

Dear Parents and Carers

### Ramadan 2026 and Wider Curriculum

At Swanshurst, student leadership is a significant part of school life. Our events support pupils to grow into future leaders in their adult lives. Many of the events in our calendar are organised by our superb student leadership team. As Ramadan 2026 approaches, we would like to invite pupils to one of these student-led events which brings everyone in our community together. We continually ensure that students have the opportunity to reflect on all cultures and religions throughout the academic year, this year we have already celebrated Diwali and Christmas, and have Chinese New Year and Easter reflections ahead this term in form time, as well as our first Culture Day which is being celebrated on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

We are pleased to announce that we will again be hosting the 'Annual Grand Iftar' on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 between 5.00pm – 7.00pm**. The evening will allow students and staff to open their fast together as well as invite anyone who wishes to experience Ramadan's importance as a community.

To attend the event, students and staff members will be able to purchase tickets only through our Scopay system <https://www.scopay.com/landing.html>. We are a cashless school and all payments must be made online.

The cost of a ticket is £8 which enables the event to take place as well as generating money for one of our school's chosen charities for 2025-2026. There will also be a bake sale on the evening run by our Senior Prefects. If your child would like to purchase a cake, they will need to bring some additional change, to further support charity fundraising.

We really do hope as many pupils can attend as possible. The tickets will be sold as a first come first serve basis, with 450 tickets available in total. The closing date for tickets to be purchased is **3pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. This deadline is needed so we can confirm the order with our caterers and finalise the organisational aspects of the event.

For students who are fasting during Ramadan, it is important that they continue with the full school routine and curriculum. To support pupils who are fasting, we will be making a few alterations during Ramadan 2026. In PE lessons our curriculum has been adapted in line with the AFPE (Association for Physical Education), so that during this time the physical intensity of lessons will be adjusted and if weather is warm, appropriate shade will be provided.

These changes will ensure that our broad and balanced curriculum can continue, and our pupils who are fasting will be able to participate accordingly.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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