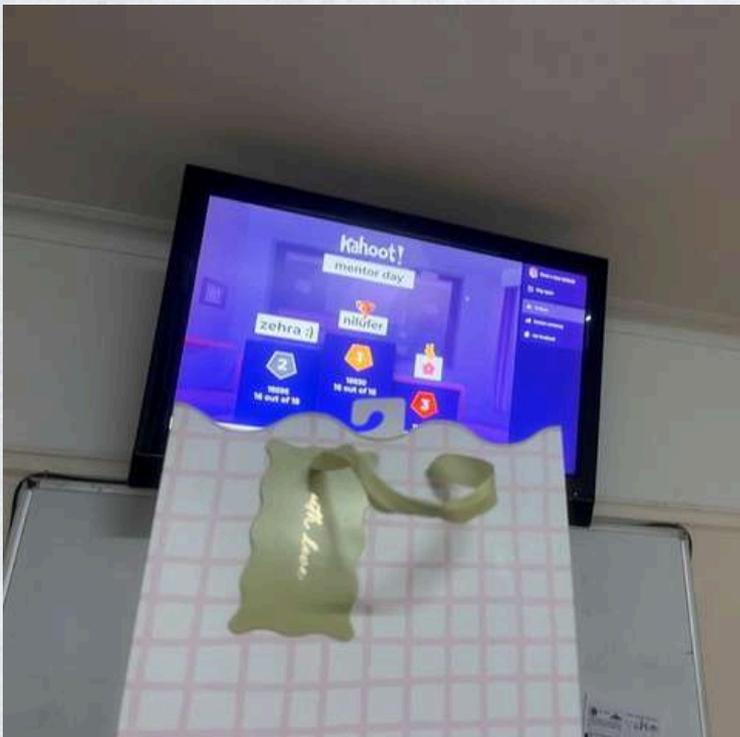


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KENT

On 17 January, we celebrated Mentor Day at our community centre together with our cherished mentors and our dear Feyza Abla. During this special gathering, we reflected on how valuable and meaningful the voluntary service our mentors dedicate themselves to truly is, and how deeply appreciated they are within our community.

The day was made even more memorable with small keepsakes, offered as a token of our gratitude, to ensure these heartfelt moments remain lasting memories.



ACTIVITIES

KENT

The day trip was organised for our girls we started our day with the train journey from Rochester to London. The programme started with an enjoyable ice-skating activity, where we created moments of joy and togetherness.

Afterwards, the group explored Canary Wharf on a short city walk, taking in the atmosphere of the area. The day concluded with a safe and comfortable return journey by train to Rochester, leaving behind happy memories and many smiles.



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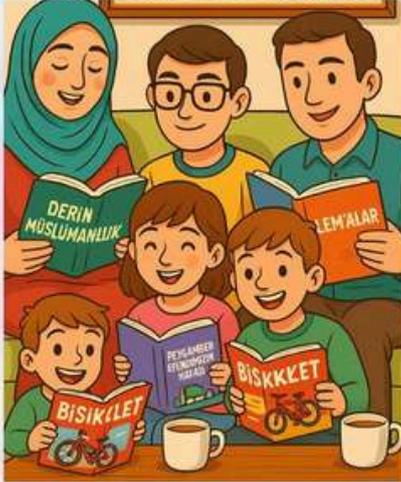
Our KS3-KS4 mentees attended the winter retreat and experienced various fun activities.



Our staff organised a 30-minute online family reading session to promote reading and quality time together.

MANCHESTER OKUYOR

AKŞAM 20.00'DE BULUŞUYORUZ



Her akşam saat 20.00'de 30 dakika kitap okumak için bir araya gelmeye var mısınız?

Zoom linkinde toplu bir okuma yapılmayacaktır; herkes kendi takip ettiği kitabı ailesiyle birlikte okuyacaktır.

Birlikte çevrimiçi olmanın amacı, külli ve fiili dua niyetiyle aynı anda bir hayra yönelmek ve bu vakti bereketlendirmektir.

