

2021 GCSE & A-Level honour roll

The Muslim News presents a sample of over 160 Muslim students from across the country who have excelled in their GCSE, A-levels and equivalent exams this year.

Results are obtained directly from colleges and schools, who were instructed to secure student/parental permission before submitting them.

Key: Results are presented in the following order: grade (n° of times it was achieved). An example would be 4 (x6) for a grade four achieved six times. Note: 4 is a standard pass and 5 is a strong pass.

EAST

Al-Hikmah Secondary School, Luton, LU1 1EH, GCSE: Adam Gafoor 9 (x2), 8 (x2), 7 (x2), 6 (x2). Amna Ali 9, 8 (x4), 7 (x2). Ayma Asim 9 (x4), 8, 7. Hafsa Ikbal 9, 8 (x2), 7 (x4). Musa Meer 9 (x2), 8 (x2), 7 (x4). Sara Omer 9 (x3), 8, 6 (x3). Sumayyah Ali 9 (x2), 8 (x2), 7 (x3). Tasnima Tanzida Rahman 9, 8 (x4), 7 (x2).

Hockerill Anglo - European College, Herts, CM23 5HX, GCSE: Callum Abouharb 9 (x4), 8 (x2), 7 (x3). Shahadat Ullah 9 (x8), 8 (x2). International Baccalaureate: Sameer Hussain 6 (x5), 7.

Iqra Academy, Peterborough, PE3 8YQ, GCSE: Maha Qadir 9 (x3), 8 (x4), 7 (x3). Saba Pevaiz 9 (x2), 8 (x2), 7 (x5). Zainab Mahmood 8 (x4), 7 (x6). Zubaria Sarwar 9 (x2), 8, 7 (x2), 6 (x4).

Putteridge High School, Luton LU2 8HJ: A-level: Ismael Rahman A. GCSE: Harris Ramos 9 (x8), 8 (x3). Ismael Rahman 9 (x5), 8 (x3), 6.

The Marlborough Science Academy, St Albans, AL1 2QA, A-level: Faaizah Fazal A. GCSE: Akbar Ali 9 (x5), 8 (x2), 7, 5.

Queen Elizabeth School, Luton, LU2 9AG, GCSE: Fahima Hussain 9 (x3), 8 (x6), A*. Gulia Badirova 9 (x2), 8 (x2), 7 (x3), Distinction*, A*. Hafsa Fabeeha 9, 8, 7 (x5), 6, Merit. Hassan Sajjad 9, 8 (x5), 7 (x2), 6 (x2), Distinction. Humera Khalil 9 (x2), 8 (x2), 7, 6, 5 (x2), Distinction. Ievgeniia Saliutina 9 (x2), 8 (x3), 7 (x4), 6 (x2). Lamar Al Gharbeh 9 (x2), 8 (x4), 7 (x4), Distinction. Mahima Islam 9 (x4), 8 (x4), 7, A*. Maisha Chowdhury 9 (x3), 8 (x4), 7 (x2), Distinction.

Manvita Myadaram 9 (x2), 8 (x4), 7, Distinction. Rushna Chowdhury 8 (x5), 7 (x3), 6, Distinction*. Saima Munim 9, 8 (x3), 7 (x3), 6, A*. Umme-Umarah Ali 9 (x3), 8 (x5), Distinction*, Distinction. Zoya Imran 8 (x3), 7 (x6), A*.

LONDON

Acland Burghley School, Camden, NW5 1UJ, A Levels: Maisha Begum B (x3). Nazeah Begum B (x2), C. Sihaam Koshin A, B, C. Tania Sultana A*, A (x2). A-level/BTEC: Ardit Konjuhi Distinction*, Distinction, B. Nafis Maqsood Muhib Distinction, Merit, C. Reham Mohamed Distinction*, Distinction, C. GCSE: Marwa Chowdhury - 6 (x6), 5 (x2), 4. Yousif Kasim - 7, 6 (x3), 5 (x5).

Ayesha Siddiqi Girls School, Southall, UB1 1LR, GCSE: Amira Ahmed 8 (x7), 7 (x2), 6. Mamuna Bhatti 9, 8 (x7), 7 (x2).

Beacon High, Islington, N7 0JG, GCSE: Ayman Mohamud 8, 7 (x3), 6 (x4), 5. Caner Karakoc 8, 7 (x6), 6 (x2), 4. Ismaeel Ismaeel 8 (x4), 7 (x4), 6. Mahair Hussain 8 (x2), 7 (x3), 6, 5 (x2), 4. Mujahid Choudhury 9 (x2), 8 (x2), 7, 6 (x2), 5 (x2). Yusuf Uddin 8 (x8), 7.

