

Waqar is an Extended Services Coordinator at a secondary school in Accrington. He has over 15 years' experience in the education sector has undertaken various roles which have involved working on a wide range of creative, cultural and community based projects involving young people, their families and the wider community.

He has vast experience in devising, organising and implementing high quality creative, cultural and community based learning programmes within the school curriculum, as well as beyond the school curriculum. Effectively bringing about positive and inspirational change which have resulted in high impact learner outcomes.

Many of the learning programmes have been ground-breaking, multi award winning and used as examples of good practice. Recent successes have included:

- TES Awards 2018 – Shortlisted: Community and Collaboration Award.
- North West Cultural Education Awards 2018: Winners.
- Fusion Awards – Winners: Youth Leadership Award
- Educate Awards 2018 – Shortlisted: Innovation in Education.
- Educate Awards 2018 – Shortlisted: Community Partnership.
- Educate Awards 2018 - Shortlisted: Wow! Recognition Award.
- BBC Community Heroes Awards 2018 – Shortlisted: Companionship Award.
- Diana Award recipients 2017.
- Educate Awards 2017 – Winners: Wow! Recognition Award.
- Educate Awards 2017 – Shortlisted: Innovation in Education.
- Educate Awards 2017 – Shortlisted: Outstanding Arts in a Secondary School.

In 2013 he received a quality mark in Extended Services awarded by Canterbury University. Waqar's work was also highly praised during recent Ofsted inspections (Oct 2013 & Dec 2017).

Through effective collaborations and partnerships Waqar has successfully developed and established creative and innovative learning platforms that have allowed young people to experience different cultures, thoughts, ideas and possibilities.

Waqar can offer support in the following areas:

- Devising, developing and implementing creative and cultural projects.
- Developing 'out of the box' SMSC and British values focused initiatives.
- Developing and implanting an effective extended services, cultural and character education strategy.
- Establishing strong and sustainable partnerships and collaborations.
- Engaging with pupil premium and hard to reach young people.
- Support on encouraging a more cohesive school community.