Ayrıca zaman zaman sürpriz hediye çekilişleri de yapılacaktır. 📖

Başlangıç Tarihi: 21 Aralık

Bitiş Tarihi: 21 Ocak

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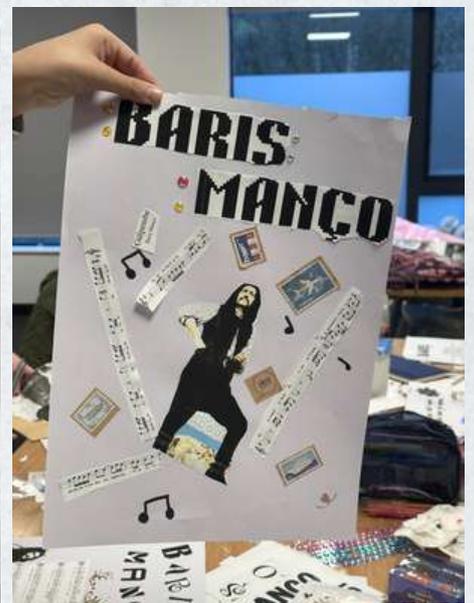
Our university mentees took part in wellbeing sessions during their retreat, including crochet and painting activities.



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MANCHESTER

During our session, our mentees from Manchester learnt about Barış Manço, a Turkish rock musician, singer, composer, actor, television producer and show host, and made a collage.



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SUTTON

As part of the Guidelight Progress Chart Programme, mentees from Year 8 to 11 who completed their charts in full were identified. Top-performing mentees were rewarded in recognition of their dedication and perseverance.



Two groups participated in an ice skating activity under the supervision of their mentors. Nine mentees took part in the activity, which offered them the opportunity to socialise outside the classroom environment. The girls had a wonderful time.



ACTIVITIES

HULL

Our KS3-KS4 mentees' winter retreat was the perfect way to step into the new year together. On New Year's night, we organised painting activity and watched the firework. We also made waffles with delicious toppings and went to ice-skating. It was a beautiful mix of creativity, celebration, and shared adventure, leaving us with memories to carry into the year ahead.



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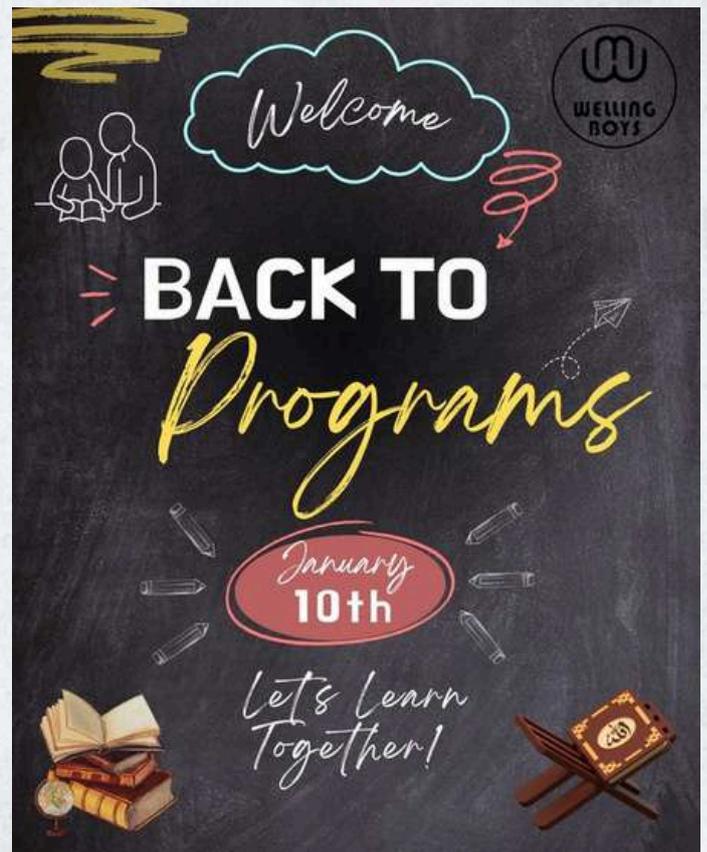
WELLING

After completing the first term in a productive and successful way, we were delighted to welcome our mentees back as we began the new term on 10 January. With the start of the new year, we are excited to continue our journey of learning, growth, and development together.

