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In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Welcome Back!

EIA offers a high quality education, embedded in Islamic values, to enable students to become
RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SUCCESSFUL
leaders and contributors to society.

HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER

August 27 - August 29, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LABOUR DAY: NO SCHOOL

Monday, September 1st

There will be no classes on Monday, September 1st. Everyone, enjoy your day off!

AREF AWARDS

Application Deadline: Monday, September 1st

Please be advised that the deadline to apply for the AREF scholarships is quickly approaching. There are tens of thousands of dollars worth of scholarships to be awarded.

Please see the following link for more information on the various scholarships that are available.

<https://alrashideducation.com/>

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOKLET

The following is the link:

<https://www.islamicacademy.ca/download/530835>

HIGH SCHOOL TIMETABLE – 2025/2026

Located at the end of this Weekly Newsletter.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Located at the end of this Weekly Newsletter.

WELCOME LETTERS

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL / HIGH SCHOOL

Bahja Mahmoud // bahja.mahmoud@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Assalamu Alaikum and welcome to the 2025–2026 school year!

My name is Bahja Mahmoud, and I am honoured to continue serving as the Assistant Principal of the Secondary Department at Edmonton Islamic Academy. I look forward to working alongside Mr. Abougouche and our dedicated staff to foster a safe, positive, and enriching learning environment that supports student success and well-being.

It is truly a privilege to collaborate with such highly qualified and passionate educators who are committed to the academic and personal growth of every student.

A little background about myself: I graduated from the University of Alberta in 2007 with a Master of Science in Chemistry. I also hold a Bachelor of Education in Secondary Education, with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Mathematics. Additionally, I completed a Master of Education in Leadership and Administration, also from the University of Alberta. This year marks my fourteenth year at Edmonton Islamic Academy, and I remain deeply committed to our school community.

Our students are the future, and their success depends on the strong partnership between school and home. Your involvement as a parent plays a vital role in helping your child meet, and exceed, the expectations we've set together.

My door is always open, and I welcome your questions, feedback, or concerns. Please don't hesitate to reach out by email as well.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan, and I wish you all a joyful and successful school year!

Warm regards,
Bahja Mahmoud

ACADIMIC COUNCELLOR

Rim Moussa// rim.moussa@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Rim Moussa, it is my pleasure to return to the Academy for the 2025-2026 academic year. Alhamdulillah, I have completed my studies April 2018 at the University of Alberta majoring in Chemistry. This is my eighth-year here at the academy, and I hope to share my experience with you and your children in a positive and interesting way that will lead to a successful year for everyone.

This year I am returning to the academy in my role as an academic counsellor. I am looking forward to supporting the high school students in post secondary planning, extracurricular opportunities and navigating high school academics. Inshallah you can find any extracurricular activities that we are planning here on the newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at: rim.moussa@islamicacademy.ca

BIOLOGY 30, 20

Jude Alnajdawi // jude.alnajdawi@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Parents and Students, Assalamu Alaikum,

Welcome to the new school year! I am Jude Alnajdawi, and I am grateful and excited to enter my fourth year at EIA teaching Biology 20 and Biology 30.

I graduated from the University of Alberta in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Biological Sciences and minoring in French Language and Literature. I immediately proceeded to get my Bachelor of Education from University of Alberta, with a major in General Sciences and a minor in French Second Language. Throughout high school and university, I have participated in multiple youth-centered volunteer activities, which nurtured my growing desire to become an educator, and it is an honor to be doing so at EIA.

I aspire to be a science teacher with an Islamic pedagogy that emphasizes multiple ways of knowing and experience-based learning in an inclusive and comfortable environment. I wish to provide students with opportunities to practice critical thinking as they explore the scientific method to gain perspective and explore the biological wonders created by The Almighty, Insha'Allah. An important goal of mine, as a biology teacher, is to have students apply their newly obtained knowledge to their lives beyond the walls of our classroom, emphasizing the beauty of learning biology –which we will do together through projects and classroom discussions. Without a doubt, I will happily support all students, providing them with the skills and assistance they need throughout the course, Insha'Allah.

I look forward to meeting you, working with you, and learning with you,
Jude Alnajdawi

BIOLOGY 20/ SCIENCE 20, 30

Mariam Iqbal // mariam.iqbal@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Students,
Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

My name is Mariam Iqbal, and I am excited to be teaching Biology 20, Science 20, and Science 30. I am an Alumni and I graduated from EIA in 2020. It is an honor to return and be a part of our students' education and I look forward to a prosperous and successful year In Shaa Allah!

I graduated from University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education degree, majoring in Biological Sciences and minoring in Physical Sciences (Chemistry concentration).

My pedagogy aligns with EIA's mission statement which is to provide our students with a high quality education embedded in Islamic values. In my classroom, I wish to create a safe and inclusive learning environment where students actively participate in class discussions, ask questions, and engage with class content. My goal is to provide students with opportunities to engage with science, apply it to their lives, and become critical thinkers.

To ensure your child's success, I encourage open and ongoing communication throughout the academic year. Please do not hesitate to contact me through email or Remind if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working together and ensuring the best for our students.

