

## “Adverts Shows People of all faith do get on”

The Principal of the Muslim School Oadby, who is the star of an Amazon TV advert, hopes he is building bridges between faiths all around the world. Zubeir Hassam of the Muslim School Oadby, stars alongside London clergyman the Rev Gary Bradley in the Christmas advert, which is being shown in Britain, Germany, America, Canada, Japan and elsewhere.

The Muslim School Oadby, which is an active member of LCST, provides excellent Islamic supplementary education to young and older children every evening and their provision is popular within the Muslim community in Leicester.



## Schools in Focus

### The German Academy

Our objective is to promote the German language and the culture of the German speaking countries. We organise German language projects and events, and facilitate and support German language learning and bilingualism from an early age. We run a German Saturday School where bilinguals and beginners alike learn German in a very active and engaged way. Students of all ages are immersed in a German-speaking learning environment where they will experience adventures, build new friendships and have fun together. We learn language through play, theatre, sports, arts and crafts, and have even been taking part in a German TV-show. Our students can enter GCSE, A-level and Goethe exams. At our Language Kindergarten, children are surrounded by both German and English, and will pick up the German language, pronunciation and accent quickly and naturally. The Kindergarten is open three days a week.

We also run different adults' classes and Kinderclubs (German afterschool clubs). Additional events throughout the year include a German summer school week for school aged children, a big summer family festival to celebrate the lightest day of the year, and a yearly ski week in Switzerland. Around 170 children, young people and adults are currently attending classes and events at the German Academy.



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## Complementary Schools Celebrate their achievements in 2015/2016 at LCST Achievement Night Event



Another successful event organised by LCST to highlight the positive contribution that complementary schools are making in the lives of children and young people in Leicester. The event was attended by over 200 people including the Lord Mayor of Leicester, Councillor Ted Cassidy and Assistant Mayor for Education and Children Services, Councillor Sarah Russell.

The event was a great success and there were presentations, performances, music, dancing and speeches. Young people from the Emmanu'-EL Gospel Choir, Jalaram Bal Vikas, Sheer Rammandir Gujarati School, Guru Amar Das, Brookside Gujarati School, Ramgharia Panjabi School, Shreeji Dham Patishala and Tamil Kalvikoodam performed at the event and were warmly received by the audience.





## Closer relationship is needed between Complementary Schools and Mainstream Schools: Headteacher's perspective

Abbey Primary is a community school (with 150+ adults a week being educated) and also acts as a hub for complementary schools.

From September to November 2014 I (plus my SENDCo and other senior leaders) contributed to the delivery of the 'OCN Effective Teaching Skills in Supplementary Schools' programme, which led to 16 delegates from a range of complementary schools gaining this qualification.

I strongly believe that links with complementary schools can help in raising aspirations, engaging parents, supporting mainstream school delivery of community languages, increasing cultural engagement and creating a culture of achievement across the local community.

However, current changes in the educational landscape such as the formation of academy chains and the reduced capacity of the local authority are definitely a threat to the opportunity for complementary and mainstream schools to work in partnership.

Abbey Primary has worked very closely with Aqoon, developing ongoing academic tuition for Year 6 pupils through their 'Complements to 4' programme and supporting the newly introduced Saturday morning Dadaal Tutorials for twelve Year 5 and 6 pupils of Somali heritage.

Teachers from our local group of complementary schools have visited Abbey for learning walks and have attended whole school 'Safeguarding and Child Protection' training. I make regular 'drop-ins' to the Indian Education Society and Madrassa sessions, visiting classes and offering support and feedback. Approximately half of each pupil base for these complementary schools is from current or ex-Abbey pupils. The higher the quality of learning in both mainstream and complementary schools, the stronger overall outcomes will be for students.

A closer relationship between Abbey and local complementary schools remains a key focus for us in continuing to raise aspirations and achievement for our pupils and families.

*Tim Foster*

Headteacher  
Abbey Primary Community School



## Training and professional development opportunities for complementary schools

Training and professional development opportunities are available for staff and teachers who are currently working or volunteering in a Leicester-based complementary school.

Most of these opportunities will be delivered through Hub Schools; Hub Schools are mainstream schools that are committed to supporting complementary schools in Leicester.

Upcoming opportunities:

- OCN Effective Teaching Skills in Supplementary Schools Level 2 and 3

This is an OCN accredited course for complementary school teachers who work for Leicester City based complementary schools. Those who are not complementary schools practising teachers can also attend if they show the commitment that they will do a complementary schools placement during the course.

- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Paediatric First Aid Training
- Basic awareness for inclusion and Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Effective Classroom/Behaviour Management
- Dealing with bullying in your complementary school workshop

For more details about the OCN course and other trainings, please contact Abdish Tarah on 0116 299 5942 or email [abdish.tarah@sdsa.net](mailto:abdish.tarah@sdsa.net).

## DBS Arrangements for complementary schools

The LCST has teamed up with the following two organisations for the DBS checks;

### **Mosaic: Shaping Disability Services**

2 Oak Spinney Park  
Ratby Lane  
Leicester Forest East  
LE3 3AW

Phone: 0116 2318720

Email: [enquiries@mosaic1898.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mosaic1898.co.uk)

Contact Person: *Hannah Clarke and Geoffrey Hames*

### **Darul Uloom Leicester**

119 Loughborough Road  
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LE4 5LN

Phone: 0116 266 8922

Email: [info@darulloomleicester.org](mailto:info@darulloomleicester.org)

Contact Person: *Zakria Patel*

This is simply a sign-posting service. All complementary schools that wish to conduct DBS checks on their staff and volunteers can contact either of the above named organisations.

### *Disclaimer:*

The LCST does not gain financial or any other benefits by recommending these organisations for the DBS checks. It also does not accept any liability or get involved in any aspect of the DBS process.

Complementary schools must provide all information directly to their preferred organisation and are responsible for dealing with any issues that might arise from the DBS checks.

All necessary costs are payable directly to your chosen organisation.