



Iqra Academy

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Meet our experienced qualified Staff at Iqra Academy:

Dr Michael Wright - Principal

Michael Chairs the School Leadership team at Iqra Academy. Michael is also Chair of the Education Group of the Muslim Council of Peterborough and Chair of the Association of Muslim Schools for the East Midlands, UK. Michael sits on the Head Teachers group of the Peterborough Partnership of Secondary Schools and is a Trustee and Director of the Thomas Deacon Education Trust.

Michael was named "Head Teacher of the Year" at the National Interfaith Annual School Awards by the Association of Muslim Schools UK.

Michael is a former British Police Detective and holds a PhD in Law and a Level 5 qualification in Operational Management. He holds a Master's Degree in Leadership through the University of Hertfordshire and a teaching qualification through the London Institute.

Michael has worked across the world, from Director of Education for the London 2012 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) and Olympic Legacy work in Rio de Janeiro 2016, to opening new Schools in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Michael is a keen sportsman himself and holds National Coaching Qualifications in Rugby, Football, Tennis, Badminton and Weight Lifting.

Michael was Director of Youth Football at Cambridge United Football Club and at Iqra has successfully Managed the School Football Team to Six Muslim Schools National Titles.

Nasiba Zaib – Deputy Principal and Head of Mathematics:

Nasiba is currently the Deputy Head teacher at Iqra Academy, she was part of the planning committee for Iqra Academy and has been an instrumental figure from inception. Nasiba has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Finance which was followed by a Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Mathematics and subsequently her National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership. Her exceptional skills in teaching have allowed her to become a Senior Leader in Education for Mathematics across Cambridgeshire. Furthermore, she is serving as a professional mentor for trainee teachers across Peterborough.

Nasiba has always been a strong campaigner for education and empowerment, instilling the belief that education can change the lives of future generations. She has a specialist interest in female education nurturing young minds to thrive both academically and personally.



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Nasiba leads by example being a great role model for both staff and pupils. Under her leadership as the curriculum lead, the school has thrived and achieved exceptional GCSE results year upon year. This dedication has also been acknowledged by Ofsted.

Ms Shapla Koli - Citizenship Teacher & Behaviour Lead:

Ms Koli is a member of the School Leadership Team and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Policy and an English teaching qualification. After leaving her work at the Ministry of Justice, Ms Koli spent over 15 years in the classroom drafting Islamic Studies curricula for primary and secondary school levels. Her subjects of instruction include English and Islamic Studies.

Ms Koli joined Iqra Academy in 2022 as a Citizenship teacher and the Behaviour Lead. She uses her passion for spiritual wellness to provide pupils at Iqra a positive environment to flourish and become valued members of society and the ummah.

Sahdia Zafar –Safeguarding Lead and Computer Science Teacher:

Sahdia Zafar is the Designated Safeguarding Lead, PSHE, Computer Science and year 7 English Teacher. Sahdia was part of the planning committee at Iqra's inception in 2009 and has been part of school since then.

Sahdia has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer science from the University of Leicester and a Postgraduate Qualification in Education in ICT from the University of Bedford.

As the Safeguarding Lead Sahdia has worked diligently and enthusiastically to create a safe and caring environment where staff are very well trained in safeguarding procedures and students feel well looked after and are openly able to talk to their teachers, this was acknowledged by OFSTED in the latest inspection.

Sahdia believes teachers not only play a pivotal role in nurturing students to achieve academic success but build them as individuals and inspirational citizens of the world. Besides teaching Sahdia's passions include reading, keeping fit and learning Islamic studies and the Arabic language, she has spent time in Egypt learning Arabic and Tajweed as well as teaching English as a second language.

Mehroona Malik – Head of Science:



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Mehroona is a passionate educator with a strong academic background and a wealth of experience in the field of education. With a Masters degree in Biotechnology (Science) and a Bachelor's degree in Education, She brings a unique blend of scientific knowledge and pedagogical expertise to the classroom.

Her journey in education started in the United Arab Emirates, in 2007, where she had the privilege of serving as a Science Coordinator and Vice Principal at an esteemed American school. These roles have allowed her to develop a deep understanding of curriculum development, instructional strategies, and educational leadership.

As an educator, her goal is to foster a nurturing and inclusive learning environment that inspires students to explore the wonders of science and develop critical thinking skills. She believes that education is the key to unlocking the potential of every individual, and she is excited to continue her journey in helping students achieve their academic and personal aspirations at Iqra.

Nicola Day – Head of English:

Nicola Day started teaching at Iqra in 2018, she was trained to become a teacher at Cambridge University and has been teaching since 2003. Nicola has a Postgraduate Certificate in Education in English. She has worked in other schools across the city and has worked in Education in the Museum Sector.

Nicola is dedicated to raising aspirations of pupils and improving literacy across the school. She has a passion for reading, politics and music and has been successful in increasing pupils' performance in both English Literature and English Language, which this year saw a 100% pass rate in both subjects at GCSE.

Mrs Tafseer Hussain – Head of Health and Social Care:

Mrs Hussain joined Iqra in 2020 and has completed in-house training and qualified as a Health and Social Care teacher in 2021.

Prior to joining Iqra, Tafseer came with over 20 years of experience in the NHS.

As a Health and Social Teacher, she has developed the schemes of work through adding breadth and depth. Enriching the curriculum using real life experiences, examples and connections within the community to motivate and inspire students. Sharing her passion for the subject, she engages students across all ability levels, supporting them to maximise their potential and achieve their goals within the subject.

Miss Khadija Usman - Head of Islamic Studies



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Khadija is a former Iqra Academy student and now a qualified Teacher holding a Qualified Teacher Learning Skills Status and a Level 5 Certificate in Education and Training.

At Iqra Academy our Islamic department is entrusted to prepare, develop and deliver a Curriculum and environment that nurtures the most valuable asset of our community, our children, our future. Our dedicated teachers produce students who are ready to meet the challenges of an ever-changing social landscape, equipping them with the high moral and ethical excellence taught by Islam.

All students are taught the Islamic studies course, which is a mandatory subject at Iqra Academy, and plays a very crucial role in the school. Iqra Academy is an Islamic faith-based school, therefore Islamic studies is prioritised, and all students leave the school, having learned the foundation of Islam.

Last year there was a 100% pass rate at GCSE Islamyat.

Jabeen Shafee – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and KS4 English Teacher:

Jabeen is a passionate advocate for female education and empowerment. She holds a LLB (Hons) Degree and Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice. She subsequently retrained as a teacher and started working at Iqra Academy in 2018. Jabeen currently teaches KS4 English and is also the SENCO. Jabeen is the present Vice Chair of Governors at TDA and a Director at Cricket East, where she leads on promoting female cricket within the community. She demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities, bringing her enthusiasm and love for the English language in to her classroom. Jabeen's wealth of life experience and genuine desire to improve opportunities and bring about change, make her a great role model for our young students.

Fakhra Naheed - Office Manager

Fakhra is qualified in Accounting, Safeguarding and First Aid and also holds a Level 3 Diploma in Child Care.

Fakhra is an experienced Administrator and Office Manager who joined the School in 2016 and currently has two daughters who attend the School.

Fakhra is a valued member of the Schools Safeguarding Team and leads the Staff First Aiders.