RESOURCES:

★ **Remind Codes:**

- @eia1bio (Biology 20 Block 1)
- @eia2bio (Biology 20 Block 2)
- @eia3sci (Science 20 Block 3)

★ **Google Classroom Codes:**

- Biology 20 Block 1 and Block 2 - w22oi2pv
- Science 20 - v7he7gpp
- ★ Biology 20 Textbook (digital version available on Google Classroom)
- ★ Science 20 Textbook (digital version on Google Classroom)

CHEMISTRY 35, 30, 20

M Zuhri Aboulkhir // Zuhri.aboulkhir@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,
Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at Edmonton Islamic Academy!

My name is M. Zuhri Aboulkhir, and I am honoured to be your child's Chemistry teacher this academic year. I am excited to embark on this journey of learning and growth with our students and look forward to a productive and inspiring year ahead.

By way of introduction, I hold a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Chemistry and Physics and a minor in Biology, as well as a Bachelor of Education in Secondary Education—both from the University of Alberta. This year, I will be teaching Chemistry 20, Chemistry 30, and Chemistry 35.

At Edmonton Islamic Academy, we are committed to fostering an educational environment that promotes academic excellence, character development, and spiritual growth. We believe that a strong partnership between school and home is essential to student success. When educators and families collaborate effectively, students are empowered to reach their full potential—academically, socially, and spiritually.

I encourage open and ongoing communication throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email with any questions, concerns, or feedback. I am here to support your child's learning and well-being, and I welcome the opportunity to work closely with you.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your continued trust and support. I look forward to a successful year filled with achievement, growth, and meaningful collaboration.

Warm regards,
Mr. Zuhri Aboulkhir

PHYSICS 30, 20

Michael Whipple // michael.whipple@islamicacademy.ca

Dear parents and students,

Welcome back! My name is Michael Whipple, and I am returning to the Edmonton Islamic Academy to continue teaching Physics-20 and Physics-30. This will be my seventh year at the school. Overall, the high school students of EIA have been a joy to teach, and I am looking forward to what this year has in store - inshallah the 2025-2026 term will go smoothly.

My teaching philosophy has a simple framework: I want students to have very few - if any - obstacles to their success, both in my class and in future endeavors. The way I organize my courses reflects this. Lessons are delivered with different methods and support systems: I have many strategies to accommodate students' needs, I maintain a class website with extensive resources which are updated regularly, and I structure my lessons to focus on specific objectives, maximizing practice time. I make myself highly available outside of class hours for additional help. Perhaps most importantly, throughout the course I train students to: develop self-sufficiency, become more conscious of who they are as learners, and become more adaptable with challenging material.

At this stage, students are at a special transitional period as they approach university and set themselves up for future careers; my aim is to help them develop lifelong strong habits and foster creative interests that will serve them well into adulthood. Therefore, I will strive to treat them like adults, while encouraging a sense of fun and curiosity as much as possible.

Students can join my classroom with the expectation that I'll be very transparent about the class objectives, and what should be done to ensure their maximum success and enjoyment in the course. I will use the Remind app to maintain regular communication. I am excited to get to know all of you - feel free to email me at michael.whipple@islamicacademy.ca if you have any questions or concerns, or even just to say hi.

RESOURCES:

- ★ **Remind Codes:**
 - @eia1phys (Physics 20 Block 1)
 - @eia2phys (Physics 30 Block 2)
 - @eia3phys (Physics 30 Block 3)
- ★ Whipplephys.com (access will be provided in class)
- ★ Pearson Textbook (digital version available)

SCIENCE 10

Sajeda Tarabain // sajeda.tarabain@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents and Students, Welcome back to EIA!

As we begin a new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Sajeda Tarabain, and I am pleased to welcome you and your child to my class this year. I am going into my tenth year teaching Science 10 at the Edmonton Islamic Academy. I have previously taught Science 8, Science 9, Chemistry 20, Math 9, and Math 20-2 as well. As an EIA alumnus, it is an honour and a privilege to come back and teach at the school that fostered my love for education from the start. I attended the Islamic Academy from preschool in the Al Rashid Mosque until grade nine in this Academy. I then went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta with a major in General Sciences and a minor in Mathematics.

My goal as an EIA teacher is to convey to students the practicality and value of mathematics and science education, while integrating Islamic values into my instruction, so that they may cultivate an intrinsic desire to seek knowledge and to become lifelong learners. It is important to me that all students are provided with an equal opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is both safe and enjoyable. Through learning, students can then move on to be skilled, contributing and connected members of their community.

We will be covering many exciting concepts this semester, however, Science 10 is a very important course as students' achievement in this course determines the 20 and 30-level science courses they will be able to take for the remainder of high school. I want to let you know that I am here to support you and your child in every way possible. The most important way that this can happen is for us teachers and parents to maintain constant and effective communication. For this reason, I encourage you as parents to regularly keep updated with the school newsletter. The weekly newsletters will let you know all upcoming tests, assignments and concepts that will be covered. In addition to the weekly newsletter, there are other ways to stay updated, and I will outline them all in the course outline shared with students on Thursday. They will also be added to this newsletter and will stay here for the remainder of the school year. These include the Remind app, Google classroom, and email. I look forward to meeting and working with you and your child this year, Insha Allah! May the 2025-2026 school year be a productive, enjoyable, and successful one, inshaAllah.

