



Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya UK

# Love for All, Hatred for None

October/November 2015

## *National Ijtema*

Alhamdulillah, by the Grace of Allah, Lajna Imaillah held their annual National Ijtema on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

This is always an exciting event; it is the climax of months of planning. The Nasirat are given their own programme during the weekend and the team spend many hours discussing and debating which activities are best. We have to consider many factors such as space, numbers attending and time allocated. We always think about comments we have heard from the Nasirat around the country and we use ideas we have seen as we travel across the UK.

This year the fire at Bait ul Futuh meant that arrangements were changed at short notice. However, we were able to still host all of our planned activities, Alhamdulillah. The space at Islamabad was more than we had planned and the atmosphere was amazing, so many smiles despite a few drops of rain.



Nasirat were divided into three zones;

*Academic/Competition Zone*

*Games Zone*

*Educational Zone*

We also had a daily assembly and pledge, bazar and exhibition. But the highlight of the weekend was of course the address by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah strengthen his hand. Huzoor (may Allah strengthen his hand) spoke about the importance of giving priority to religious as well as secular learning within families. He advised Ahmadis to read the Holy Qur'an everyday and to become attached to the programmes on MTA; especially the Friday Sermon.

You are most welcome to send us suggestions for activities for next year's ijtema via the Nasirat website. (Please use the 'contact us' field.)

A most blessed reward for those Nasirat that achieved first position in their Academic Competition was to receive their trophy from Beloved Huzoor (may Allah strengthen his hand). This is an extra incentive to prepare early next year and try your very best!

## *Special Mention*

During Ijtema, the National Nasirat team presented an assembly where they showed Nasirat examples of what everyone gets up to across the UK in their classes.

Photos were shown of bake sales, charity runs, days out, arts and crafts, sports days and much more.

We wanted everyone to know that we are extremely impressed by all the work you girls are doing. We love to hear about all the fun things you achieve. We also thought it was important that Nasirat see how hard their secretaries work to provide you with fun, interactive classes.

Have you taken time to say Jazakamullah to your Nasirat secretary recently? Do you remember to thank her after each class, trip or visit? Your Nasirat secretary has been working hard to plan and deliver your classes. An excellent way to show your gratitude would be to remember her in your prayers and pray for her health and happiness.

## ***Nasirat Diaries***

The new Nasirat diaries for 2015-2016 are ready and are currently being distributed across the UK. They provide some beautiful pictures, date planning, inspirational quotes and much more.

Remember to ask your secretary about them as they will be heading your way soon, Insha'Allah.

## ***Friday Sermons***

Huzoor (may Allah strengthen his hand) has mentioned several times recently the importance of listening to his Friday Sermons. These are an excellent source of knowledge for all members of the Jama'at.

Huzoor (may Allah strengthen his hand) gives loving advice to people, offering guidance and answers to questions which we may have in our minds.

Have you listened to a Friday Sermon this month? It is available on MTA, on alislam.org, on Youtube. It is translated into many languages and now English subtitles are also available. You always learn something new and valuable for your life in these Sermons.

For example, Huoor (may Allah strengthen his hand) recently said;

*It is God's great favour that the Jama'at is enabled to utilise modern technology, TV and the internet for propagation of faith. The written works of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) are widely available on our web site and can be accessed whenever one wants. It is also translated in major languages of the world. Likewise, advice of the Khalifa of the time can also be heard and read and is based on the Holy Qur'an, hadith and writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).*

*MTA is relaying the message all over the world and this has given the Jama'at a new sense of oneness. We should regularly tune into MTA in order to be part of this oneness. At the very least Friday sermon should be listened to every week with special focus.*

*Each family should determine if every member of their family has done so. If the wife listens and the husband does not, it will not avail anything. If the husband listens but the wife and children do not, even then it will not avail anything. Every Ahmadi needs to be part of this arrangement that God has put in place to further facilitate oneness and through which the voice of the Khalifa of the time reaches every corner of the world. Attention should be paid to this. If we do not know what is being said, how can obey it? If we listen to discourses we will be able to carry out obedience. Look out for what needs to be obeyed. Otherwise we will be simply making superficial declarations each Ijtema or at time of Bai'at*

*'pledging obedience in everything good' or to 'make every sacrifice for the perpetuation of Ahmadiyya Khilafat.'*

*May God make it so that each family pays attention to this matter and makes full use of this facility that we have been given for tarbiyyat (moral training). It is not just a resource for tarbiyyat, it is playing a huge role in*

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<sup>i</sup> <http://www.alislam.org/friday-sermon/2015-10-09.html>

*spreading the teachings of Islam. If for some reason the Live broadcast cannot be seen, there are always recordings to avail of and these programmes can also be seen on the internet<sup>i</sup>.*

**So if you did not listen to the Friday Sermon last month, will you make a pledge to try and listen from now on?**