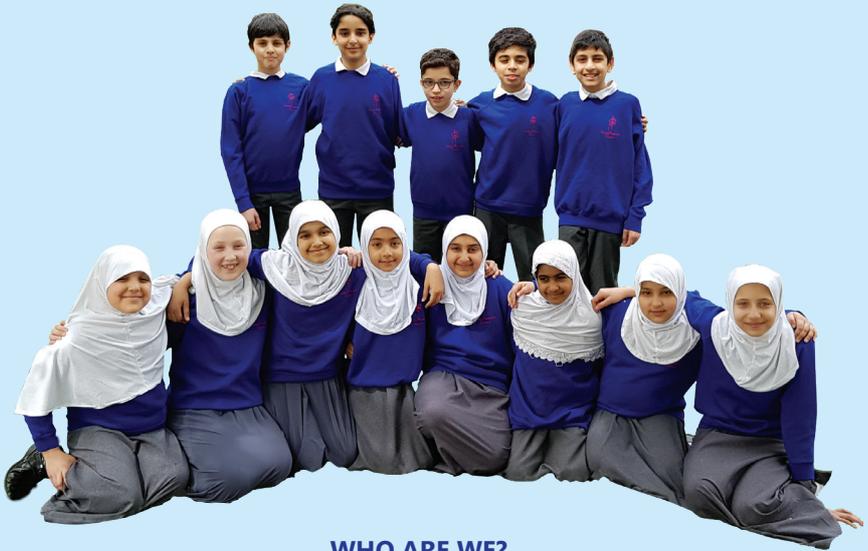


# Shakhsiyah School Fundraising Appeal 2019

'Raise your children for a time that is not your time' – Ali ibn Abi Talib



## WHO ARE WE?

Islamic Shakhsiyah Foundation was established in 2002 by a network of home-schooling Muslim mothers whose efforts to teach their own children grew into a sustained quest to devise a contemporary Islamic educational approach based securely on classical Islamic pedagogy. Over the last seventeen years, the foundation has grown organically, and now runs range of educational projects including Shakhsiyah Schools, early years settings called Tifly Daycare, teacher education courses, educational research initiatives and various community and youth projects.

## WHAT DO WE NEED?

Currently all our projects are housed in rented accommodation and we desperately need our own premises. In March 2019, we relocated our Shakhsiyah School, Slough to a beautiful Grade II listed building. Alhamdulillah, we have an agreement to purchase this site which can also house Tifly Daycare in an adjacent building. We have a deposit of £500,000 but need to raise a further £1.3 million by the end of March 2020 to complete the purchase. We need your help to meet this target.



Allah's messenger (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) related that Allah, the Most Blessed and High said: **"O son of Adam, spend, and I will spend on you."** (Sahih Muslim)

## What have Shakhsiyah students achieved?

- Become Hafidh ul Qur'an
- Gained admission to prestigious Islamic institutions such as Madinah University, Markaz al Fajr, Cairo, Markaz Masarawee Cairo and Ebrahim College, London
- Become heads of university Islamic societies, lead da'wa and community projects working for and with Muslim charities
- Gained admission to the Universities of Harvard and Cambridge for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. One student admitted one year early, aged 17
- Graduated with first class honours from prestigious universities such as Kings College, University of London
- Founded a start-up IT company which supports other Muslim organisations



## Individual students A-Level and GCSE Achievements

- 3 A\*s at A-level and an A\* for an Extended Project Qualification aged 17; Also achieved A in A-level Arabic and A in AS Religious studies aged 15
- 3A\*s and 1A at A-level and an A and B grade at AS level by the age of 18
- 9 A\*s and 1 A at GCSE aged 16
- 7 A\*s and 5 A's at GCSE aged 16
- 8 A\*s and 1 A at GCSE's aged 14



