

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Cal- Aaj is an Education forum composed of members from Walsall's leading Muslim community organisations [Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Gujarati]. The forum's purpose is to enable collaborative work between the Muslim communities and schools. Cal-AAj offers consultation to school on areas that will support the raising of attainment and achievement of Muslim pupils.

We are keen to establish a working relationship with ACRE as two of our key objectives are to:

- Enable schools to appreciate the value of mosques as places of learning and encourage mosques and schools to work in partnership for a continuing school day.
- Ensure that schools value and address the social, cultural, linguistic, ethnic and Islamic needs of pupils.

Ahmed will make a brief presentation to SACRE on the work the Cal-AAj forum. One outcome of this agenda item will to determine the working relationship that we can establish between SACRE and Cal -Aaj