

Al Misbaah Academy (AMA)

**Report and Accounts
Period ended 31st December 2021**

Charity number: 1172726

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Al Misbaah Academy (AMA)
Registered charity number	1172726
Registered office address	142 Milton Avenue, London, E6 1BL
Principal office address	645 – 647 High Road, Seven Kings, Ilford, IG3 8RG
Chairperson	Mohammed Ibn Sadiq Kothia
Trustees	Mohammed Ibn Sadiq Kothia Dr. Haseeb Valli Imam Suhail Patel
Bankers	Santander UK PLC 2 Triton Square Regent's Place London NW1 3AN
Independent Examiner	SK Accountants Old Poplar Library 45 Gillender Street Poplar E14 6RN

Trustees' Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the period ended 31st December 2021.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31st December 2021. The Trustees who served during the period and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Al Misbaah Academy (AMA) is constituted as a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission in April 2017 under charity number 1172726. It is governed by a Charitable Incorporated Organisation last updated in June 2017.

Organisational structure

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees meet together as a body bi-monthly (sometimes more frequent – dependent upon the need) and are responsible for the overall governance of Al Misbaah Academy (AMA) and to oversee the management and day-to-day running of the charity.

The day-to-day management of Al Misbaah Academy (AMA) and administration of the projects are controlled by the Chief Executive, Imam Suhail Patel.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who are committed individuals, whose views are aligned to the charity's vision, in addition to being able to offer relevant skills and experience.

Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings to meet the trustees and have an informal interview and are given more details about the charity's aims and activities, and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Induction and training of new trustees

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the governing document, a copy of the most recent, 'The Essential Trustee' guidance booklet, and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity.

A number of publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

This ensures that new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. Initially, new trustees work with an existing trustee assisting on activities and projects run by the charity. After satisfactory feedback from existing trustees, they are given the task of leading a particular activity or project, reporting progress at trustees' meetings.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening, and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review the risk matrix regularly at their meetings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. In particular,

- The finances of Al Misbaah Academy (AMA) are kept under review and financial controls regularly reviewed and improved as needed.
- Appropriate Criminal Records Bureau (CRB/DBS) checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the premises. Security of all stakeholders is of upmost importance and is kept continuously under review.
- The Charity regularly review policies to reduced reputational risk of the organisation and review all complaints immediately.
- The board also take the legislative requirements of the charity seriously and regularly review that the charity is compliant.

Objectives

Our Aims

The objectives of the charity are set out in the Charity's governing document and are summarised as follows:

1. To advance education for the benefit of the poor, underprivileged and the public, by means of, but not exclusively, the provision or the assistance in the provision of educational activities and facilities for those in the UK.
2. To advance the religion of Islam, by the means of, but not exclusively, promoting the correct understanding of the beliefs and practices and provision or assistance in the provision of facilities for worship and Islamic education for the benefit of the community in the UK, in accordance with the teachings of the Qur'ān and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as interpreted by the Ahlus-Sunnah-Wal-Jamā'ah school of thought.
3. To relieve financial hardship, distress and suffering among poor people, victims of natural and man-made disasters and other people in need, by means of, but not exclusively, fundraising donations for providing or paying for food, items, equipment, clothing, accommodation and such services and facilities for the benefit of the said persons.
4. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship, or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Our objectives

Our objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims. Each year our trustees will review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit.

Activities and achievements

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims.

The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to our students who study at Al Misbaah Academy (AMA), the wider community of Redbridge, London, and those who connect with us throughout the world:

Supplementary Schools

Al Misbaah Academy (AMA) operates Supplementary School classes on both the weekdays and weekends, catering for approximately 700 students, ranging between the ages of 5 – 16. Within our curriculum, not only do we aim to depart the core fundamentals of our faith and preserve the legacy of our sacred tradition, such as the recitation and memorisation of the Qur'ān and Islamic Studies, we also aim to nurture our students holistically and develop well-grounded citizens of the community who are empowered to self-discovery, wholeness, and social consciousness.

After the success last year, this year, we continued to integrate a series of enrichment days and campaign weeks into our curriculum, to allow our students to continue carrying out experiential learning aimed at teaching them qualities such as compassion, perseverance, resilience, and leadership.

Qur'ān Memorisation Class

The memorisation of the Qur'ān is considered an important element of religious education and training. We are pleased with this programme which continues to run successfully. With the ever-growing demand, we will now be introducing a second Qur'ān memorisation class in January 2022. This year, we were able to celebrate the wonderful achievement of a further one of our students, Imad Shorif Mahmud, completing the memorisation of the Qur'ān.

