

RE – Mrs Basharat



Hello! I am Mrs Basharat, and I am the RE lead at Hanwell Fields.

From a very young age, I have always enjoyed watching films from different cultures and religions. I grew up with a passion for learning about the various backgrounds that exist in our society and how even though we are all so alike, we are even more different, making each of us unique in our own ways. This was one of the main reasons

behind studying Sociology at GCSE and at university as it allowed me to analyse the diverseness of society and understand how for many, religion is a tool for how individuals interact with one another.

My aim as an RE subject leader is to celebrate the rich, diverse religions that make up our school and the world. For many individuals, religion is a source of identity and belonging. It makes us who we are, provides us with our very own beliefs and ways of life which in turn help us belong within certain communities and groups. Therefore, it is essential that we learn about each other and gain knowledge on others' ideas and values. This then paves the path respect and compassion for our peers, resulting in positive interactions and friendship based on mutual understanding. This is key to our own wider society as the UK is one of the most multicultural countries in the world.

By leading RE this year, as well as broadening the curriculum for children, I have also broadened my own knowledge! I have looked at each religion in depth this year and have been amazed that as much as we believe each religion is separate with their own beliefs, they all share very similar roots and ideologies especially the Abrahamic religions. Thus, I want children to experience and appreciate religious beliefs and explore the key questions that arise from religion to enable them to understand the wider world.