Bullers Wood School, Chislehurst, BR7 5LJ, A Level: Zeina Rady A* (x2), A. C. GCSE: Ece Cencki 8 (x2), 7 (x5), 6, 5 (x2). Ipek Kilic 9 (x2), 8 (x7), 7, 6. Khadijah Muhammad-Kamal 8 (x4), 7 (x2), 6 (x2), 5 (x2). Leena Benaboud: 9 (x3), 8 (x4), 7 (x2), Distinction* BTEC.

Eastlea Community School, Newham, E16 4NP, GCSE: Fairooza Saptashi 9, 8 (x4), 7 (x4). Nosrat Nisad 9, 8 (x2), 7 (x5), 9 (x2). Safwan Tazwar 9 (x3), 8, 7 (x5), 6. Sakib Hoque 9 (x7), 8, 7 (x3). Zahia Amokrane 9 (x4), 8 (x5), 7 (x2), 6. Zaynab Khan-Phatan 9 (x8), 8, 7.

Forest Hill School, Lewisham, SE23 2XN, GCSE: Adrian Gashi 8 (x5), 7 (x4), Level 2 Pass. Ismael Hoque 8 (x2), 6 (x3), 5 (x2), 4, Level 2 Pass. Nasim Ali 9, 7 (x3), 6 (x4), Level 2 Merit. Shabir Ahmed 9 (x2), 8, 7 (x2), 6 (x4), 5. Yad Amir 9 (x5), 8 (x3), 7 (x2). Yusef Santaniello 8 (x3), 7 (x2), 6 (x3), 5.

London Academy of Excellence

Tottenham, N17 OBX: A-level: Ibrahim Umer A* (x3). Zubaydah Ali A* (x4).

Pinner High School, Pinner, HA5 1NB: GCSE: Aadam Khan 9 (x4), 8 (x2), 7 (x3), 5. Aaron Ali 9 (x7), 8 (x2), 5. Abu-Hurairah Sohail 9 (x5), 8 (x3), 7 (x2). Armaan Rahman 9 (x3), 8 (x5), 7. Mina Safi 9 (x5), 8 (x3), 7 (x3). Nabil Arabi 9 (x6), 8 (x4). Najah Nauman 9 (x3), 8 (x6). Saad Javeed 9 (x6), 8, 7 (x3). Talhat Al Jibawi 9 (x9), 8. Zain Khan 9 (x4), 8 (x4), 7 (x2).

Regent High School, Camden, NW1 1RX: A-levels: Abdurahman Ahmed A* (x2), A. Anisha Begum A*, B, C. Faharzana Chowdhury Distinction* (x3). Habiba Khanom Distinction* (x2), B. Hamza Yousef A*, (x3) B. Hewa Barcag Distinction* (x2), Distinction. Intisar Ahmed Distinction* (x2), Distinction. Mehjabin Chowdhury A*, B (x2). Mohammed Abidul Islam Distinction (x3). Mohboub Shah A*, A, B. Zahara Matin A*, B (x2). Zarin Ali A*, B (x2). GCSE: Elias Zemry 9 (x3), 8 (x5), 7, 4. Faiza Khan 9 (x3), 8 (x4), 6 (x2). Fatima Ahmed 9 (x3), 8 (x4), 7 (x2), 5. Fiona Pacolli 9 (x5), 8 (x4), 7. Labiba Ahmed 9 (x4), 8 (x3), 7, 5. Maryam Abdul 9 (x4), 8 (x4), 7 (x2), 6. Mustapha Blain 9 (x5), 8 (x4), 5. Saira Begum 9 (x8), 8 (x3). Samam Harun 9 (x2), 8 (x4), 7 (x3), 6. Samsam Abdinasir 9 (x2), 8 (x4), 7 (x2), 6.

Tawhid Boys School, London, N16 6PA, GCSE: Abu Bakr Snell 9 (x5), 8 (x4), 7, 6. Aliabdurahman Abdulkadir 9, 8 (x5), 7 (x4). Musa Ahmed Faruq 9 (x5), 8 (x2), 7 (x2), 6 (x2). Prince Nasim Ermis 9 (x6), 8 (x3), 7 (x2).

