



**Teacher Name:** Mrs S Shabani

**School:** Nishkam School West London

**Subject:** Associate Teacher

**My route into teaching:**

I had initially intended to go into Media Studies and study that at university. However, I took a step back and thought 'Is this what I really want to go into?' So, I decided to go to an open day at college and broaden my knowledge about what I really want to do. I studied child care and education and with a lot of practice in schools, nurseries, children's centres etc I decided this role is for me. Teaching is a devotion to lifelong learning and an opportunity to profoundly impact the lives of children. I loved the idea of this and making an impact in children's lives and its an outlet of creativity to engage students into learning so here I am.

**Why I love my job:**

When I was working with children in different educational environments I realised this is for me. I love being part of a child's learning journey and knowing I make a difference. So, my passion for teaching grew stronger consistently during my time working with different children within several different learning environments. Teachers do more than teach, and their impact extends far beyond the classroom. Teaching, in my judgement is one of the most worthwhile and rewarding professions. The interactions with students and listening to what they have to say is one of the reasons I enjoy working in this profession. The school have helped me grow my self-confidence, skills, how to inspire young children, and most importantly help grow my knowledge.

**Why Nishkam:**

I was approached to go to an Interview at Nishkam School West London when it first opened, which is now 6 years ago. I have seen the school being built, the classrooms being turned into a great learning environment with love and passion. We had 2 classes in Reception and 2 classes in Year 1. Now the new building is made with classes to Year 6 and secondary. It has been amazing seeing the school grow into something spectacular. Nishkam has such a strong community and it is satisfying to contribute to that. There is also has a warmth of people and it's a pleasure to be part of this journey.

**Next steps for me:**

I enjoy my role as an Associate Teacher at Nishkam, so I am looking to extend my role and become a HLTA.