'Ālimiyyah (Islamic Scholarship) Programme

The 'Ālimiyyah Programme is an undergraduate level programme in Shari'ah (Islamic Law) and Islamic Theology. The programme is an in-depth study of subjects such as Tafsīr, Hadīth, Fiqh and the principles of Tafsīr, Hadīth and Fiqh. It also includes an advanced study of classical Arabic. The aim of the 'Ālimiyyah curriculum is to produce scholars and leaders who are competent in the Islamic sciences such as Tafsīr and Hadīth possessing the professional skills necessary to serve, guide and lead the Muslim community with excellence. In addition to imparting knowledge and skills, the curriculum, and the environment within which it is taught is designed to produce scholars whose scholarship is marked by tradition, intelligence, piety, responsibility, and generosity of spirit. Our goal is to ensure that we are not simply producing academics and professionals seeking a career but are producing the selfless spirit that has always been so characteristic of Islamic scholarship. This year at Al Misbaah Academy, we took on our third intake of students.

Part-Time Courses

We operate numerous courses for both male and female adults and teenagers in our community, tailored to their requirements and needs. This year at Al Misbaah Academy, we held the following courses:

Access to Tajwīd

This course, aiming to educate adults on the proper recitation of the holy Qur'ān, giving them the confidence to recite independently, as well as impart the knowledge of this vital Qur'ānic science, was initiated last year following numerous requests from the community. This course caters for over 25 students, both locally and from throughout the country following the transition online.

Further Education

This year, we took on the fifth intake of our highly popular teenagers' course studying Sīrah, Hadīth, Fiqh and Contemporary Issues. By promoting active learning and open discussion, this course aims to provide our youth with the tools to navigate the modern world in a sound, balanced and holistic way, as encouraged by our faith. Our core aims are twelve; Developing a life-long zeal for learning, instilling the love of Islamic environments, building leadership qualities, fostering prophetic characteristics, providing a positive learning experience, facilitating critical thinking, opening doors to healthy friendships, inspiring love of Allāh, the Qur'ān and the Sunnah, strengthening īmān (faith) and God-consciousness, transforming self-confidence, unlocking creativity and imagination and empowering application of sound and reliable knowledge.

Let's Speak Arabic

Following a very successful summer intensive Arabic programme, last year we had designed a spoken Arabic course for adults, delivered by Mahmoud Sa'saa, a native Egyptian Arabic language teacher with over 30-years of experience in teaching the Arabic language. Three modules were held with two cohorts throughout the year. Students were extremely satisfied with their progress and had developed a keen interest in continuing with their studies to perfect their Arabic as they advanced through the course. This year we continued with where we had left off in the previous year and once again taught three modules to two cohorts of students. We also published our first set of books which were created by Mahmoud Sa'saa.

Free-Courses Project

During the Covid era, we were suddenly put into a situation where if we wanted to continue offering our services and benefitting the wider community, we would need to make a transition by offering our services online. We were also very aware of the negative impact the Covid era had had on people's livelihoods and the general economy. This gave birth to one of our most successful projects yet; the 'Free-Courses' project. We held a fundraising campaign titled 'Light a Legacy' encouraging our supporters and well-wishers to support the project by subscribing to a monthly direct-debit plan. The campaign was largely successful and provided us with a platform and the confidence to embark on this project. During the year 2021, We were privileged to use this platform to host internationally renowned experts to deliver discourses and webinars on an array of pertinent topics, which include Bereavement, Welcoming Ramadān, Ramadān Revival, Tafsīr Sūrah Yūsuf, Touring Al-Aqsā, The Dhul-Hijjah Series and Keys To Prophetic Parenting. We attracted a worldwide audience who religiously tuned in to benefit from these webinars.

Community Outreach Work

We regularly organise events and activities for the community to provide opportunities for cohesion, tackling issues of importance and strengthening ties within the local community.

Fundraising

Over the month of Ramadān, we raised over an impressive £120,000 to build a school In Palestine alongside sponsoring 170 orphaned children. The dream was to empower these orphaned children through education, giving them a better chance in life. The project was delivered through U.K registered charity, Abdullah Aid, with whom we have committed to continue supporting this project for a minimum of three years.

Financial review

Principal Sources of funding

The charity's main source of income are madrasah fees, in the current period the incoming resources for the period amounted to £446,576.

