

## “Meet the Judges”



Anthony Calderbank studied Arabic and Persian at Manchester University. He taught Arabic at the International Language Institute in Cairo and at Salford and Manchester Universities where he also taught translation and translation theory. In 2000 he joined the British Council and worked in management positions in Saudi Arabia, South Sudan, Bahrain, Tunisia and Libya. He has translated novels and short stories from Arabic into English and has spoken on Arabic language pedagogy, TAFL, and the translation of Arabic literature at numerous international conferences and gatherings. He is currently working as a consultant with Qatar Foundation International to support the teaching and learning of Arabic in British schools.



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Jonathan Featherstone has also taught Arabic at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Defence School of Languages and more recently at the University of Edinburgh. He is currently Co-ordinator of Modern Foreign Languages at the University of Glasgow. He has over 30 years of Arabic teaching experience. He is also a teacher trainer and has delivered intensive five-day workshops in Communicative Arabic Teaching in the UK, UAE, and USA. Jonathan is also the author of a number of Arabic coursebooks. Jonathan has a particular passion for the teaching of Arabic dialects, in particular the Egyptian Arabic and Levant Arabic.



Fauzia Abdulkadir Saeed is the Arabic Language Teacher at Hampstead school in North-West London. She teaches Arabic language courses to KS3, KS4 and KS5. Prior her job at Hampstead School, Fauzia taught in several schools in the UK and the United Arab Emirates. When teaching, Fauzia is a committed champion of integrating cultural material while teaching, her lessons always include authentic videos, proverbs, songs and games. Fauzia ensures her students are having fun as well as learning. Fauzia encourages her students to express in Arabic Fus'Ha (Modern Standard Arabic) when writing and speaking. Fauzia participated in various National and International conferences on language teaching to widen her knowledge and also to share her working experiences with other educators.



#### Ustadh Mevludin Sahinovic

Mevludin Sahinovic has been working in the primary school sector for more than a decade in various roles including being a head of departments and deputy head teacher. Currently, he works as a member of the Senior Leadership Team and the Head of Arabic at Al-Noor Primary in East London. He is also an executive member of the Arabic Teachers' Council for London and South of England. Mevludin holds an MA in English from Lampeter University of Wales and MEd in Islamic studies from Newman University. Currently, Mevludin is in the final stage of completing National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership and becoming a Chartered Manager. He loves learning and teaching languages, thus besides English and Arabic, Mevludin also speaks Bosnian (mother tongue) and Polish.



Professor El Mustapha Lahlali is former Director of *Languages for All* at the University of Leeds, and is the President of the Association of Teachers of Arabic (BATA). Prof. Lahlali is the author of several books on Arabic, media and translation.



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Sawsan Haffar-Saffaf graduated from Damascus University/ Syria. Gained PGCE in teaching Arabic language from Goldsmiths University. Currently, works as an Arabic language teacher and consultant for Cambridge, Westminster and Goldsmiths Universities and Pearson Edexcel. I have about 20 years teaching experience in different sectors teaching Arabic as a second language as well as first language. During teaching years, I also worked on different national and international projects that ranged from designing curriculums to writing assessment papers and providing teacher training and mentoring.



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