

# Alimiyyah Programme

A structured programme designed to produce knowledgeable leaders and callers to Allah's way.



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An-Nakhlah Institute

## AN-NAKHLAH 4 YEAR STRUCTURED COURSE

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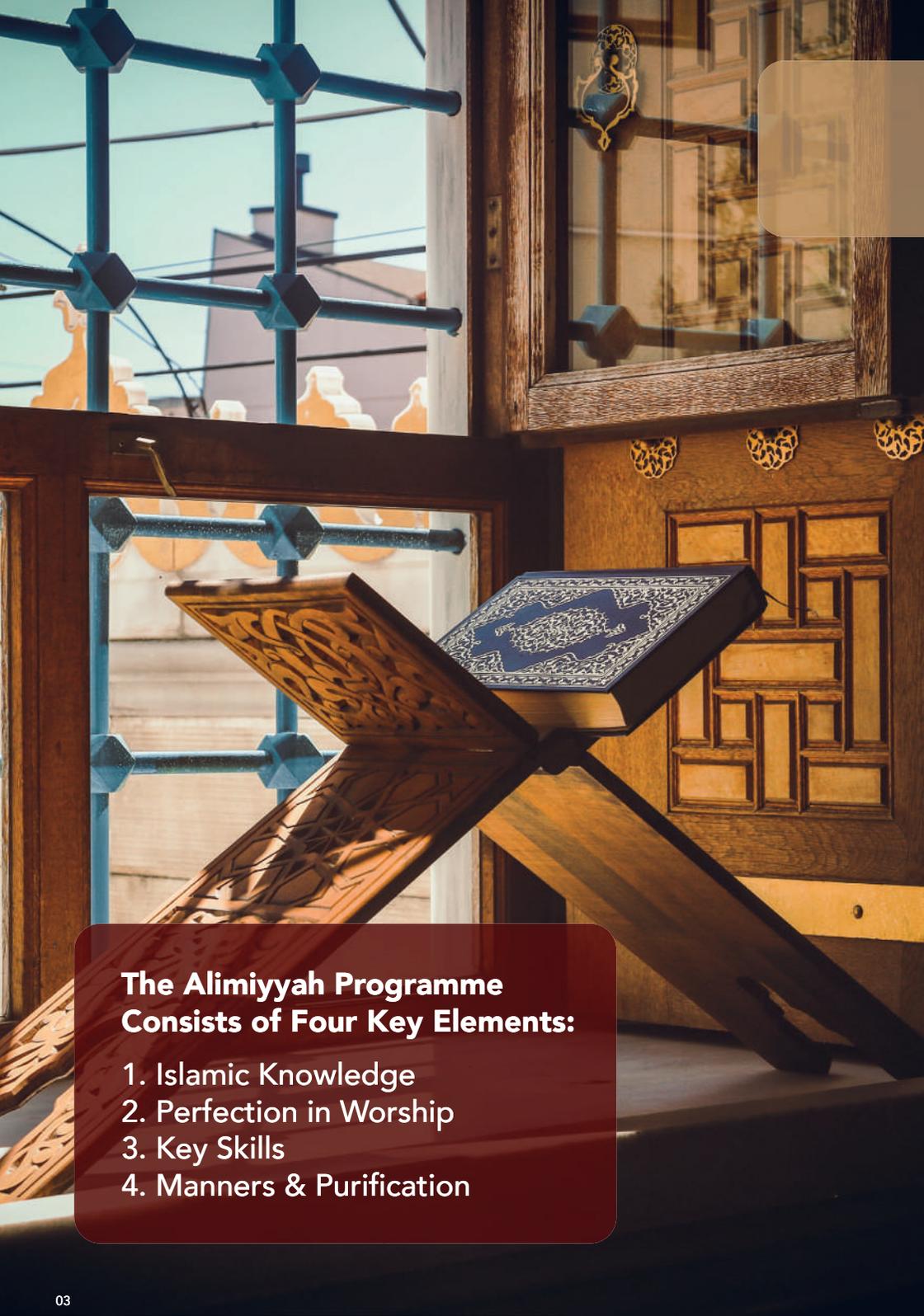
# About Us

An-Nakhlah is an educational institute founded for the sole purpose of reviving and cultivating the love of and for Islam amongst Muslims.

In pursuit of these lofty ambitions and understanding the importance of the role to be played by the youth in the renaissance of this ummah, the institute incepted its weekend school, focusing on the Islamic education and tarbiyah of its children.

