

Camp CoEJ Diaries

Day 1 – Girls camp

The camp started with the mentors greeting the campers as they arrived at Birmingham mosque from different parts of the UK.

They were split into the planets where they got to know the other girls in their planet. During this time they set goals and expectations for what they were hoping to achieve by the end of the camp.

After spending some time and forming initial bonds, we all sat for dinner. Today's menu was chicken curry and rice.

After dinner, each planet were safely transferred to the Sayyeda Zainab building where they would settle in for the night. One by one the campers were tested on their wudhu and namaaz. In the meantime, the mentors conducted more icebreakers with the rest of the group. It's really beautiful to see the girls getting to know one another and build new friendships.

It was then time for maghrib where we all prayed jamaat namaaz beautifully led by Raihana Bai.

The final activity of the evening was a personal development session led by Zainab Bai where the campers established their ground rules for the camp.

Tired from a long day, the girls set up their sleeping bags and turned in for the night.

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Dear Parents

With Camp COEJ officially underway, our campers had a very active and busy first day!

From 4-5 Pm, our campers began to arrive and meet their respective Mentors, and were introduced to their planets and their Mentors.

Our Amazing mentors are:

Ali Bha Kanji - Planet Saturn

Salman Bha Jafferli - Planet Saturn

Muhadabbas Bha Khatau - Planet Jupiter

Qassim Bha Awan - Planet Jupiter

Hashir Bha Ashraf - Planet Mars

Ali Bha Dharsee - Planet Mars

Our amazing mentors took turns in leading some group activities for our campers as we waited for them to arrive. This was followed by a planet time session with each mentor having a session with their own planet.

This was followed by a delicious dinner of Chicken curry which was prepared and served with love.

Being the days of Aza, at the request of our campers, we had a brief majlis in which Husayn Mawjee, Aliraza Damani, Hamzah Govani and Nadhirali Rajwani all recited Marthia and Maatam.

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This was followed by Salat ul Maghribain and Dessert. Our Personal Development Time was used to get to know our mentors and to set rules for the next 5 days. The day ended with wind down time for the campers before lights out.

Inshallah tomorrow we have a very fun-filled day ahead, with classes beginning, activities and relocating to our site in Malvern Hills.

It was really encouraging to see how well our campers have gotten along in this short span of time. Our campers have already showed us a glimpse of the amazing growth we will see in the next few days, and I am looking forward to an exciting week ahead.

Signing off from the Mentor Team,
Ali Bha Dharsee

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