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"I love Teaching younger years"

Academic profile

Degree

BM6 Medicine

Qualification/achievement you are most proud of

Founder and president of Southampton Muslim Medics

Subjects you enjoyed at school

Maths and Science

Career Summary

I was born and raised in Pakistan. My parents migrated to England when I was 11 leaving everything behind to allow me and my siblings to have better opportunities than they had. I was able to make my way from the bottom set to set 1 by year 10 and was able to gain one of the best GCSE grades in my school. While I made my way up the academic ladder, my Dad fought his way to employability which could set foundations for us. With my grades, I was accepted into one of the best 6th Forms in Manchester. This allowed me to explore my passion of becoming a doctor. Despite having limited resources to enhance my performances in UCAT, interviews etc, I was able to apply for medicine strategically for better chances of getting in. Finally, being accepted into BM6 at Southampton allowed me to become a deserved and able medical student I believe I am today.

What inspired you?

I first wanted to work with maths as I was naturally good at it. But I never saw myself in any job role rewarding enough for me. Medicine was the perfect blend both aspects I enjoyed: problem solving and rewarding.

Describe your job

Did you know .....

... that only 14% of the people don't have a muscle in their forearm called Palmaris Longus, yet it doens't effect the performance of the hand at all.

Top tip

Resilience, Persistence and Compassion

Best thing about my job

Problem solving and being able to help people

Find out more

- Southampton BM6 degree course
- The British Medical Association
- Southampton Muslim Medics

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