Having successfully established the weekend school, the institute now believes the time is right to take the next steps in furtherance of its aim by launching the Alimiyyah Programme. Through the Alimiyyah Programme, the institute hopes to empower its students and to equip them with the skills, confidence and knowledge to be proud believers and to remain confidently on the path of Allah and His Messenger ﷺ until the day they meet Him.





# The Alimiyyah Programme Overview

One of the institutes driving principles is that a Muslim must and should excel in all facets of his or her daily life and should be relentless in the pursuit of excellence, whether the objective pertains to a matter of this world or the hereafter.

Whilst there is no shortage of organisations, institutions and individuals willing to assist Muslims with their worldly pursuits, the offerings when it comes to the hereafter are far more sparse. In particular, the institute believed that there was an absence of a course similar to the one being offered: a part-time structured programme designed to comprehensively educate Muslim's on the core and fundamental aspects of their religion.

What are the obligatory acts in salaah? What are the conditions of a permissible transaction? Why is Surah Al-Fatihah the greatest chapter in the Quran? What are the things that can nullify a person's Islam? What are the conditions for a narration to be authentic?

Unfortunately, these are just some examples of essential questions that many practicing Muslims do not know the answers to but which are fundamental to a Muslim's religion. The purpose of the Alimiyyah Programme is to address this knowledge-gap and produce a generation of empowered Muslims informed about their religion.

## The Alimiyyah Programme Consists of Four Key Elements:

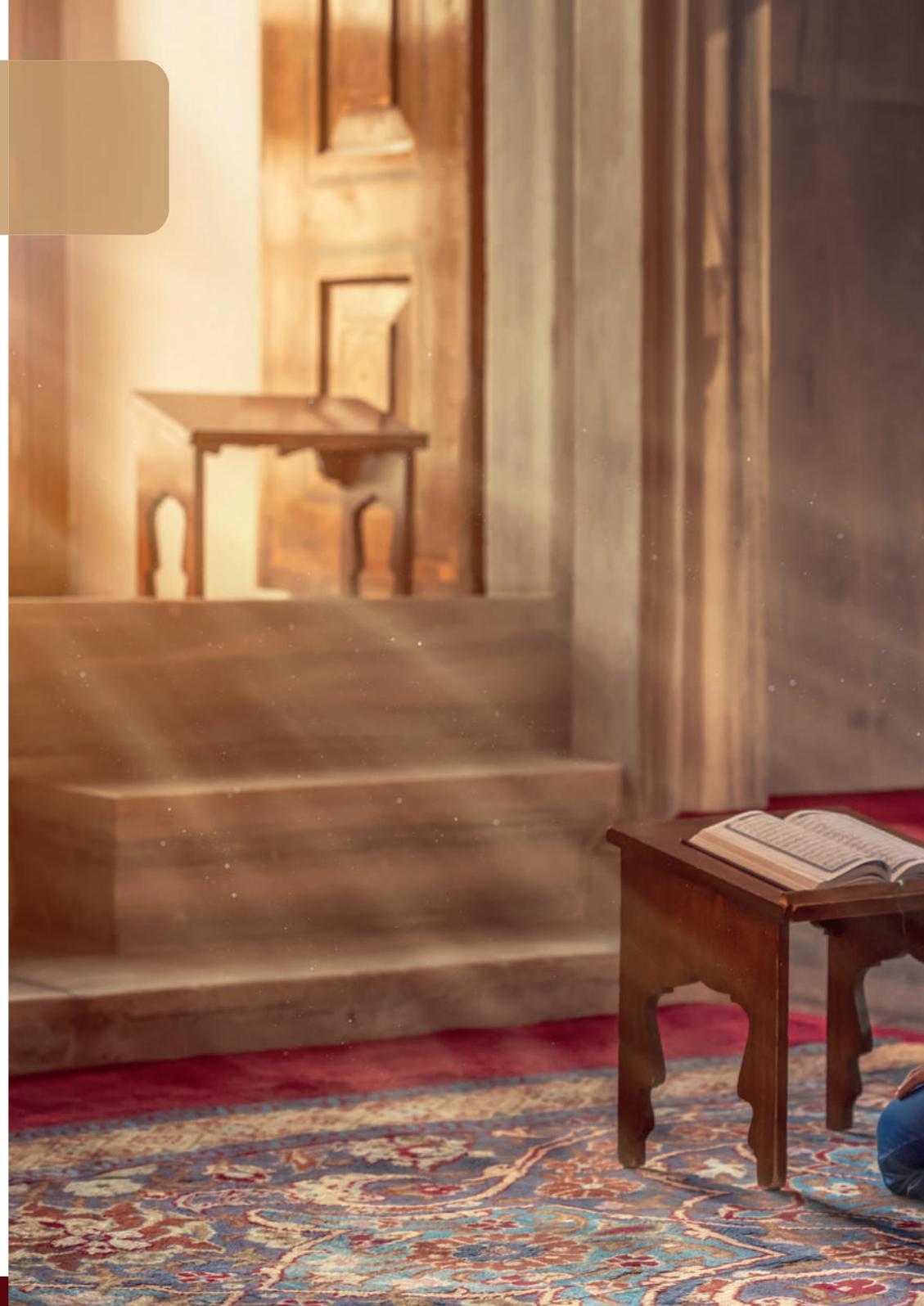
1. Islamic Knowledge
2. Perfection in Worship
3. Key Skills
4. Manners & Purification

