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PERSONAL PROFILE

Engineering Graduate and Overseas Trained Secondary Mathematics Teacher with fluent written and spoken Arabic and excellent English communication skills. Interested in working as a Teaching Assistant in a supportive secondary school.

KEY SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Excellent communication and interpersonal skills:** Gained through management and administrative duties as well as through volunteering as Head of Cultural Events at an Arabic supplementary school
- **Creative:** Working with other teachers to develop creative cross-curricular activities to encourage lateral thinking amongst pupils
- **Encouraging and inspiring pupils:** Attendance at the Maths club I ran at St Mary's Secondary increased from 5 to 25 attendees on average over 5 years
- **Confident in achieving targets:** While in post as Head of Department at a secondary school in Baghdad the percentage of pupils achieving the equivalent of GCSE A* – C increased from 60.5% to 74.2%

EXPERIENCE

Supply Cover Supervisor Super Great Teachers Ltd

2011 – present

- Providing cover for Maths, Science and Design and Technology classes
- Working in a variety of secondary schools with pupils at Key Stages 3 and 4
- Keeping pupils on-task, employing a variety of techniques such as building good rapport with pupils, praising good behaviour and ensuring that all pupils are included in the learning process
- Adapting quickly to a variety of school environments through taking an active interest in school policies and developing good relationships with school staff

Volunteer Arabic Teacher Arabic Saturday School

2007 – present

- Teaching Arabic and Islamic Studies to 6 – 18 year olds
- Mixed age classrooms requiring the ability to personalise learning
- Planning cultural events held every few months at the school

Head of Mathematics Top Hill Secondary School, Baghdad

2003 – 2007

- Promoting strong pedagogy and teaching methodology within the Maths department and fostering high expectations amongst staff and pupils
- Delegating roles of responsibility within the department
- Managing and allocating budgets efficiently

Maths Teacher**1990 – 2003****St Mary's Secondary School, Baghdad**

- Planning lessons and teaching Maths to pupils aged 11–16 at Key Stages 3 and 4
- Organising a Maths lunch club
- Liaising with Teaching Assistants and other support staff to ensure a well-managed classroom

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Head of Cultural Events, Saturday Arabic School

2009 - present

Treasurer of the Baghdad University Students' Union

1987 - 1989**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS****BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Loughborough University****2012**

- Main subjects: Engineering Mathematics, Integrated System Design, Statistics, Business Dynamics, Electronics for Communication

**Diploma of Education (Secondary Maths)
University of Baghdad****1990**

- Main subjects: Engineering Mathematics, Integrated System Design, Statistics, Business Dynamics, Electronics for Communication
- UK NARIC Equivalent: BTEC National Diploma

GCE O Levels in Maths, English and Science**1987**

- UK NARIC Equivalent: GCSEs grades A*-C

TRAININGQTS Professional Standards workshop
Refugees into Teaching, Refugee Council**2013**Seminar on Child Protection issues
Refugees into Teaching, Refugee Council**2012****INTERESTS**

- Playing and coaching cricket and football
- Reading science fiction novels and Engineering periodicals
- Architecture, travelling and hiking

REFERENCES

Available on request