

YOUTH & PARENTS SUMMIT

Harnessing Youth Potential

Through Mentorship

Lekki Central Mosque Youth & Parents Summit

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OPENING

Today Is Not Just Another Programme

Today is a **decision point**. The future of this community is not coming — it is *sitting here*. And the responsibility for that future is also sitting here.



May peace and blessings be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ — the mentor who transformed youth into leaders and a community into a civilization.



Information vs Wisdom

Information is everywhere — but wisdom is rare.



Connection vs Direction

Connection is constant — but direction is missing.

If We Do Not Teach Them, Something Else Will



Who they are

If we don't teach them,
the algorithm will.



What to stand for

If we don't teach them,
trends will.



Where to belong

If we don't give belonging,
they'll search elsewhere.

Noise is loud. **Guidance** is steady.

Noise entertains. **Guidance** transforms.

× **BOY ONE — NO MENTORSHIP**

Same intelligence. Same exposure. Same opportunities. But **no one asked, "Who are you becoming?"**

Social media → **mentored him**

Confidence → **became ego**

Ambition → **became greed**

At 25: Successful, but driven by validation.

✓ **BOY TWO — MENTORED**

Same intelligence. But **once a week, someone sat with him.**

Asked about → **his prayers**

Asked about → **his character**

Corrected gently → **encouraged consistently**

At 25: Successful, and driven by purpose.

THE TRUTH

Potential Is Neutral. Direction Determines Destiny.

You cannot Google wisdom. You can Google answers — but you cannot download discipline. No app can install character.

If that was possible, many of us would have downloaded "Sabr 2.0" long ago.

EVEN CHAMPIONS NEED COACHING

THREE PILLARS

Mentorship Stands on Three Pillars



Identity Before Achievement

If a young person does not know who they are, achievement will not satisfy them.



Character Before Competence

The Prophet ﷺ trained hearts before he trained leaders.



Responsibility Before Recognition

Recognition followed preparation — not the other way around.

Prophetic Examples of Mentorship

Ali ibn Abi Talib

Raised in the household of the Prophet ﷺ.
Courage shaped early. Identity anchored early.
Others saw a boy — **the Prophet ﷺ saw a leader.**

Abdullah ibn Abbas

"O Allah, give him understanding of the religion." That dua, combined with mentorship, **produced one of the greatest scholars in history.**

Usamah ibn Zayd

Appointed commander of an army at seventeen. Leading men older than him.
Recognition followed preparation.

Abdullah ibn Hudhafah al-Sahmi

Captured and pressured to abandon his faith. He refused. **Pressure revealed preparation. Mentorship prepares you for pressure.**

Behind Every Visible Success Is Invisible Mentorship



Kylian Mbappé

World Cup winner at 19. Behind the talent: **structured mentorship from childhood.**



MrBeast

Didn't wake up viral. Studied, analyzed, refined. **Invisible discipline.**



Simone Biles

When pressure overwhelmed, she paused. Not weakness — **wisdom and strong mentorship.**



Marcus Rashford

At 22, used influence to campaign for vulnerable children. **Influence guided by responsibility.**



Emma Raducanu

Sudden fame, but surrounded by coaches and structure. **With guidance, success matures.**

TO PARENTS

Provision Is Important. Presence Is Transformative.



"You gave me everything... except you."

— A SON TO HIS FATHER

- ~~Monitoring is mentoring~~
 - ~~Checking grades is shaping identity~~
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- Ask: "What pressures you?"
- Ask: "How is your heart?"

**If you do not become their safe space,
someone else will.**

TO THE YOUTH

Mentorship Is Not Control. It Is Acceleration.

The fastest way to grow is to stand on someone else's shoulders. If someone never corrects you, they do not care enough about you.

Confidence without correction becomes **arrogance**.

If you can commit **hours** to scrolling, you can commit **minutes** to growth.

If you can follow **influencers**, you can follow **mentors**.

The direction you choose will determine the destiny you live.

THE CALL

History Remembers Courageous Generations



Parents

Your children don't need
perfection.

They need presence.



Youth

You don't need popularity.

You need purpose.

Noise fades — **faith remains.** Applause disappears — **character remains.**

GUIDANCE OVER NOISE

When Leaders Rise From Lekki... We Will Say: "They Were Mentored."



*May Allah make us mentors of guidance — not spectators of
noise.*

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