

# MY FUTURE. MY CAREER. MY RS.

## SHERMEEN - PPE STUDENT

**"Through Religious Studies, I learned to build and interrogate arguments and how to question and evaluate narratives"**



She was really interested in learning more about religion and loved the myth busting element of the syllabus. "I enjoyed my time studying RS and it's been invaluable as a tool!

Though Religious Studies, I learned to build and interrogate arguments and how to question and evaluate narratives and theories". Shermeen always knew that she wanted to go to University but struggled with what degree to pick. Shermeen's time studying Religious Studies led her to become fascinated with philosophy and she discovered PPE as a result. She was impressed by the academic heft the course would demand and where it could take her career wise.

**Shermeen wants to use what she has studied at school and university to change the world.**

**She enjoyed learning about religions and she wants to use this knowledge to help build a more tolerant and accepting society. She aspires to work in the third sector, ideally for a top charity. "Religion is often the layers in which people view the world, having a background in Religious Studies has been invaluable at university and in life in general"**



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## ARUN - JUNIOR DOCTOR

**"Understanding people's faiths and lifestyles is so important for my job as a junior doctor"**



For Arun, the best thing about his job is the diversity of people who he works and interacts with on a daily basis. Arun is really pleased he studied RE at school. "The patients I treat are not "textbook patients", they are human beings. They don't always fit the mould you've studied for years. To treat them as best I can, I need to think about all sorts of things, including their lifestyle, background and religious and cultural views."

"Having that background of religious education really allowed us to make a management plan where we treat their medical problem but also respect their faith which is so important to so many patients".

**A specific example of how RE has helped Arun be a good Junior Doctor was when he first started at Whipps Cross hospital. Arun was working in the surgery department and it was Ramadan so many Muslim patients were fasting during the day. Arun knew they would feel emotionally stronger if they could continue their daytime fast. Arun and his colleagues did their best to ensure the patients' operations were scheduled at a time the patients could eat in the evening.**

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## MO - FIREFIGHTER

**"Studying RE gave me a good understanding of different religions and cultures, making me a better firefighter"**

Being a fire fighter is Mo's dream job. He loves it because every day is different. On one day he can be called to put out a fire, the next he can be attending a road accident, another he could be giving a fire safety talk in schools.



Mo believes that one of the many things that make him good at his job is because he studied religious education at school. When he enters homes – of any faith or none – Mo can quickly understand "where they are coming from". This is essential in order to help people who are in a crisis. "I know their religious heritage so I can respect their customs and know what's important to them. This allows me to communicate with them quickly and give them the help they need"

**Ultimately, Mo loves his job because he's meeting and helping people from all walks of life. Naturally Mo is very proud of the work he and his fellow fire fighters do to save lives. It's something "you just cannot put a price on"**

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## OLLIE - SPORTS REPORTER

**"Studying RE helps me understand how religious beliefs affect different countries"**



Ollie was born into an extremely active and sports-mad family, which is where his passion for all things sport began.

Ollie's job has taken him to some of the world's biggest sporting events including the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, Euro 2016, and Super Bowl. He's been to Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Canada, Brazil, USA, Portugal, South Africa, Turkey, and France.

Growing up, Ollie didn't realise RE would be useful for a career in the sports media. It's only now that he realises that it's taught him the softer, personal skills that helps him every day at work and when he's abroad.

**Each country he goes to, he meets and interviews people from different backgrounds, religions and cultures. Studying RE at school has helped him understand the people he meets and how different religions impact their views and different cultures.**

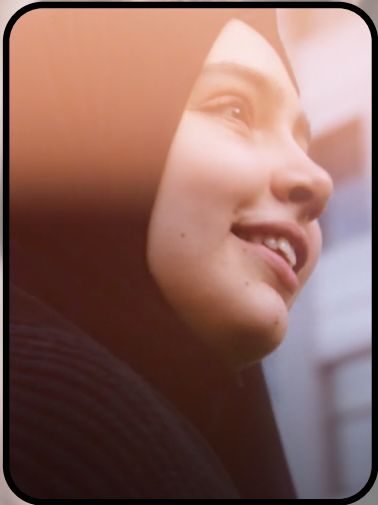
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## SENA - LAW STUDENT

**"RE provides an excellent platform for debate, which is a key skill that has helped me study law"**



Studying RE at school has helped Sena in so many ways. It taught her to think about both sides of an argument before arguing for or against a viewpoint. She found it particularly interesting and helpful to learn to argue against her own beliefs. It taught her to think about other perspectives – to think about the counterargument – so she can argue well, articulately and concisely.

These are skills she uses every day studying law: **"To be like a successful lawyer, barrister or solicitor, you have to know what you are arguing, but more importantly you have to think about the arguments that will be used against you. That's what makes someone successful in law."**

Sena is the first person in her family to go to university. She feels really proud of what she's achieved – especially as her parents are so proud of her.

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