Warmest Regards,

Sajeda Tarabain

MATH 35, 31, 30-1, 30-2

Hussein Akeileh // hussein.akeileh@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Parents and Students,

Assalamu Alaykom and Welcome to the New School Year of 2025/2026

I graduated from the University of Alberta with a bachelor of Education, majoring in mathematics and minoring in physics. I finished high school in Jordan at College De La Salle and then attended the University of Jordan, where I graduated as an Electrical Engineer. I have around 15 years of experience in Information Technology that I enjoy utilizing in my classroom. I joined the Edmonton Islamic Academy in 2012 and I am starting my thirteenth year as a high school Math teacher and my fifth year as the Math coordinator.

The influence of my experience working with people combined with being so involved in my own children's education has inspired me to become an educator. I believe in the transformative power of education and I encourage my students to attain the highest level of knowledge. I look forward to meeting you and wish you a rewarding school year.

The goals of mathematical courses sequences are to provide pre-requisite attitudes, knowledge, skills and understanding for entry to postsecondary programs.

MATH 30-1, 20-1, 10C

Ehab Abou-Absi // ehab.abou-absi@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back to the academic year 2025-2026. I am excited to be back at the academy after a very busy and a wonderful summer break. My name is Ehab Abou-Absi. I graduated from the Concordia College of Edmonton with a Bachelor's degree in Science with a Major in Math and a Minor in Physics in June 2005, also I graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, with a Major in Physics and a Minor in Mathematics in June 2007. I will be teaching Math 10C, 20-1 and 30-1 this year.

I strongly believe that long-term success depends on being responsible, independent, and self-disciplined. It is my belief that respect is a two-way street and has to be earned. I insist that my students treat each other, and myself, with the utmost respect. I expect that each student to strive for excellence and I believe that each individual should accept the responsibility to follow the rules and work cooperatively. I promote appropriate behavior by verbally praising students who listen attentively, ask relevant questions, participate in discussions, and focus on their assignments. However, since disruptions are inevitable, I encourage that we get through them as quickly and painlessly as possible. Students will get notes/letters sent home or a phone call if the problem becomes persistent. I am looking forward to working with you and your child and wish both of you a wonderful and a successful year.

Please feel free to contact me through email at Ehab.Abou-Absi@islamicacademy.ca or book an appointment by calling the office at (780) 454-4573. We will be using Remind 101 to stay in touch with homework reminders as well as using it as a platform for students to have their questions answered while outside of school hours. The Remind 101 codes will be announced on the first day of school. I sincerely believe that my dedication and love for learning will assist me in continuing to be the best possible teacher I can be.

"A good teacher has empathy, the ability to see the world through the eyes of the child. A terrific teacher has a sense of humor, which keeps reality in perspective. A great teacher has passion as well as compassion."

Best Regards,
Mr. Ehab Abou-Absi

MATH 20-1, 20-2, 10C

Ali Kassem // ali.kassem@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Students,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

It is with great honor and excitement that I welcome you to Grade 10 Mathematics (Math 10C, Math 20-1, & Math 20-2), at Edmonton Islamic Academy. I am truly looking forward to a year filled with growth, discovery, and success for all my students.

Allow me to briefly introduce myself. My name is Ali Kassem. I hold a Bachelor Degree in Education from the University of Alberta with a Mathematics Major. I spent a little over a decade teaching high school mathematics overseas, and for the past year I have had the privilege of teaching in Edmonton. Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to helping students build confidence in mathematics, develop good characters and critical thinking skills, and see the real value of what they are learning. I feel blessed to be part of the Edmonton Islamic Academy community this year, where we work together to nurture academic excellence and strength of the character.

I believe every child can learn when provided with the proper learning environment and when exposed to well-planned educational experiences. Learning is most successful, when students, parents, and teachers work hand in hand, and I am committed to creating a supportive, respectful, and engaging classroom environment. I also expect that every student is committed to making the most of their educational opportunities at EIA.

I am excited to get to know each of my students and to guide them through this important stage in their academic journey. With hard work, perseverance, and teamwork, I am confident we will make this a rewarding and successful year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about our class or your child's progress in Math by email at ali.kassem@islamicacademy.ca or by calling the office at (780) 454-4573 to book an appointment in advance.

Thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to meeting you all and to a wonderful year ahead!
Warm regards,
Ali Kassem

MATH 10C

Haashim Madani // haashim.madani@islamicacademy.ca

As-Salamu Alaikum Dear Parents and Guardians,

By the grace of Allah SWT, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children into my classroom. My name is Haashim Madani and it is my utmost pleasure to be teaching Math to your child this second year. I am very excited to begin this new academic year at the Edmonton Islamic Academy.

As far as my academic background goes, I graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. Following the completion of my degree, I decided to move to Edmonton to pursue a career in education. I subsequently earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta specializing in Mathematics and General Sciences.

My goal as an EIA teacher is to convey to students the practicality and value of mathematics while integrating Islamic values into my instruction, so that they may cultivate an intrinsic desire to seek knowledge and to become lifelong learners. It is important to me that all students are provided with an equal opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is both safe and enjoyable. Through learning, students can then move on to be skilled, contributing, and connected members of their community.