We wish the new year and the new term to be beneficial for both our mentees and parents. Building on the achievements of the first term, we are fully prepared for a term filled with engaging lessons, meaningful learning experiences, and a wide range of activities designed to support our mentees' academic and personal development.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our mentors, who showed great dedication and care throughout the first term. Their support, guidance, and commitment played an important role in our mentees' progress and success.

We look forward to another positive, inspiring, and learning-rich term ahead.



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WELLING

As part of the UK-wide Guided Reading League, our mentees are closely monitored and encouraged to develop strong reading habits each month. At the beginning of January, as the new term started, we proudly presented awards to the top three mentees who achieved outstanding success in the league.

We warmly congratulate our mentees on their achievements. This reading tracking programme has led to a significant improvement in mentees' reading progress and has made a positive impact on encouraging all mentees to read more consistently and confidently.



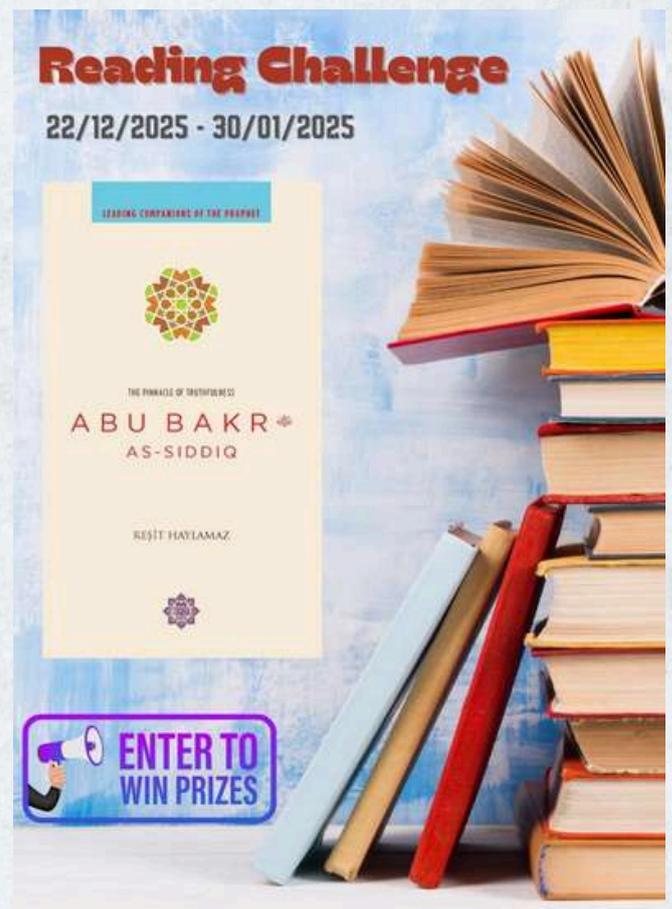
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With the start of the new term, we have launched our fourth award-winning reading competition and distributed the new reading book to our mentees. As always, we are sharing the same excitement as our mentees as we look forward to the upcoming exam and the moment of rewarding their efforts and achievements.

Our new book focuses on the life of Abu Bakr, a remarkable role model whose character, values, and leadership continue to inspire generations. Reading books about exemplary figures helps guide our mentees toward positive values and encourages them to reflect on how such lives can influence and enrich their own in meaningful ways.

We believe this reading journey will once again make a valuable contribution to our mentees' personal and academic development.



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On 24 January, we organised a football match as part of our sports activities with mentees. Through this activity, our mentees will have the opportunity to experience the importance of teamwork, cooperation, and supporting one another.

