

<h1>Didsbury Friday Circle</h1> <p>Session Log: 6th July, 2018</p>	
<p>In Attendance: 14 Boys</p>	<p>Venue: Main Hall Didsbury Mosque 271 Burton Road M20 2WA</p> <p>Timings: Start 7:00 PM Finish 9:00 PM</p>
<p>Organisers Present: Faizan Awan</p>	

Brief Report of Session

The session today was in the Main Hall. Today's discussion was about Allah SWT. The boys were asked who Allah SWT is. Most had a vague idea, referring to him as God, All-Powerful, The Creator, The Merciful, etc. We explored the concept of dimensions and how humans are limited by time and space, but that Allah SWT exists outside time and space and how something that is not constrained by these attributes cannot be imagined - the only descriptions we can use are those that we have been given. We reviewed the views of Ibn Arabi, about the purpose of our creation by Allah SWT as a gift to mankind to attempt to achieve perfection in ourselves by glorifying Him and asking for His guidance. We also reviewed the poetry of Rumi on the relationship of mankind with Allah SWT, specifically how Allah SWT invites us to His Presence in paradise, and if we chose to accept this invitation, the delights of paradise won't matter to us as we'll be in the Companionship of Perfection. If however we decline the invitation, paradise won't matter to us anyway. The majority of the boys were engaged in the discussion and asked many important questions, like did Allah SWT create us for His amusement and why haven't we been returned to paradise. The boys were reminded that critical thinking is vital to having an honest relationship with our Creator.

We ate pizza and then played football and dodgeball. We closed the session at 9 pm.

Incidents or Accidents

One boy was accidentally scratched by another boy's fingernail to his lower eyelid while playing dodgeball. He sustained a mild graze that did not

prevent him playing on. The wound was cleaned, a cold compress applied and at the end of the session his father informed. Another boy received an accidental knock on the head from another boy's arm during football, needed no treatment and carried on playing.

Next Session

Friday, 20th July, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. A. Awan'.

Dr. Faizan Awan **Dated:** Friday 20th July, 2018