Math 10C is a very important course as it builds a strong foundation for the rest of High school (not just math) as most of math 10C knowledge will be used in high school. That brings me to a very significant aspect of learning which is the triangle collaboration between teacher, students, and parents. I encourage parents to stay regularly updated through the school newsletter. The weekly newsletters will let you know all upcoming tests, assignments, and concepts that will be covered. I will send general updates and reminders about homework, quizzes, and exams through Remind. I encourage all parents and students to sign up. I will also be uploading all class materials to Google Classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me through email (haashim.madani@islamicacademy.ca), by calling the school (780) 454-4573, or the Remind App. The codes to sign up for Remind and Google Classroom will be found in the syllabus and they are listed below.

I look forward to meeting and working with you and your child this year, Insha Allah! May the 2025-2026 school year be a productive, enjoyable, and successful one, Insha Allah.

Best Regards,

Haashim Madani

ENGLISH 30-1, 20-1/ CALM

Dalyah Mouallem // dalyah.mouallem@islamicacademy.ca

Assalmu Alaikum Wa Rahmamatullah Wa Barakatu,

My name is Dalyah Mouallem, and I am happy to be teaching English 30-1, English 20-1, and CALM this year. This is my third year teaching at EIA, which is where I graduated from in 2019.

Our focus in English is foremostly to increase our critical thinking skills and our awareness of the world, all while learning to enjoy literature. With a class full of Muslim learners, I emphasize literacy as a part of our *deen*. As our faith is rooted in written texts – especially with the Quran being unchanged since its revelation – learning to be critical readers is an integral part of worship. All of the texts chosen are used to investigate aspects of Islamic tradition and morality, while using that as a lens to understand the human condition. We will read a variety of short texts, poems, visual texts, plays, and a novel study over the course of this semester!

In CALM 20, our focus is on guiding learners through how to make informed Career and Life Choices through an Islamic lens. We have just 3 units: Personal Choices, Resource Choices, and Career & Life Choices, in which students will investigate and discover aspects of their personalities, as well as learn how they want to make informed life choices as young Muslims!

Please feel free to reach out to me through email, and if you would ever like to meet with me, please book an appointment by calling the office at (780) 454-4573. We will keep in touch using Remind, for which codes will be provided below. Parents, please feel free to join Remind to get updated on assessments dates, or to get in touch with me!

Remind:

- ★ ELA 20-1: @ela20eia
- ★ ELA 30-1: @ela30eia
- ★ CALM 20: @calmeia

ENGLISH 30-2, 20-1, 10-1 / Social 10-1

Yasmin Sajad // yasmin.sajad@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,

Welcome to the new school year! My name is Ms. Yasmin Sajad, and I am honored to be teaching high school at the Edmonton Islamic Academy this year. I have been teaching for the past 10 years and bring a diverse experience to benefit my students. I will be teaching Social Studies 10-1, English Language Arts 10-1, English 20-1 and English 30-2, and I am excited to engage with your children in meaningful discussions. My goal is not only to deepen their knowledge but also to encourage them to critically analyze global issues through the lens of Islam, in alignment with the mission and vision of our school.

A little about my background—I hold a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Education, and a Master's in English from Pakistan, along with an Educational Leadership certification from the University of Alberta. I bring over a decade of teaching experience to the classroom, and I am passionate about fostering a supportive and stimulating learning environment.

In our Social Studies classes, we will explore a variety of historical, political, and social topics. The content will be taught through the lens of Islam, with an emphasis on how we, as Muslims, can engage with and understand the world around us in a way that reflects our faith. Critical thinking and active engagement are central to this approach, as these skills are essential for both understanding history and society, and for nurturing responsible and thoughtful Muslim citizens.

In English Language Arts 20-1 and 30-2, we will explore a wide range of literature and writing styles, aiming to develop our analytical, writing, and communication skills. Students will be encouraged to analyze texts not only for their literary and artistic value but also for their broader cultural, social, and moral implications. We will discuss how literature can help us understand human experiences, shape our worldview, and connect with our faith.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to connect, please feel free to reach out to me via email or through Remind:

- Social Studies 10-1: @gec2b6
- English 20-1: @b6747bc
- English 30-2: @dg6f3hc
- Google Classroom: [English 20-1: [5d4vqyws](#), English 30-2: [rxl6mbks](#), Social 10-1: [equjqzne](#)

May Allah grant us barakah and success throughout this school year. I look forward to working with you, your children, and the entire school community, Insha'Allah.

Sincerely,
Ms. Yasmin Sajad

SOCIAL STUDIES 30-1/30-2, 20-1, 10-1

Douglas Smith // douglas.smith@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum: Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to the EIA community. My name is Doug Smith and I will be teaching Social Studies 10-1, 20-1 and 30-1. Interestingly, I grew up in this area of Edmonton. As a student I attended Kensington Elementary, Wellington Junior High school, and graduated from Queen Elizabeth High school. I received my Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta.

I bring to the EIA 40 years of teaching experience with the majority of those years teaching Social Studies at McNally High School. While at McNally High school I coached several teams including the Senior Boys Football team for 20 years.