## What have Shakhsiyah staff achieved?

- Using classical Islamic educational teachings, developed the **Principles of Shakhsiyah Education** as a methodology for educating Muslims in the 21st century
- Written and developed the **Halaqah Curriculum**, an innovative Islamic curriculum that caters for the needs of Muslim children in the UK
- Produced a **Qur'anic Arabic curriculum** that enables children to take GCSE Arabic at the age of 12-13, and appreciate the meaning of Qur'anic Arabic
- Conducted academic and practitioner research at the **Universities of Cambridge and UCL Institute of Education** on: School ethos; Developing shakhsiyah through tarbiyah; Halaqah as Prophetic Pedagogy; Teacher Scheme for Educational Dialogue Analysis
- Presented at international conferences on Islamic education and developed Islamic teacher education courses accredited by **The College of Teachers**
- **Supported other Islamic schools** with their curriculum and teacher development
- Become fellows of the **Chartered College of Teaching**

## What does Ofsted say?

*"Pupils ... Islamic personality is very effectively supported by the well-organised Halaqah curriculum." Ofsted 2013*

*"Children get off to the strongest of starts in the outstanding early years provision. The school's teaching successfully instils a strong sense of self-discipline that means that pupils behave extremely well. They are confident, polite and friendly. While actively encouraged to have their own opinions and question the things they learn, pupils are also deeply respectful. It is clearly evident that pupils love school." Ofsted 2017*

# SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF SHAKHSIYAH EDUCATION

## ***Niyah (Intention):***

The principle of loving learning for the sake of Allah as growing towards Allah is the ultimate purpose of the human being.



## ***Shakhsiyah (Personalised Character Education):***

The principle of developing each child's unique personal character through dynamic parent-teacher-learner relationships generated through human-scale personalised Shakhsiyah Education.



## ***Qidwah (Teaching/Leading by Example):***

The principle of teachers leading by example by engaging in educational research and professional development in a constant quest for 'ilm, ihsan and taqwa (knowledge, excellence and awareness of Allah).



## ***Halaqah (Islamic Oral Pedagogy):***

The principle of halaqah as a prophetic pedagogy that synthesises tarbiyah, ta'lim and ta'dib (nurturing personal development, imparting knowledge and fostering decency and humaneness).



## ***Balaghah (Qur'anic Eloquence):***

The principle of Qur'anic Arabic as the language of Islam and as essential to the revival of Muslim heritage.



## ***Minhaj al-Dirasi (Shakhsiyah Holistic Curriculum):***

The principle of a holistic, integrated, thematic curriculum with the Halaqah curriculum at its core.



## ***Taqdir (Assessment for the Learner):***

The principle of the individual learner (shakhs) at the heart of assessment so that assessment is formative for the learner's growth towards Allah.



*"Islamic Shakhsiyah Foundation has developed Halaqah for use with primary age children; this is an innovative and impressive effort which blends the traditional with the contemporary very effectively..." Akram Khan Cheema OBE, CEO IBERR and MAKC Consultancy*

*"Our teachers have carried out observations at Islamic Shakhsiyah and benefitted from seeing the Halaqah Curriculum and Arabic Programme in action."*

*Humaira Saleem, Head teacher of Islamic primary school*



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We have an agreement to purchase the current premises of Shakhsiyah School, Slough. We have a deposit of £500,000 but need to raise a further £1.3 million by the end of March 2020 to complete the purchase. We are appealing for 250 people to pledge and raise £5000 over the next 12 months to help us reach our target. Over 50 people have already made this pledge and with your support we will meet our target inshallah.

**Qarde hasana** – We are seeking interest free loans to help purchase the site. Loans will be repaid after an agreed term of between 1 year to 5 years. Please email [accounts@isfnet.org.uk](mailto:accounts@isfnet.org.uk) to give details of the amount you can lend and agree the term for the loan.

### HOW TO DONATE:

#### 1. Donate at our Justgiving appeal page via Paypal, a credit or debit card:

<https://bit.ly/isfappeal>

#### 2. Online banking: Set up a Standing Order or make a one-off donation.

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Account Number: 01066401 | Sort code: 30-00-83

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*Please reference your name in the transfer*

#### 3. Donate via cash or cheque.

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You can also post in a cheque or visit one of our branches to donate cash

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If you are a UK taxpayer, please ensure you sign a GiftAid declaration as that allows us to claim an additional 25% on your donation.

*"On behalf of the staff, teachers, students and parents of ISF we wish to convey our sincerest gratitude for all the support you have graciously extended to our school. We look forward to keeping you updated on our progress in the coming years and ask you to keep us in your du'a."*

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