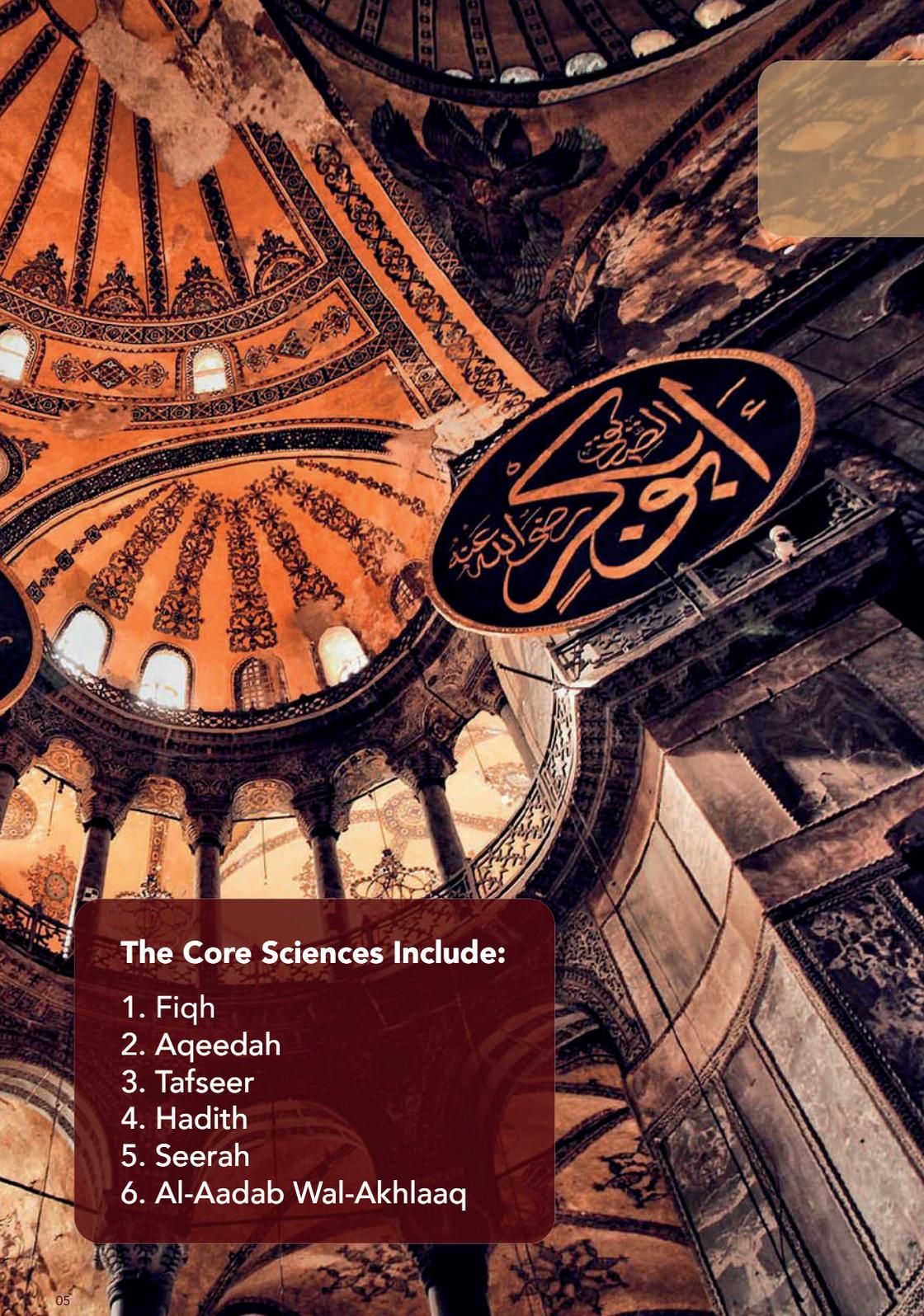
# Islamic Knowledge

As one would expect, the Alimiyyah Programme is principally concerned with the teaching/learning of sacred knowledge. For without knowledge of the religion and a concrete foundation in the various sciences of Islam, a Muslim is susceptible to being misguided and (prevalently in this day and age) misleading others.