I believe that high quality learning does not happen by chance, the learning process should be well designed, planned, and that learning strategies should be flexible. With the vision of the EIA centered around intercultural and interfaith understanding and respect I believe that this school and my classroom will provide a meaningful education to the students and will allow them to be capable of doing and saying something worthwhile in their lives. In the words of the famous John Steinbeck : *teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit*. To ensure that your child is successful I strongly recommend and support that you take an active role in your child's personal and academic success. I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

The best way to contact me is via email. However, I am using Google Classroom and Remind which should also provide us with other means to connect.

Respectfully,
Doug Smith

RESOURCES

➤ E-mail: douglas.smith@islamicacademy.ca

➤Google Classroom

SOCIAL STUDIES 30-1/30-2, 20-1/ ENGLISH 10-1/ CALM

Mohamed Dahrouge // mohamed.dahrouge@islamicacademy.ca

As-Salamu Alaikum, Parents and Guardians,

In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent and Merciful, we will commence this 2025-2026 school year. Although I have had the pleasure of meeting most parents the last few years, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mohamed Dahrouge, and I will be teaching Social Studies in both grades 11 and 12, and will also be teaching CALM and English classes this year.

I graduated from MacEwan University with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce, majoring in Management in 2015 and spent the next two-plus years working in the non-profit sector with at-risk youth at what used to be known as the Youth Emergency Shelter, now known as Youth Empowerment Support Services. During this work period, I returned to school and ultimately graduated from the University of Alberta in 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Education, majoring in Social Studies and minoring in the CTS cluster with a focus on Business, Finance, and Information Technology. I began my teaching career in 2019 at the Edmonton Islamic Academy where I taught grades 7 and 8 Social Studies. Alongside teaching, I have also served as the basketball coach for the junior and senior girls' teams at the Junior High level.

As a student and athlete for the majority of my life, I believe that every student plays an integral role in the overall function of the classroom. Playing competitive hockey for several years allowed me to appreciate the concept of "all for one, and one for all", and I strive to implement this as an educator – not only for the students but for myself as well. I believe that putting students in the best positions to succeed is important to overall student growth and fulfillment. Incorporating numerous teaching

strategies to meet a child's individual needs can be challenging, but every student has his or her own unique set of learning characteristics, and it's my job as an educator to make them as comfortable as possible in the classroom and to bring the best out of them. In my classroom, learning to work as a member of a group and applying concepts at a high level is something students can come to expect from my lessons. I will do everything I can to guide students and work with them as a teacher, not a director, and believe we can achieve amazing things together.

May Allah bless us in making this year successful, and may Allah bless us in working together to overcome this virus that has taken a toll on our society. I look forward to working together with you so that your child may grow as an overall human being in a nurturing Islamic environment. I encourage all parental involvement in your child's learning. If you're ever needing to contact me, please do not hesitate to leave a message at the school by calling 780-454-4573 or emailing me at mohamed.dahrouge@islamicacademy.ca whenever you have concerns or questions regarding your child.

Remind:

- ★ Social 20: @soc20eia
- ★ Social 30: @soc30eia

ISLAMIC STUDIES 15

Warda Nadjai // warda.nadjai@islamicacademy.ca

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Dear parents, guardians, and students,

Assalamu alaikum Wa rahmatullahi Wa barakatuh,

My name is Ouarda Nadjai (Warda). I praise Allah (SWT) who has honored me with teaching Qur'an, Arabic, and Islamic studies since graduation in 2003. I have a degree from the Islamic University in Algeria (faculty of Qur'an and Hadith sciences). I worked at Calgary Islamic school and Horizon Academy Institute (Calgary) as Qur'an, Arabic, and Islamic teacher and at the same time I provided Islamic lessons of different fields like: Fiqh, Aqida, and Tafseer to sisters in Calgary in different mosques and Musallas. I feel blessed to be part of the EIA team for the eighth year and to teach the high school Islamic program for the third year alhamdulillah. I am so happy to be your child's Islamic teacher for this semester inshallah and I ask Allah (SWT) to grant us a fruitful year together.

As Islam is practice! I do strive to role model its teachings as much as I can, as well as encourage my students to do so, because I strongly believe it is the only way to measure success at teaching and learning Islamic studies. My goal is to combine the traditional simple way of obtaining Islamic knowledge along with the discussion and analysis of the most contemporary issues. Attending class, completing assignments on time, and actively participating in class discussions are all important factors in determining one's learning and success during the semester. I advise everyone to pay attention to Islamic education, as it is the only difference between an Islamic school and other schools.

Warmest Salams,

Warda Nadjai

- ★ **Google classroom code (Islamic 15): majvogp4**
- ★ **Remind code: @wnadj**

ISLAMIC STUDIES 25

Fatima Bensassi // fatima.binsassi@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Respected Parents and Guardians,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in the best of health and Iman. My name is Fatima Bensassi, and I am happy and honoured to be your child's Islamic Studies teacher for this academic year at EIA. I graduated from Al-Qarawieen University in Morocco with a bachelor's degree in Islamic studies and law, with a major in Tafsir and Hadeeth. I have over 21 years of teaching experience in the field of Quran, Arabic language and other Islamic studies fields, 6 years of them in Saudi Arabia and 15 years here in Edmonton.

I will be teaching Islamic Studies 25, which will be taught as a full-time course with five blocks every week. As we embark on this journey together, I would like to share with you the goals and teaching strategies that will guide your child's learning in Islamic classes.