The Urswick School, Hackney, E9 6NR, A-levels: Aicha Jatta A (x2), B. Hussain Miah A, B (x2). Ilham Khulaten A*, A (x2), B. Zenab Khulaten A*, A (x2), C. GCSE: Ehsan Rahman 8, 7 (x2), 6 (x4), 4 (x2). Serhan Bay 9 (x2), 8 (x4), 7 (x2), 5. Thureya Abdallah 7, 6 (x4), 5 (x4).

MIDLANDS

Al-Burhan Grammar School, Birmingham, B11 3DW, GCSE: Aneeqa Ahmed 9 (x4), 8 (x6), 7 (x2). Anisa Hussain 7 (x4), 6 (x3), 5 (x3). Emira Jaouadi 9 (x4), 8 (x4), 7 (x2). Halima Illahi 9, 8 (x2), 7 (x5), 6 (x2).

Iman Waseem 7 (x3), 6 (x3), 5 (x4). Malaika Amjad 9 (x4), 8 (x4), 7 (x3). Nafisah Khanum 8, 7 (x4), 6 (x4). Rania Nasir 7 (x2), 6 (x3), 5 (x2). Rumaysaa Mohamed 8 (x4), 7 (x4), 6 (x2). Saima Mahmood 7 (x2), 6 (x5), 5 (x3). Saliha Abideen 8 (x2), 7 (x3), 6 (x4). Salma Wasfy 9 (x4), 8 (x4), 7, A*. Tabeer Asif 9 (x7), 8 (x3). Umme-Jannat Abbas 8, 7 (x2), 6 (x5). Zaara Islam 8 (x2), 7 (x2), 6 (x4).

Moulton School & Science College, Northampton, NN3 7SD, A-level: SabahYusuf A* (x2), B. Uzzain Hussain A*, A (x2). GCSE: Ashfaq Ahmed 9 (x3), 8, 7 (x3), 4.

The Cedars Academy, Leicester, LE4 4GH, GCSE: Faizaan Mehmood 7 (x4), 6 (x2), 5.

SOUTH

Bournemouth School for Girls, Bournemouth, BH8 9UJ, A-level: Rand Haimour A* (x3). Sarah Boukerdoun A (x3). GCSE: Ameliyah Khadijah 9 (x3), 8 (x7), 7. Maryam Rahmati 8 (x4), 7 (x4), 6 (x3). Nesrine El-Mourabit 9 (x3), 8 (x5), 7 (x2).

Chenderit School, Banbury, OX17 2QR, A-level: Rahman Aliza A, B, D. GCSE: Mubashir Hussain 7 (x2), 6 (x2).

City Academy Bristol, Bristol, BS5 9JH, GCSE: Ridita Hussain 9 (x2), 8 (x2), 7 (x4), 6 (A-level) A. Saiful Rahim Nasrin 9 (x2), 8 (x4), 7, 6.

Futures Institute Banbury, Banbury, OX16 9HY, GCSE: Ameera Irfan 9 (x2), 7 (x3), 6, 5, Level 2 Distinction, Level 2 Pass. Hashaam Khan 8 (x3), 6 (x2), 5(x2), Level 2 Distinction (x2).

Slough & Eton CoE Business & Enterprise College, Slough, SL1 2PU, A-levels: Hibah Khan: A* (x2), A. Zubair Basharat, A* (x2), A. GCSE: Aaminah Rafiq 9 (x4), Distinction*, 8(x2), 7(x3). Abbad Tahir, 9 (x2), 8 (x4), 7, 6 (x2). Alizeh Noon 9(x4), 8(x2), 7, 6 (x2), 5. Muhammad Isan, 9 (x4), 8 (x3), 7, 6 (x2). Rameen Ahmed 9, 8 (x5), 7 (x2), 6, 4. Zakayah Zia 9, 8 (x8), 5.

St John's College, Southsea, PO5 3QW, GCSE: Malek Roostaei 9 (x4), 8 (x6), 7.

Wykhm Park Academy, Banbury, OX16 9HY, A-level: Muhammed Shaheer Younus A*, A, B. Maha Sadka A*, A (x2). Rahmat Tariq A, B, Merit. GCSE: Nisa Bayezit 7 (x7), 8, Level 2 Distinction.

YORKSHIRE

Calder High School, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5QN, GCSE: Aleena Shazail 9 (x3), 8 (x2), 7 (x3), 6 (x2). Zeeshan Younis 7 (x2), 6 (x2).