For this reason, the Alimiyyah Programme will cover both the core and supplementary sciences (as further discussed below) of Islam. More than 10 different sciences and over 30 books will be taught over the course of the 4 year programme. The traditional method of studying mutoon (summarised texts) and mandhoomat (poems) will be the primary mode of study, supplemented by recourse to specifically prepared course notes (which will summarise the more extensive works).

Matters covered in the curriculum will be assessed in a variety of ways to ensure that knowledge has been correctly understood, solidified and retained. Assessments will typically consist of: (i) impromptu examinations (often in the form of MCQs) and (ii) more traditional long form questions.





# The Core Sciences

## i. **Fiqh (Jurisprudence)**

Fiqh relates to, amongst other things, the Islamic rulings pertaining to worship, transactions, marriage, divorce and the Islamic judicial system. It is the science through which a Muslim derives what is lawful and what is prohibited in matters of faith.

Fiqh will be studied in the Alimiyyah Programme primarily through the renowned works of Imam As-Sa'di (Manhaj As-Salikeen) and 'Abdul Ghani Al-Maqdisi ('Umdatul Ahkam). The combination of these texts will give students a strong grounding in the rulings of fiqh as derived from the authentic evidences.

After completing the aforementioned books, students will further their study of fiqh by studying the works of the famous Hanbali Jurist Mar'i Al-Karmi (Deleel at-Talib). This will be studied alongside Buloogh Al-Maram, authored by the famous Shafi'ee scholar Ibn Hajar Al-'Asqalani. Studying jurisprudence from masters in the different schools of fiqh will benefit students with a holistic and comparative understanding of the topic.

### The Core Sciences Include:

1. Fiqh
2. Aqeedah
3. Tafseer
4. Hadith
5. Seerah
6. Al-Aadab Wal-Akhlaaq

## ii. 'Aqeedah (Theology):

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'Aqeedah relates to the core set of beliefs a Muslim must have in order for his Islam to be correct and complete and therefore accepted by Allah. 'Aqeedah is what separates a Muslim from disbelief and which further differentiates between those upon the understanding and practices of the Prophet ﷺ and his companions and those who have innovated matters into the religion and therefore gone astray.

For these reasons, the Alimiyyah Programme places a heavy emphasis on the study and learning of 'Aqeedah. In this respect, the pillars of Eeman will be covered in great detail, as well as the different categories of Tawheed.

In addition to studying the different branches of 'Aqeedah from a classical perspective, students will also be equipped with the tools necessary to dismantle the arguments and doubts posed by different theological groups, religions and movements. In particular, some of the key objections raised by the atheists and orientalist will be discussed, explored and rebutted, as well as practical steps on how one can preserve and protect their Islam in the face of the challenges presented by modernity, secularism, liberalism and their likes.

## iii. Tafseer (Exegesis):

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As a source of divine revelation and the verbatim speech of Allah, the Quran is a Muslim's primary source of guidance. Tafseer is an Islamic science which assists a believer in understanding the

Quran and extracting from it the lessons, principles, rulings and meanings Allah intended to convey to His creation. Having a grounding in the study of tafseer is essential for any Muslim to develop a strong connection with Allah and His book.

The Alimiyyah Programme will approach the study of Tafseer in two ways: (i) firstly and at the earlier levels, the focus will be on studying the main chapters a person recites and follows in the five daily prayers (surah Al-Fatihah and Juz 'Amma); and (ii) at the more advanced level, students will progress to studying the main verses required to qualify as a jurist, complementing the students study of Fiqh and Hadith, thereby providing students with a holistic understanding of the Shari'ah.

## iv. Hadith (Prophetic Narrations):

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Hadith (the sayings, actions, tacit approvals, characteristics and etiquettes) of the Prophet ﷺ are, in addition to the Quran, the other primary source of evidence and legislation in Islam. Hadith not only allow Muslims to correctly understand, interpret and implement the Quran but also, having a broader spread, provides guidance on matters which the Quran does not directly discuss. As part of the Alimiyyah Programme, students will not only study many of the key classical works on hadith but will also delve into the methodology behind which the scholars of the six main books would report and record hadith.

