

In the name of Allāh, Most Merciful, Bestower of Mercy.

Allāh reward you, and I thank you for your enquiry. Here are further details of the course I'm offering. Please read this document carefully, and if you wish to join this course or enrol your child,

please complete the form at the end, and email it to me.

Course Lecturer

I am Dr Umm Abdillāh (Naheed Anwar). BA Hons., MA, PhD. Awarding Institute: University of Roehampton, 2021. My website is ResearchingSalafism.com, so please pay it a visit.

Course Specification

Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Islamic Studies (4IS1). This is an internationally recognised qualification (for whoever passes the exam).

The Course

The IGCSE Islamic Studies online course has been designed to develop students' knowledge and understanding of Islam in historical and contemporary contexts through a range of key topics and the texts of both the Qur'an and Hadith. It will enable students to develop their skills of analysis and interpretation in the context of questions and issues that affect Islam and the lives of Muslims today.

This is a basic level course suitable for <u>female students</u> recommended for those age 14-16years. However, applications for those younger are always considered and recently the course has been made available for mature students of age 18+. The course is especially suitable for those new to Islam and may also serve as an excellent foundation for those who wish to take the A level Islamic Studies course in the future.

The course content has been created by **Shaikh Abu Khadeejah 'Abdul-Wāhid** and includes 100+ lessons with new content being added weekly—and all praise is for Allāh, may Allāh bless it.

This 2-hour class will take place on Wednesdays 10am-2pm BST, UK time).¹ The time of the lesson has been set to suit as many time zones as possible, *inshā'-Allāh*.

¹ Timings may be altered at the lecturer's discretion with one month's notice. Note that a class may be cancelled with 24-hour notice (and less in cases of emergency) without any cost to pupils—and the lesson made up over subsequent weeks.

The cost of each weekly class is ± 30 . This includes marked homework for those who choose to do it (it is not mandatory for those not taking the exam).

Syllabus Overview

The International GCSE in Islamic Studies is designed to develop students' knowledge and understanding of Islam in historical and contemporary contexts, through a range of key topics and the texts of both the Qur'an and Hadith. It will enable students to develop their skills of analysis and interpretation, in the context of questions and issues that affect Islam and the lives of Muslims today.

The course is divided into three key sections:

• The life, teachings and achievements of the

Prophet Muhammad

o The key beliefs, practices and features of the

early Muslim community founded by the Prophet

• Living the Muslim life today.

I intend to teach this course from the perspective of *ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jamā* '*ah* following in that the methodology and traditions of the early *ahl al-Ḥadīth* scholars.

Nothing is taken for granted—every aspect of the syllabus will be studied critically.

Previous knowledge

Previous knowledge of Islam is not a requirement to join this course (as stated by Edexcel in their syllabus).

About this specification

This specification includes the following key features:

Structure

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Islamic Studies is a linear qualification. It consists of one examination taken at the end of the course of study.

Content

The content is relevant, engaging and up to date.

Assessment

One examination with questions designed to differentiate students of all abilities.

Approach

Independent learning, critical-thinking skills, historical and contemporary issues.

Qualification aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of this qualification are to:

- develop students' knowledge and develop understanding of the religion, history, and culture of Islam, and to engage with questions in relation to contemporary and historical issues within Islam
- develop students' ability to construct well-argued, wellinformed, balanced, and structured written arguments, demonstrating their depth and breadth of understanding of Islamic Studies
- understand the influence of factors previously and currently affecting individuals, communities, and societies
- challenge students to reflect on and develop their own understanding of what they have learned and contribute to their preparation for adult life in a global community.

Exam Entry

Candidates will be responsible for submitting entry for exams at the relevant exam centres locally or internationally.

You should research whether you are able to reach an examination centre before enrolling on this course.

If you're still interested in studying and taking the exam, then please read the Edexcel Islamic Studies Syllabus² thoroughly as this course will require commitment.

*The course is still available to those who do not wish to take the exam at the end.

Course Start Date

Early October 2022 (Inshā'Allāh). Students who join later in the year need not worry as each topic will be taught in rotation in preparation for next suitable exam sitting.

Note

Places are limited so early application is advised.

Duration

² <u>https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/Interna-tional%20GCSE/islamic-studies/2017/specification-and-sample-assessments/international-gcse-islamic-Studies-Specification.pdf</u>

Two academic years—two hours per week, loosely following UK school academic year. Time: Wednesday 10am-12pm

Method of Teaching

Live interactive online audio classes with myself (Umm Abdillāh Naheed) using an online format

1. Students will need a <u>Gmail</u> (Google email) account. Once you've set it up, please email me from the Gmail account with your full name.

2. Lesson Format: I intend to use "<u>Google Meet</u>" and "<u>Google</u> <u>Classroom</u>" to conduct the classes. Please take time to familiarise yourselves with both. Don't worry too much if you cannot grasp it immediately, I will help you along.

3. Assignments (if you choose to do them) will be submitted via Google Classroom.

4. Students will need to have regular access to a laptop or desktop computer for use in lessons and for submitting assignments. Students must be in a quiet space free from distractions.

5. Headphones are mandatory so that my voice is heard by the student **only**. I will not accept the excuse that there are just women in the room or that earphones are unavailable/broken. If this happens, I will ask the student to leave the lesson until they have earphones/headphones.

6. Students need a camera so I can check they are engaged and paying attention to the lesson; this is also mandatory. If the camera is not switched on students will not be permitted into the lesson.

7. Students will be able to communicate with me and ask questions relevant to the class during and after the lesson (within an allotted time). Students will also have access to me via WhatsApp or a telegram group for occasional questions and clarifications (*inshā'-Allāh*). Any questions I am unable to answer I will forward to Shaikh Abu Khadeejah and although I cannot always guarantee a response, I will try my best whenever possible to get one. Parents of younger students are welcome to access and view these conversations.

8. All lessons will be conducted in English, so Arabic is not a requirement.

Homework and assessments

Students will be assigned weekly homework tasks (to be uploaded onto online classroom) which students/parents must ensure are completed regularly to ensure progress.

Online Parents meeting

Students/Parents may request an online meeting to discuss their child's progress once per term if required.

Stay in Touch with Me

Students can WhatsApp me directly or use the online classroom function (or email) if they need to contact me for any reason.

Method of Payment

Monthly payments at least 48 hours before each monthly session begins. You will be notified when the payment is due. Any delay in payment may result in denial of access to the classes. You will not be charged for holidays or tutor absences. If I am travelling, I may re-arrange the class day/time to one that is conducive for all, *in-shā'-Allāh*.

The fee is £120 (GBP) per month per student (based on 8 hours of direct learning per month) to be paid monthly in advance. Note there are no refunds for student absences, but students can leave the course at any time. Please add the **student's name and the reference** (e.g., Aisha Smith/IGCSE) with your payment. Email or WhatsApp me once you have made the payment. Your proof of payment will appear automatically when you make payment via Paypal or Revolut, so please save that for you own records.

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Application Form

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Student's Name	
City and country	
WhatsApp number	
Email	
Age	
Previous qualifications	

If the student is under 16 and you are the guardian, then you agree to the terms and conditions laid out in this document:

Name of guardian	
Sign and date:	
Payment method:	Card Bank Transfer PayPal (Circle one)

Visit the course <u>Website</u>