



*Nourishing the fitrah of each unique child*

## **School Patron Job Description and Person Specification**

Al-Bayhaqi reported: Al-Shafi'i, may Allah be pleased with him, said:  
"You must acquire understanding in the religion before assuming leadership."

*Source: al-Madkhal ilā al-Sunan al-Kubrā 271*

# School Patron Job Description

**Role Title:** School Patron

**Organisation:** Unique Academy (uniqueacademy.education)

**Accountable to:** Chair of Trustees

**Term:** 2 - 3 Years

**Hours:** Voluntary role; approximately 3 meetings per year plus preparation and school visits

## Scope of the role

The School Patron serves as a respected ambassador for Unique Academy, lending their name, credibility, and public standing to elevate the school's profile. As a figurehead, the Patron helps raise awareness, strengthen community confidence, and attract financial and non-financial support. The role reinforces the school's mission to nurture children's academic, spiritual, and personal development, rooted in fitrah, taqwa, and Eemaan (faith).

This is an honorary, non-executive position with no governance, managerial, or legal responsibilities.

## Key Responsibilities

- Lend credibility and a high-profile presence to strengthen the school's public image.
- Support fundraising and community engagement by helping raise awareness of the school's mission and needs.
- Use personal or professional networks to introduce potential supporters, donors, or collaborators.
- Represent the school at selected events such as assemblies, graduations, community initiatives, and celebrations.
- Celebrate pupil achievements and promote the school's vision, values, and accomplishments.  
Provide visible encouragement and inspiration to pupils, staff, and families.
- Allow the school to use the Patron's name, where appropriate, in publicity, awareness, or fundraising materials.
- Engage in a flexible, mutually agreed schedule of participation that may include occasional school visits, events, or outreach opportunities.

## Person Specification

### Essential:

- Strong alignment with Unique Academy's Islamic ethos, values, and educational vision.
- Commitment to the holistic development of children—academically, morally, socially, and spiritually.
- A respected public profile and strong communication skills.
- Ability to inspire confidence and enthusiasm among pupils, staff, and the wider community.
- Understanding of the ambassadorial and symbolic nature of the role (non-executive, honorary, supportive).

### Desirable:

- Experience in education, leadership, public service, philanthropy, or community engagement.
- Established networks that may benefit the school's visibility or fundraising.
- Previous experience as a patron, ambassador, or similar honorary figure.
- Understanding of independent school environments and safeguarding expectations.
- Experience working with children or young people in community, educational, or mentoring settings.

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