## v. Seerah (The life of the Prophet ﷺ):

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The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the best of mankind. Indeed, Allah says in His glorious book: "And verily, you (O Muhammad ﷺ) are on an exalted standard of character" (68:4). Allah chose Muhammad ﷺ from amongst His many Prophets and Messengers to be the final Prophet, the carrier of the final revelation and the leader of the people of paradise. He ﷺ is an example for us in every aspect of our life. His ﷺ etiquettes, morals, manners, sincerity, kindness, gentleness, courage, wisdom, foresight, devotion to Allah, worshipping of Allah, conduct with his wives, children, relatives and companions and in every other attribute that we can think of, there is nothing from the creation comparable to him, ﷺ.

For this reason, a key focus of the Alimiyyah Programme will be on the study of the seerah, which will be studied through both classical hadith text and renowned poetic works.

The particular mandhoomah that will be used in the Alimiyyah Programme is the famous 100 line poem Al-Urjoozah Al-Mi'iyah authored by the great Hanafi scholar, Ibn Abi Al-'Izz. The poem covers the main aspects of the Prophet's ﷺ life, as well as matters relating to his family and expeditions. The book of Hadith that will be studied is the masterpiece Ash-Shamaail Al-Muhammadiyah authored by the great Imam At-Tirmidhi. This enlightening book discusses the finer details of the life of Muhammad ﷺ, such as his appearance, how he walked, how he spoke, how he ate and how he laughed.

For indeed, the Quran informs us that our servitude towards Allah is directly linked to our obedience and following of His final Messenger (Ale-Imran: 31). And how is it possible to follow the Messenger without being infinitely familiar with him and his life, ﷺ!

## vi. Al-Aadab Wal-Akhlaaq (Islamic Etiquettes and Mannerisms):

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Good etiquettes and proper decorum are an essential part of the religion of Islam. The Prophet ﷺ has been narrated to have said: "Indeed I have been sent to perfect good manners." He ﷺ also said: "And treat the people with good conduct." As we see from just these two narrations, the Shari'ah places great emphasis on the importance of up-right conduct, sound moral behaviour and lofty characteristics. It is vitally important that a Muslim adorns him or herself with such characteristics, not only to increase their rank in the sight of their Lord but also to ensure that they are propagating the religion of Allah in the most beautiful way.

As part of the Alimiyyah Programme, students will study various works pertaining to the etiquettes of the believer. The famous books Al-Arba'oon An-Nawawiyyah and Riyadh As-Saliheen by Imam An-Nawawi will be covered, as well as other smaller texts and poems of classical scholars of Islam, giving a student insight into the etiquettes of the Prophet ﷺ and a clear example of what should be strived for.

# The Gateway Sciences

In order to have a comprehensive understanding of the Islamic sciences, a student is required to study the "gateway sciences". Given that such sciences equip students with the tools to fully understand and appreciate the core sciences, it is essential for any budding student of knowledge to obtain competence and where possible, mastery in the gateway sciences.

Examples of some of the sciences that will be covered as part of the Alimiyyah Programme are: Usool Al-Fiqh, Al-Qawaa'id Al-Fiqhiyyah, Al-Maqasid As-Shar'iyah, As-Siyasah Ash-Shar'iyah, Mustalah Al-Hadeeth, Usool At-Tafseer and 'Uloom Al-Quran.

## The Gateway Sciences Include:

1. Usool Al-Fiqh
2. Al-Qawaa'id Al-Fiqhiyyah
3. Al-Maqasid As-Shar'iyah
4. As-Siyasah Ash-Shar'iyah
5. Mustalah Al-Hadeeth
6. Usool At-Tafseer
7. 'Uloom Al-Quran



## Perfection of (and in) Worship

Allah informs us in the Quran of the following: "I did not create mankind or jinn for any reason but to worship Me" (51:56). Given that worship is the sole purpose of our existence, it is critical that all Muslims reach a level of excellence in their worship and must ensure that they dedicate the time, effort and resources required to achieve this level.

