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The time has once again arrived for the yearly summer project, which all of the pupils (however young or old) must produce. This year's title is: "**Islamic Art**". The project will be judged objectively (not in a biased way) by independent judges.

A trophy is awarded to the best projects in the different age groups and even for just participating. Of course, the person with the very best project will get a special trophy.

You can set out the project however you like, whether it is in the form of:

- a poster
- a model
- a game
- a magazine
- a booklet
- a drawing

or anything else that you can think of doing!

However, the project must be in English. If it is in any other language (e.g. Arabic, Gujrati or Farsi) it will be disqualified from entry. An exception to this is the use of Calligraphy, which is permitted in various languages. Please also remember NOT to write your name on the project. On the day you give in your project, you will be given a sticker with a number instead. This means that the person marking the project does not know who it is by!

Marking Criteria

The project will be judged according to a number of different criteria:

1. **Content** **35% of the marks**
Depth of research and quality of work presented
2. **Presentation** **20% of the marks**
Degree of skill in portraying piece of work (e.g. language, use of grammar and syntax, artistic ability etc.) It is useful to word process the project, if you are presenting a booklet, magazine or poster.
3. **Effort** **25% of the marks**
Time taken and work done to produce the entry. The judges will try to exclude any direct element of parental involvement.
4. **Originality** **20% of the marks**
A reflection of the depth of thought in selecting a piece to portray the subject.

So, as you can see it is important to work hard on the project and to present it in a way in which the judge will look highly upon it.

Do not forget, the project is not in until the start of next term (19th September 2010). This gives enough time for a very good project. Do not leave the project until the last minute as this will mean that you will not perform as well as you could.

Where do I do my research?

Below are just SOME ideas. It is important that you do your own research. You can always ask your parents and other adults to help with this as this is one of the more difficult parts.

The internet is not the only source for good information – although it does have a lot of useful **and unhelpful** material. You must be very careful to make sure that the information you find out from the internet is **reliable**.

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_art
- <http://www.webcitation.org/5kwrZY56V> (MSN Encarta)

There are many other places in which to look for something to help you with your project:

- The library
 - Books (some are available in Mosques and at home too!)
 - *The Arab Contribution to Islamic Art: From the Seventh to the Fifteenth Centuries (but this is a lot of detail)* by Wijdan Ali
- An encyclopaedia (both online and on the library) – again, often very detailed

High Standards

Consistently, since the beginning of the Summer Project competitions, observers and judges have complimented the children of Husayni Madrasah on the quality of their work. This year, we hope to continue this trend and we also hope that ALL students will produce a project worthy of being displayed to the wider community.

Deadline

ALL projects must be submitted on 19th September 2010.

Prizegiving / Judge's report

All judges will be expected to comment on some of the aspects of the work produced. In addition, feedback will be given to help development in the future. All those who submit an entry will be given a token prize, with the best in each age group and the overall winner receiving a more substantial prize.

All marks will go towards the “House” system and collectively, with the house points through the year as well as Sports Day results, will end with a shield being presented to the winning house.

Age groups

The projects will be judged according to different age groups. This allows reasonable competition between the children as the winner of each group will get a prize. Judges WILL take into account the age of the student.

The three age groups are:

- Under 6 years old
- 6 – 10 years old
- Over 10 years old