My primary objective is to help your child develop a deep and meaningful connection to their Islamic identity, rooted in a strong foundation of knowledge and faith. This year, my specific goals for your child include:

- Strengthening Faith (Iman) and ensuring a solid understanding of core Islamic beliefs and values, while fostering a personal and strong connection with Allah (SWT).
- Building Islamic Character (Akhlaq) and encouraging students to embody Islamic values such as honesty, respect, patience and compassion in their daily lives.
- Promoting regular interaction with the Quran and Hadith, viewing them not just as religious texts but as practical guides for everyday life.

To achieve these goals, our curriculum is structured around the following key areas:

- Quran/ Tajweed, Hadith, Aqeedah, Seerah, and Adab /Manners fields.

To effectively reach the outcomes of the curriculum in these fields, I will employ a variety of teaching strategies designed to engage, inspire, and challenge my students in sha Allah.

-I will encourage students to participate in discussions, group projects, and collaborative activities to deepen their understanding through teamwork.

-Our Islamic teachings will be applied to real-world scenarios and contemporary issues, encouraging critical thinking and practical knowledge.

-Students will use reflection journals and digital resources to track their spiritual growth and enhance their learning experience, Insha'Allah.

Your involvement is crucial to your child's success, and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. I encourage you to reinforce these teachings at home and to communicate with me if you have any questions or concerns. I will keep you informed of our progress through regular updates and reports.

I am excited to support your children's growth this year, and I am committed to helping them develop academically, spiritually and morally. Together, we can ensure that their experience in Islamic Studies is enriching, empowering, and transformative.

I look forward to a productive and spiritually fulfilling year, In sha Allah. For more communication, you can use the information below.

Great salam to you all!

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OPTION CLASSES

ARABIC 15, 25, 35

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أولياء الأمور والطلاب الأعزاء

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

إسمي وردة نجاعي. أحمد الله الذي كرمني بتدريس القرآن الكريم واللغة العربية والدراسات الإسلامية. بدأت مسيرتي التعليمية مباشرة بعد تخرجي سنة 2003 من جامعة الأمير عبد القادر الإسلامية في الجزائر (كلية علوم القرآن وعلوم الحديث). عملت في مدرسة كالجاري الإسلامية ومعهد أكاديمية هورايزون (كالجاري) مدرسة للقرآن الكريم واللغة العربية والدراسات الإسلامية، وفي الوقت نفسه كنت أقدم دروساً إسلامية في الفقه والعقيدة والتفسير للأخوات في كالجاري في مختلف المساجد والمصليات. يشرفني أن أنسق لبرنامج اللغة العربية للعام الثالث لكل من المرحلتين الثانوية والإعدادية! هذا هو العام الثامن لي هنا في مدرسة أدمنتن الإسلامية وأنا سعيدة جداً بأن أكون مدرسة للغة العربية لأبنائكم لهذا الفصل الدراسي إن شاء الله، وأسأل الله أن يُمنّ علينا بعام مُثمرٍ معاً

سيعمل طالب اللغة العربية هذا الفصل على تحسين مهارات اللغة من القراءة والكتابة والمحادثة والاستماع وإثراء مخزونه الثقافي حول اللغة وعلمائها وذلك من خلال مختلف النشاطات والتقييمات. أنصح جميع الطلبة بالالتزام بالحضور وإنهاء الواجبات المطلوبة في الوقت المحدد والمشاركة في المناقشة الصفية لجني أطيب الثمار بحول الله

مع أطيب التحيات

وردة نجاعي

In the name of Allah, the most beneficent the most merciful

Dear parents, guardians, and students,

Assalamu alaikum Wa rahmatullahi Wa barakatuh,

My name is (Ouarda) Warda Nadjai. I praise Allah for honoring me with the opportunity to teach the Holy Quran, Arabic, and Islamic studies. I began my teaching career immediately after graduating in 2003 from the Emir Abdelkader Islamic University in Algeria (Faculty of Quranic and Hadith Sciences). I worked at the Calgary Islamic School and Horizon Academy (Calgary) as a teacher of the Holy Quran, Arabic, and Islamic studies. At the same time, I also taught Islamic lessons in Fiqh , Aqidah, and Tafseer to sisters in Calgary at various mosques and prayer halls. I am honored to be coordinating for the third-year the Arabic language program for both Junior high and high school students! This is my eighth year here at Edmonton Islamic Academy, and I am very happy to be your child's Arabic teacher for this semester, inshallah. I ask Allah to grant us a fruitful year together.

This semester, the students will work on improving their language skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening, and enriching their cultural knowledge about the language and its scholars through various activities and assessments. I advise all students to commit to attendance, complete assigned work on time, and participate in class discussions to reap the best fruits, inshallah.

Warmest Salams,

Warda Nadjai

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ART 10, 20, 30

Ameena Kadri // ameena.kadri@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum Parents and Guardians,

I'm so happy to be back for my second year as the art teacher at Edmonton Islamic Academy! Last year was such a blessing—watching our students grow as artists while also strengthening their character and confidence filled my heart with gratitude, alhamdulillah.

In our art room, creativity and faith go hand in hand. My philosophy is to nurture imaginations and self-expression while weaving in the beautiful values of our deen—patience, gratitude, modesty, and excellence. I believe every child is a unique gift from Allah ﷻ, and helping them explore and develop their talents in ways that bring goodness to themselves and their community is a responsibility I cherish.