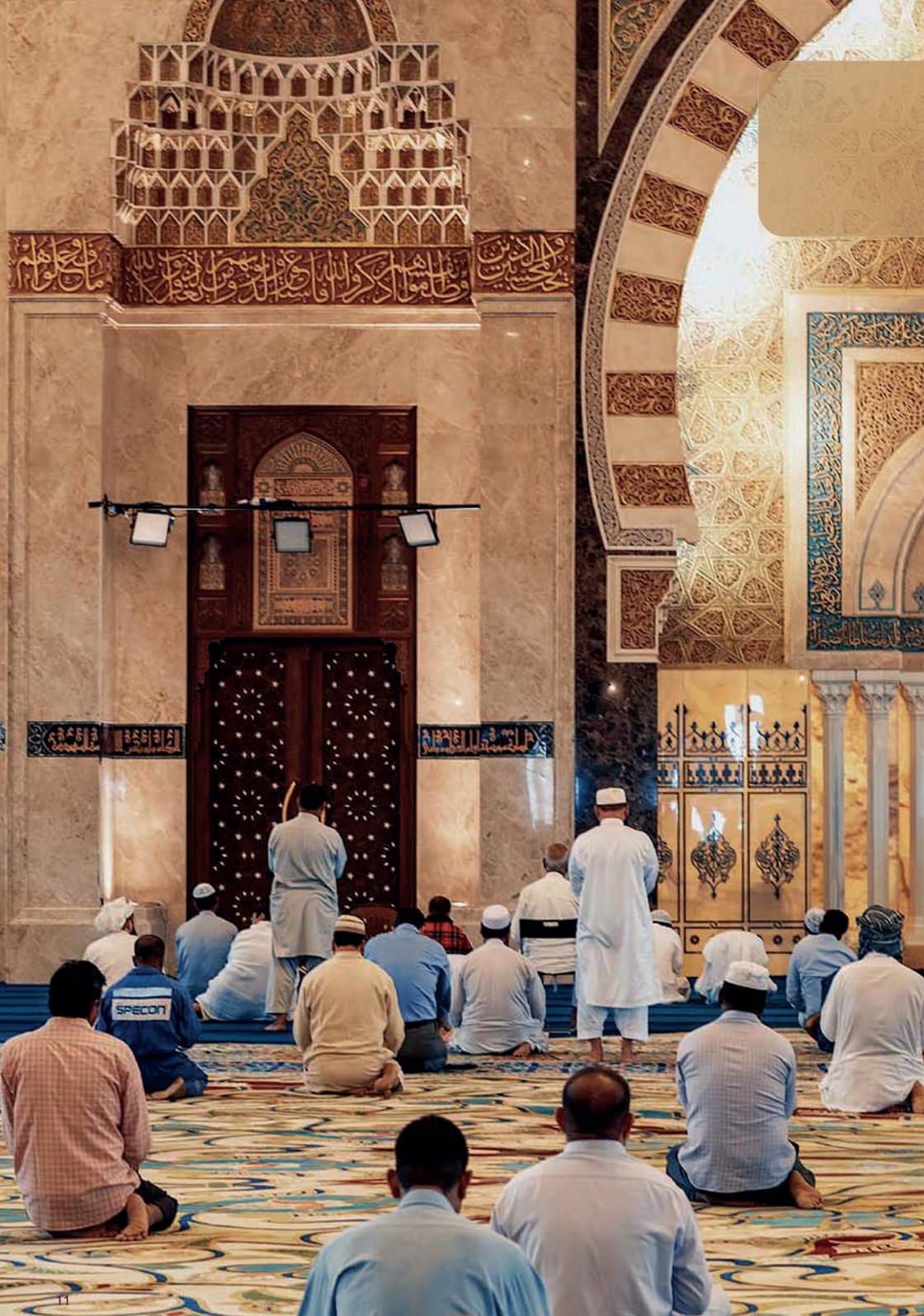
In this regard, though not a "formal" method of study, students enrolling on to the Alimiyyah Programme will be required to ensure they are operating at and maintain an elevated level of worship. In order to do this, the Alimiyyah Programme will group students together into "ibaadah groups" and those groups created will be responsible for ensuring everyone within their group perform the supererogatory acts of worship recommended during that week. This will range from fasting the voluntary fasts to standing for the night prayer to reciting from and memorising selected chapters from the book of Allah. To compliment this practice, the Alimiyyah Programme will include lessons and seminars on sincerity, perseverance and heart softening reminders pertaining to Jannah and the afterlife. Students will also be required to pioneer and commence communal works to ensure that they become an asset to their societies as the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was to his and indeed the entirety of creation.

# Key Skills

Being a serious student of knowledge requires an individual to possess a number of core skills, such as: being able to accurately process large amounts of information; take succinct and accurate notes; deliver sermons in a relevant, precise and articulate manner; excellent time management; and a keen attention to detail.