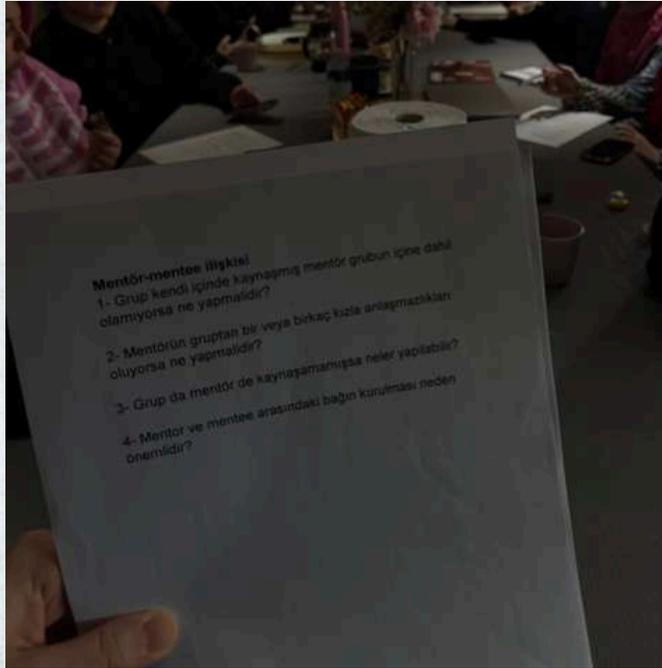
Football not only promotes physical fitness but also helps mentees learn how to work together as a team while enjoying quality time in a positive and energetic environment. We look forward to a fun, engaging, and memorable sporting experience with our mentees.



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In the spiritual retreat held in Bournemouth, the South London team came together for a meaningful weekend of reflection, learning, and unity, joined by 10 mentors from the Welling region whose contributions enriched the entire program. Throughout the retreat, participants engaged in reading circles that encouraged thoughtful discussion, spiritual practices that deepened mindfulness, mentorship workshops that strengthened guidance skills, and sessions on “sense of responsibility” that explored purpose, responsibility, and long-term vision. The atmosphere fostered personal growth, stronger bonds, and a renewed sense of commitment, leaving everyone motivated and aligned as they returned to continue their work.



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WELLING

The four-day spiritual retreat held in Ipswich concluded successfully, bringing together 22 KS3-KS4 mentees for an intensive program focused on spiritual growth, discipline, and community bonding. The group travelled together on a large coach, setting the tone for a collective and well-organised experience.

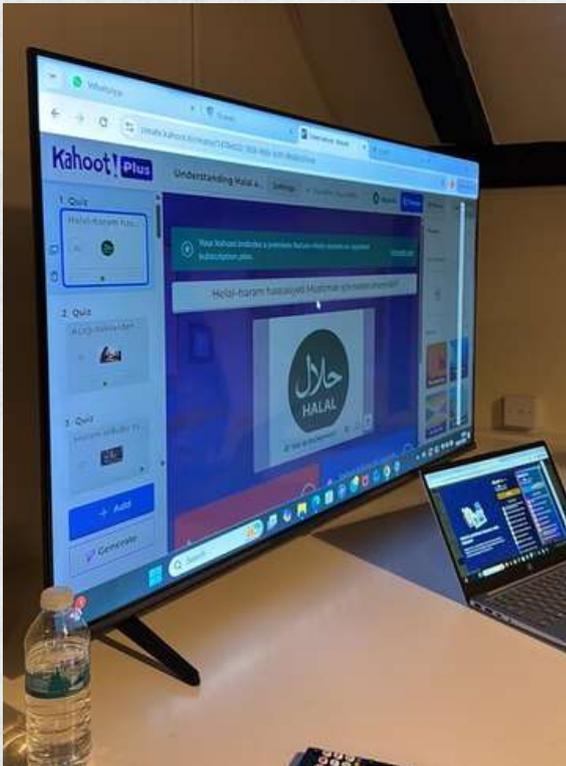
Throughout the retreat mentees enjoyed various group activities designed to encourage social connection and teamwork.

A motivation-based reward chart was implemented to promote consistency and engagement. Mentees earned points through book reading, personal development sessions, participation in talks, and attendance at the daily video session. The overall level of effort and enthusiasm was notably high across all participants.

The retreat also featured a workshop aimed at enhancing mentees' understanding of personal responsibility and spiritual awareness. As part of the retreat structure, two mentees were assigned meal-time duties for each session, taking on responsibilities related to preparation and order. These roles were carried out with seriousness and punctuality, contributing to the smooth operation of the retreat.

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