This year, insha'Allah, students will dive into a variety of exciting projects and mediums. As they paint, draw, and sculpt, they will also discover how art can be an act of reflection, a reminder of Allah's signs all around us, and a way to express kindness, respect, and compassion. My hope is that every student leaves the art room not only feeling proud of their work, but also more mindful of the values that make us stronger Muslims and better people.

Please feel free to reach out anytime with questions, ideas, or feedback. I am so excited to continue this journey together, insha'Allah, and I can't wait to see all the creativity, growth, and barakah this year will bring.

May Allah bless our efforts and guide us to inspire our students both artistically and spiritually.

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BUSINESS MANAGEMENT/ MODEL UN

Billal Hajji // billal.hajji@islamicacademy.ca

Alssalamu Alaikum,

My name is Billal Hajji. I will be returning for my seventh year at EIA, and I am excited to be teaching Business Management as well as Speech and Debate in the High School program. A little bit about me: I completed my Bachelor's degree with Distinction from the University of Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean, in 2019. It is a true privilege to return to the EIA community and to share my passion for communication, critical thinking, and leadership with our students. In Business Management, we will explore key principles that guide successful organizations, including entrepreneurship, marketing, financial literacy, and strategic planning. In Speech and Debate, students will develop their public speaking skills, learn how to build and defend arguments, and engage in thoughtful, respectful discussions. Both courses are designed to challenge students intellectually while helping them build confidence, professionalism, and strong ethical judgment.

My goal is to create a positive and engaging learning environment where every student feels heard and supported. I believe in fostering leadership by giving students an active role in their own learning, encouraging discussion, collaboration, and critical inquiry. The keywords for success in these courses will be: respect, participation, curiosity, effort, and a growth mindset.

I am looking forward to meeting you! Feel free to contact me for any comments, questions or concerns at billal.hajji@islamicacademy.ca

Sincerely,
Billal Hajji

FOODS 10/ WOOD WORK/ COMPUTER SCIENCES

Mohammad Salehi // mohammad.salehi@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum Parents and Guardians,

I hope your family had an amazing summer and is in high spirits for the upcoming school year. My name is Mohammad-Reza Salehi, and I am excited to introduce myself as your child's CTS (Career and Technology Studies) teacher at Edmonton Islamic Academy. This is my second year at the school, and I feel privileged to be part of such a wonderful community.

I recently graduated from the University of Alberta in April 2024, earning a degree with a major in Physical Science and a minor in Biological Science. With my background, I aim to bring a fresh and enthusiastic approach to teaching, blending academic knowledge with practical, real-world applications. My goal is to ensure that your children not only learn valuable life skills but also enjoy the process.

In my classroom, I strive to create an environment that is both safe and fun. I believe that learning should be an engaging experience, and I am committed to helping students explore new concepts while fostering a sense of responsibility and respect for one another. Throughout the year, I will be focusing on teaching skills that your children can apply to their future endeavors, whether in their careers or personal lives.

I am looking forward to meeting your children and working together to make this year a successful one. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Open communication between parents and teachers is vital to a positive and supportive learning environment.

Thank you for your trust and partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,

Mohammad-Reza Salehi
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10, 20, 30 GIRLS

Shanya Shwetz // shanya.shwetz@islamicacademy.ca

Hello and welcome back!

This is my sixth year teaching at EIA and I couldn't be more excited to be back in the classroom and starting the new year. Following High School, I was lucky enough to receive a full ride scholarship to play Varsity Women's Hockey where I obtained my Bachelor of Science Degree at MacEwan University. Realizing I had a passion for coaching and teaching I returned to the classroom where I received a two year After Degree in Education. Throughout my academic journey I have been honored to explore many opportunities that athletics has allowed me to have.

Promoting both healthy minds and a healthy lifestyle is something that I am passionate about and look forward to sharing with my students here at the Edmonton Islamic Academy. My goal is to create a safe learning environment where each student feels safe to explore and ask questions regarding their health. Physical Education is about learning to live a healthy lifestyle. It is my goal to help the female students here at EIA find joy in physical activity, promote asking questions that can help develop a healthy lifestyle while exploring the opportunity to be leaders within the classroom. Please feel free to contact me through email shanya.shwetz@islamicacademy.ca if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Shanya Shwetz

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10, 20, 30 BOYS

Yahia Dalloul // yahia.dalloul@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum, Parents and Guardians,

In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent and Merciful,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in the best of health. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Yahia Dalloul. Inshallah in the 2025 - 2026 school year, I will undertake the responsibility of being the Athletic Director, and will also have the pleasure of working with your son/daughter as their high school Physical Education and Gr 7 & 9 Health and Life Skills teacher.

I'm originally from Gaza, Palestine, and I grew up in Halifax, Nova Scotia. After graduating from St. Francis Xavier University, located in Antigonish, NS, I spent some time teaching internationally in China and Qatar before settling here in Edmonton. I'm entering my 15th year working in the education field, and this will be my 11th year at EIA, alhamdulillah.