The Alimiyyah Programme aims to equip its students with all of these skills, such that they are primed to become strong students of knowledge, captivating preachers and crucially, assets to their respective communities.





## Manners & Purification

Purification of the soul is from amongst the most crucial branches of a Muslim's Islam. If the soul of the believer is weak, it will reflect in his/her actions. Crucially, even where an individual "correctly" performs the external actions of the limbs, these will be nullified (or the reward will be materially reduced) if the heart is contaminated with diseases such as hypocrisy and insincerity.

Given the significance of purifying the soul in the religion of Islam, a substantial portion of the Alimiyyah Programme will, both directly and indirectly, explore various issues relating to this topic by, for example, studying some of the key diseases of the heart, their effects and how to overcome them. By rectifying the heart, the believer will find that submission and obedience of the limbs is more readily achieved.

# Course Structure

It is extremely important that when a student traverses on the path of studying the religion, the knowledge is given its due respect and value. Amongst the ways that a student can express his love and reverence for sacred knowledge is by showing commitment and dedication towards it. If knowledge is valued, it will be pursued with eagerness and zeal, which will in turn manifest in the heart of the student the love for Allah and His religion.

It is well known that the companions of the Prophet ﷺ and the early generation of Muslims would travel for long periods in extreme and harsh conditions (some even travelling to different countries for no other purpose but to receive a single narration) because they truly valued sacred knowledge. The ambition of the Alimiyyah Programme is to implant a similar love for divine knowledge in the hearts of its students.

Whilst adapting where necessary (to ensure applicability to a modern context), the Alimiyyah Programme will aim to teach and encourage learning of the divine sciences in a method similar to the way taught and studied by the early scholars of Islam.

## Structure Includes:

1. On-site (Classroom) Teaching
2. Seminars
3. Off-sites/Residentials
4. Research
5. Self-study/Independent Learning

## In overview, the structure of the Alimiyyah Programme will be as follows:

### On-site (classroom) Teaching

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Students will be required to attend all of the lessons and study directly from their teachers. This is the classical method of study and will be the foundational form of teaching and learning in the Programme.

### Seminars

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A number of interactive seminars will be held throughout the duration of the Programme focusing on key skills and revision.

### Off-sites/Residentials

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Students will be given priority to enrol onto residential retreats to supplement their core studies. Such retreats will balance between (i) recreation/brotherhood time and (ii) intensive study.

### Research

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Students will be required to conduct independent research in relation to certain topics, gathering evidences from the divine sources and the rulings of the classical scholars and then present their findings in various formats depending on the mode of examination.

### Self-Study/Independent Learning

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Students will be required to complete selected texts/topics (suitable to be studied independently) to supplement their learning. The material independently covered will be subject to examination to ensure the topics have been properly covered/understood.



# Programme Instructors

## Shaykh Abu Khalid Imran

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- Studied Arabic and completed the memorisation of the Quran in Egypt.
- Studied various Islamic sciences in Egypt under the tutelage of a number of senior scholars.
- Graduated from Madinah University in the Faculty of Shari'ah.
- During this period, studied at the feet of a number of prominent scholars, such as: Sheikh Muhammad As-Suhaibani, Sheikh Muhammad Mukhtar Ash-Shinqiti, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ghunayman, Sheikh Hamid bin Akram Al-Bukhari, Sheikh Khalid Al-Afifi and many others.
- Holds Ijazaat in numerous books across various Islamic sciences, including Ijazaat in Quran in the recitations of Hafis and Shu'bah from 'Aasim.
- Masters graduate in Theology from the Islamic University of Turkey.

### Current positions of responsibility:

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- Imam, Khateeb and Teacher at Masjid At-Tarbiyah
- Co-founder of An-Nakhlah Institute
- Headteacher of At-Tarbiyah Academy

## Shaykh Abu Muhammad Saleh

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- Graduated from City University in Bio-Medical Engineering & Applied Physics.
- Graduated from Madinah University in the Faculty of Shari'ah.
- During this period, studied in the open classes at the feet of a number of prominent scholars, such as: Sheikh Muhammad Mukhtar Ash-Shinqiti, Sheikh Salih Al-Hudaythi, Sheikh Muhammad Diya Al-Rahman Al-A'dhami, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Fawzan, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Zahim, Sheikh Amir Bahjat and many others. Also studied privately with Sheikh Muhammad As-Suhaibani and Sheikh Khalid Al-Afifi amongst others.
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# Course Details