The continued generous donations provided by the users and supporters of the charity received in the current period amounted to £61,016. Al Misbaah Academy is therefore extremely grateful for all the support and is expects the same support in the future.

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. The aim is to hold enough cash unrestricted funds within the reserves to cover six months of operational expenses.

Currently the charity holds enough reserves to cover three months of operational expenses.

The current free reserves of the charity are £102,732.

Plans for the future: Currently the general unrestricted funds are below the target of 6 months, the charity aims to increase the level of cash reserves funds to meet this target.

Investment policy

The Charity has no long-term investments. Our cash deposits retained are with major UK retail banks.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other.

Approved by our Board of Trustees on 20/10/2022


Signed on its behalf.



Trustee

Name Mohammed Ibn Sadiq Kothia

And



Trustee

Name SUHAIL PATEL

Independent Examiner's Report

To the trustees of Al Misbaah Academy

I report on the accounts of the above charity for the period ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 20 October 2022

SK Accountants

Address: Old Poplar Library, 45 Gillender St, Poplar, E14 6RN

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Statement of Financial Activities

Period Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Incoming resources					
Donations and legacies	2	61,016	-	61,016	10,457
Charitable activities		510,571	-	510,571	374,488
Total Incoming resources		571,587	-	571,587	384,945
Resources expended	3				
Charitable activities		(518,398)	-	(518,398)	(353,884)
Governance Costs		-	-	-	(2,500)
Total Resources expended		(518,398)	-	(518,398)	(356,384)
Net income/(expenditure)		53,189	-	53,189	28,561
Net movement in funds		53,189	-	53,189	28,561
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		49,543	-	49,543	20,981
Total funds carried forward		102,732	-	102,732	49,543

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors		2,683	-	2,683	2,032
Cash at bank and in hand	8	124,206	-	124,206	75,859
Total current assets		126,889	-	126,889	77,891
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(24,156)	-	(24,156)	(28,348)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		102,733	-	102,733	49,543
Total assets less current liabilities		102,733	-	102,733	49,543
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		102,733	-	102,733	49,543
Funds of the Charity	10				
Restricted income funds		-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds		102,733	-	102,733	49,543
Total funds		102,733	-	102,733	49,543

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Date: 20/10/22

Mohammed Ibn Sadiq Kothia
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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Statement of Cash Flows

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	53,189	28,561
(Increase)/Decrease of debtors	(651)	10,180
Increase/(Decrease) of creditors	(4,192)	4,777
Net cash flow of operating activities	48,346	43,518
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	48,346	43,518
Cash and Cash equivalents brought forward	75,859	32,340
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	124,206	75,859

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation (FRS102)

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Al Misbaah Academy meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a project or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised based on the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the Trustees have decided to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's artistic programmes and activities. Support costs have been allocated in proportion to expenditure incurred in undertaking an activity.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a reducing balance basis as follows:

Asset Category	Annual rate
Fixtures, Fittings and Electrical equipment	15%

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and amounts in deposit accounts.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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2. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	61,016	-	61,016	10,457
Charitable activities	510,571	-	510,571	374,488
Total	571,587	-	571,587	384,945

3. Analysis of Resources expended

	Staff costs	Other costs	Support costs	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities					
Activities undertaken directly:	411,856	5,047	101,494	518,398	356,384
Total	411,856	5,047	101,494	518,398	356,384

4. Analysis of staff costs, Charity remuneration and expenses, and key management personnel.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and Staff Wages	411,856	320,313
Total	411,856	320,313

No employees had employee benefits more than £60,000

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5. Staff Numbers

The average monthly head count was 25 staff and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) during the period were as follows:

	2021	2020
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Charitable Activities	19	19
	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>

6. Related Party Transactions

Neither the Trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration, benefits in kind from the Charity during the period. During the period under review, no trustees received reimbursement of travelling expenses.

7. Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

8. Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2021	2020
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash at Bank	122,046	75,286
Cash in Hand	2,160	573
Total	<u>124,206</u>	<u>75,859</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Net Wages	24,156	26,730
Social Security Taxes	-	1,619
Total	<u>24,156</u>	<u>28,349</u>

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10. Charity Funds

	2020 Balance B/F £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	2021 Balance C/F £
Fund names					
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	49,543	571,587	(518,398)	-	102,732
Total Funds	49,543	571,587	(518,398)	-	102,732

	2019 Balance B/F £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	2020 Balance C/F £
Fund names					
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	20,981	384,945	(356,384)	-	49,543
Total Funds	20,981	384,945	(356,384)	-	49,543