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“Books for Schools” Launch in Oxfordshire

24th June 2010 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Oxford School, Glanville Road, Oxford, OX4 2AU

Programme

- 5:30pm Delegate Registration
- 5:45pm Welcome by Host, Dr H Ramzy, Chair, Iqra School Oxford
- 5:50pm Brief introduction of BfS by Farrukh Hassan, Project Manager, MCB
- 6:00pm Promotional DVD of Islamic Relief shown
- 6:10pm Brief talk by Reverend Bede Gerrard, Chair of Oxford Council of Faith
- 6:20pm Brief talk by Mrs Maryam Ramzy, Islamic teacher
- 6:30pm Thank you note by Dr Nicholas Wood, Chair, Oxfordshire SACRE
- 6:40pm Networking, Food, Hot and cold beverages served
- 7:15pm Collection of the resources
- 7:30pm Vacate premises



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Press Release

Children Deserve to Know About All Faiths

MCB Launches 'Books for Schools' Project in Oxfordshire

23 June 2010

The Muslim Council of Britain's 'Books for Schools' project will be launched in Oxfordshire on the 24th of June at the Oxford School, Glanville Road, Oxford, OX4 2AU. The project contains RE resources to facilitate teachers in teaching Islam along with other world religions already taught as part of the Religious Education curriculum in Oxfordshire.

Mr Jehangir Malik OBE, the UK Director of Islamic Relief, said: "We are delighted to work on initiatives that help build bridges between communities and are delighted to support "Books for Schools Project". We hope these resources will promote better understanding and foster good relations between communities in our country."

Dr Nicholas Wood, Chair of Oxfordshire SACRE, said: "The significance of high quality Religious Education in our diverse society is more crucial than ever. It is also important that the various communities can have confidence that the materials used give an accurate and fair representation of their traditions. Oxfordshire SACRE remains committed to working positively with all faith communities to resource effective and positive Religious Education and we are grateful for this significant contribution from the MCB."

Dr H Ramzy, Chair of Iqra School Oxford, said: "Being an affiliate organisation of the MCB, we feel honoured to be part of this launch. We commend the MCB in developing the Books for Schools resource pack, which will help mainstream schools' RE teachers to plan and manage teaching of Islam."

Newly elected Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain, Mr Farooq Murad said: "Only through better understanding can this country move forward as a true multi-faith and multicultural society. We must ensure that every child grows up with enough knowledge of all major religions to identify the needs of each other and look after their friends and neighbours."

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Notes to Editors:

- 1) For more details about Islamic Relief, Please visit: <http://www.islamic-relief.com/Default.aspx?depID=1>
- 2) For more details about Oxfordshire SACRE, please visit: http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/portal/publicsite/councilservices?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=http://apps.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Internet/Council+services/Education+and+learning/Schools/Religious+education/EL+-+S+-+RE+-+Sacre
- 3) For more details about Iqra School Oxford, please visit: <http://www.iqraschool.org.uk/www/>
- 4) Books for Schools Project: <http://www.mcb.org.uk/booksforschools.php>
- 5) The Muslim Council of Britain is the UK's largest Muslim umbrella body with around 500 affiliated national, regional and local organisations, mosques, charities and schools. For inquiries, please contact:

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