Prince Henry's Grammar School, Otley, S21 2BB, GCE: Makaeel Atif Saleem A* (x2), A (x2). Mohammed Adam Khan A* (x2), A, epq also at A*. GCSE: Ahmed Elwan 9 (x2), 8 (x6), 7 (x2), 6. Wahab Atif Saleem 9 (x4), 8 (x4), 7 (x2). Yara Alhaji 9 (x2), 8 (x3), 7 (x3), 6, D2, GCE B.

Photo: Overjoyed Zenab Khulaten from The Urswick School in Hackney, East London celebrates her excellent A-level results (Courtesy of The Urswick School)



ISLAMOPHOBIA

UK parliament finally debates definition of Islamophobia

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The definition of Islamophobia was finally debated in parliament on September 9, two years after the Government initially agreed. Muslim Labour MPs Imran Hussain, Khalid Mahmood, Naz Shah, Yasmin Qureshi and Zarah Sultana all addressed Westminster Hall during the debate on a definition of Islamophobia drafted by a cross-party group of MPs.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims (APPG) which was established on July 18, 2017, is calling on the Government to adopt the definition of Islamophobia as defined in its report published on November 27, 2018.

The report, titled *Islamophobia Defined: the inquiry into a working definition of Islamophobia*, states that "Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness."

In an interview with the APPG Professor Peter Hopkins of the Centre for Hate Studies at Leicester University stated that by not adopting a concrete definition of Islamophobia it may "encourage some people to continue to deny that Islamophobia is an issue in society."

Khalid Mahmood, MP for Birmingham, Perry Barr, said it was "not good enough" that any definition of Islamophobia adopted would be non-binding. He continued, "I am concerned about the definition of Islamophobia, as



I have made clear for a long time. In 1997, the Runnymede Trust referred to Islamophobia—although its first term for it was "anti-Muslim prejudice", which it aligned with antisemitism. What we are really discussing is the issue of hatred. That should be put in legislation, and it should be a legal requirement for us, and other committed people, to deal with it."

Naz Shah, Bradford West MP and vice-chair of APPG said, "We are here today because the Government has failed British Muslims. Five academics and over 700 Muslim organisations have endorsed the definition. It has been a decade since Baroness Warsi said Islamophobia passed the dinner-table test. It is clear that this is not a

matter of the Government not trying; it is a matter of a government not caring." Bradford East MP, Imran Hussain, called for swift action to counter the "normalisation of Islamophobia", which has become "widespread."

Sultana recounted her experiences during a debate on Islamophobia. In an emotional speech, the Coventry South MP said she had been called a "terrorist sympathiser", and described being treated by some people "as if I were an enemy of the country I was born in". She added, "Before being elected, I was nervous about being a Muslim woman in the public eye. Growing up, I had seen the abuse prominent British Muslims were subjected to - I knew I wouldn't be in for an easy ride.

that is not my experience." Sultana talked about a series of hate letters she had received since being elected in 2019.

"One person, for example, wrote to me, and I quote, 'Sultana, you and your Muslim mob are a real danger to humanity'. Another wrote I am a cancer everywhere I go and soon, they said, 'Europe will vomit you out'. A third called me a 'terrorist sympathiser and scum of the earth' and that is sanitised of their un-parliamentary language."

The MP broke down in tears as she told the hall: "I have discovered that to be a Muslim woman, to be outspoken and to be left-wing is to be subjected to this barrage of hate. It is to be treated by some as if I were an enemy of the

country I was born in, as if I don't belong."

Yasmin Qureshi, the MP for Bolton South East, echoed Sultana's sentiment. "I do not know if it will help her, but many of us Muslim women have been abused in a similar format. I have had emails and messages on social media saying that I am, and I quote, words beginning with 'f' and 'b', and that I should be sent off to Saudi Arabia to be raped. There are all kinds of interesting words being used and letters written. That does not help, but I hope that she understands."

Despite an alarming rising rate of Islamophobia in the UK and the West "there is still no accepted definition of Islamophobia," said Qureshi. "There are three million Muslims in the UK—almost 5 per cent of our overall population. Despite Muslims having been present in this country as far back as the 16th century, many believe they are treated as the other. Islamophobia permeates all domains of our society. It threatens education, limits employment prospects and impacts everyday issues, including health, wellbeing and housing" she said.

Communities Minister Eddie Hughes, said the Government is committed "to there being a robust and effective definition [of Islamophobia] and we will outline our steps to achieve this in due course."

Labour's Imran Hussain, Khalid Mahmood, Naz Shah, Yasmin Qureshi and Zarah Sultana debated the definition of Islamophobia in parliament on September 9.

(Photo: Parliament UK)