I have always believed that co-curricular activities offer some of the most important life lessons. Students learn lessons in dependability, teamwork, motivation, and discipline, to name a few. Insha'Allah, I hope to inspire my students to learn how to set and accomplish goals, overcome adversity, work within a team, and strive to be the best they can be, thereby improving their community. This is what drives me to give the students at Edmonton Islamic Academy the very best experience possible.

With that being said, it is my pleasure to serve alongside the parents to provide a great experience for our students. I look forward to meeting each of you throughout the school year. Please know that my door is always open to help support you and focus on what is best for our students.

Sincerely, Yahia Dalloul

RESOURCES:

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High School Summer Timetable – 2025/2026							
Block	Mon	Tues	Wed	Block	Thurs	Block	Friday
B1 8:40 – 10:06 86 min				B1 8:40 – 9:52 72 min		B1 8:40 – 10:06 86 min	
10:06 – 10:10 4 min				9:52 – 9:55 3 min		10:06 – 10:10 4 min	
B2 10:10 – 11:36 86 min				B2 9:55 – 11:07 72 min		B2 10:10 – 11:36 86 min	
Lunch break 11:36 – 12:20 44 min				11:07 – 11:10 3 min		Lunch break 11:36 – 12:20 44 min	
				B3 11:10 – 12:22 72 min			
B3 12:20 – 1:46 86 min				Lunch break 12:22 – 12:58 36 min		B3 12:20 – 1:46 86 min	
Prayer 1:46 – 2:14 28 min				B4 12:58 – 2:10 72 min		Prayer 1:46 – 2:14 28 min	
B4 2:14 – 3:40 86 min				Early Dismissal		B4 2:14 – 3:40 86 min	

Diploma and Final Exams Schedule 2025-2026

Semester 1

Date	Day	Exam	Time
January 7 th	Wednesday	Arabic Language	During the block
January 8 th	Thursday	Islamic Studies	During the blocks
January 13 th	Tuesday	English 30-1/ 30-2 part A (Writing)	9:00 am–12:00pm
January 13 th	Tuesday	English 20-1 part A (Writing)	9:15 am–12:15pm
January 13 th	Tuesday	Science 10	9:00 am–12:00pm
January 14 th	Wednesday	Social 30-1/ 30-2 part A (Writing)	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 14 th	Wednesday	Social 20-1 part A (Writing)	9:15 am–12:15 pm
January 16 th	Thursday	Social 20-1 part A (reading comprehension)	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 16 th	Thursday	Social 10-1 part B (Writing)	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 17 th	Friday	Social 10-1 part A (reading comprehension)	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 19 th	Monday	Math 30-1/ 30-2	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 20 th	Tuesday	English 30-1/ 30-2 part B (reading comprehension)	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 20 th	Tuesday	English 20-1 part B (reading comprehension)	9:15 am–12:15 pm
January 21 st	Wednesday	Social 30-1 part B (reading comprehension)	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 21 st	Wednesday	Math 10C	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 22 nd	Thursday	Biology 30	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 22 nd	Thursday	Biology 20	10:00 am–1:00 pm
January 22 nd	Thursday	Science 20	10:00 am–1:00 pm
January 23 rd	Friday	Chemistry 30	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 23 rd	Friday	Chemistry 20	9:15 am–12:15 pm
January 26 th	Monday	Physics 30	9:00 am–12:00 pm
January 26 th	Monday	Physics 20	9:15 am–12:15 pm
January 27 ^h	Tuesday	Report Card	
January 28 th	Wednesday	Semester 2 Begins	

Diploma and Final Exam Writing Rules

Entrance into the exam room

1. Students who arrive late will not be permitted to enter the exam room if one hour has elapsed from the starting time of the exam. Latecomers will not be recompensed for the time they have lost.
2. Students may only enter the examination room with the consent of the supervising teacher.

Leaving the exam room

1. Students may not leave the exam room until half the time has elapsed from the start time of the exam.
2. Students will not be permitted to leave the exam room without the consent of the exam supervisor.
3. Students must hand in their exam before leaving the exam room and may not remove any portion of the exam from the exam room including scrap paper or draft/working papers.
4. Once a student leaves the exam room, he/she will not be allowed back in.

Washroom use:

1. Students will only be permitted to use the designated washroom. They will be escorted to the washroom by a supervisor.

Items permitted in exam rooms

1. Students shall only have tools required for writing the exam, such as pencils, pens, erasers, exam-approved calculators, and geometry kits.
2. All bags and jackets must be left at the front or back of the exam room or in lockers.
3. Students may not wear hoodies or sweaters with pockets during the writing of examinations.
4. Students shall not be permitted to bring any papers, notes, or books that are not on the approved materials list for the exam administration.

Mobile devices and technology

1. Possession of any mobile device during an examination will result in a disqualification from the exam.
2. If a formula memory calculator is used, the student must demonstrate that the memory is cleared to the supervisor before the start of the exam.

Actions that could result in disqualification from the exam:

1. Sharing material (supplies, calculators) is strictly prohibited during exam time. Students caught passing items will be disqualified from the examination.
2. No student is allowed to talk, whisper, exchange materials or information, writing tools, or materials including calculators with another student during exam time. Students caught communicating with others in any way will be disqualified from the examination.
3. All students must wear their full uniforms during exam time. Students who do not arrive in full uniform will not be permitted to write the examination.