## COURSE DETAILS

**Duration:** 4 Years  
**Study Type:** Part time  
**Lessons:** Sundays 14:00 - 19:30  
& Wednesdays 18:45 - 21:45.

### Academic Dates

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First academic year dates: Sep 2021 - July 2022

Semester 1: 19/09/2021 - 22/12/2021

Semester 2: 05/01/2022 - 03/04/2022

Semester 3: 08/05/2022 - 27/07/2022

### Term Break

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Semester 1: 2 weeks half term 24/10/2021 - 03/11/2021

Semester 2: 1 week half term 09/02/2022 - 16/02/2022

Ramadan & Eid break: 06/04/2022 - 04/05/2022

Semester 3: No half term break owing to extended Ramadan and Eid break.

# Tuition Fees

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## SINGLE PAYMENT PLAN

**£720 per year.**

Inclusive of 10% discount

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## INSTALMENT PLAN

**£800 per year.**

Payable in three separate instalments as follows:

- 1st instalment: £350 at the beginning of the first term.
- 2nd instalment: £250 at the beginning of the second term.
- 3rd instalment: £200 at the beginning of the third term.

## Family Discounts

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Where two or more members of the same family (i.e., siblings, parents and children) enrol onto the course, each member will receive a 15% discount from the relevant fees stated at 1) and 2) above (depending on which plan is selected).

## Financial Hardship

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Discounts may be available for individuals experiencing financial hardship. Qualification for such discounts will be solely at the discretion of An-Nakhlah Institute upon receipt of satisfactory evidence.

## Accreditation

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Students should note that a small one-off admin/accreditation fee of £450 will be chargeable by the Islamic University of Turkey to each student prior to the award of the degree in the final year.

# Degree Information

## **Qualification upon completion of the Alimiyyah Programme Bachelor's Degree from the Islamic University of Turkey.**

The Alimiyyah Programme will cover a variety of core Islamic sciences over the duration of the course. It is a comprehensive, structured programme which intends to equip students with the fundamental aspects of Islamic knowledge required to become qualified teachers and preachers of Islam.

In testament to the intensity and comprehensiveness of the Alimiyyah Programme, An-Nakhlah Institute has secured a partnership with the Islamic University of Turkey, such that upon completion of the Alimiyyah Programme and passing of all relevant examinations therein, students will be awarded a Bachelor's Degree from the Islamic University of Turkey, which is recognised and accredited by a number of international boards, such as the Foreign Ministry of Egypt and the Ministry of Education in Niger.

The objective of this partnership with the Islamic University of Turkey is to help our students fulfil the Prophet's command to seek knowledge of the religion and to prosper as a caller to Allah's way. Obtaining an Alimiyyah certificate will help the students in their call and having a certified Islamic Law Degree will broaden their reach to a more academic audience. This will also, by the permission of Allah, make the call more effective.

Further and if so desired, upon completion of the Alimiyyah Programme, students who are fluent in the Arabic language and have memorised at least half of the Quran will be assisted by the Institute to enrol onto the Islamic University of Turkey's Masters programme.

Students should note that a small one-off admin/accreditation fee of £450 will be chargeable by the Islamic University of Turkey to each student prior to the award of the degree in the final year.

# An-Nakhlah – Further Information

## Facilities

Students enrolling onto the Alimiyyah Programme will benefit from state-of-the-art facilities which are offered at the main An-Nakhlah campus (where the Alimiyyah Programme lessons will take place). The flagship building is fitted with modern technological tools which seek to aid and enhance the learning experience of its students. Classrooms are spacious and well-equipped and are purpose-built for an educational setting (by way of illustration, when not being used by the institute, the main campus operates as a university).

## Other Projects

An-Nakhlah currently runs a number of weekday and weekend projects for both children and adults across varying age ranges. The seminal project – the Nakhlah weekend school has thus far, by the grace of Allah, been very successful in manifesting a zeal and love for Islam amongst its students (the children of this ummah). The aim is now to replicate the success of the weekend school amongst the adult populace.

More information regarding the courses that we offer can be found on our website at [www.an-nakhlah.com](http://www.an-nakhlah.com).

We pray that Allah continues to bless our work and allows us to fulfil our raison d'être. Ameen!

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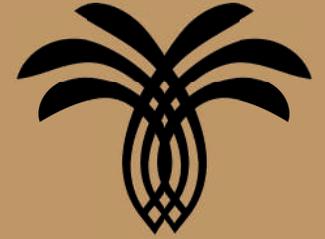
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