



**Piyush Patel**

## **Subject Leader for Physics**

**Joined Nishkam in September 2021**

### **Professional Background:**

Having graduated with a degree in Biochemistry from the University of Nottingham, I previously worked in the Offenders' Learning and Skills Service (OLASS) working with young people to make positive changes with a view to success. I never thought that teaching would allow me to drive real changes each time I step into a classroom, and I am happy to be able to help support students reach the next stage of their life. The skillset of being a teacher is an ever-expanding one and every year has tested me in different ways allowing me to become the practitioner that I am.

### **What/Why I Teach:**

In teaching, you always have the opportunity to make things better whether it's an episode of learning, rebuilding relationships, or even modifying the curriculum to meet the needs of our students. Our students want to succeed and we allow them to reach the next dimension in the learning journey, no matter the year group and no matter the subject at hand. Although I only teach the oldest year groups nowadays, I look forward to teaching those at the foot of secondary education as they really want to show the best versions of themselves hungry for success.

**What I Love About Nishkam:** Working at a faith-based learning school is humbling. It redirects your thoughts from only focusing on academic successes to aiding our students to improve in other areas, whether that's becoming closer to their faith or really being part of a compassionate community. I also love the enrichment and other opportunities provided through drop down days are also innumerable and they allow everyone to be exposed to culture capital that they might not receive anywhere else.

**Virtues I Strive to Embody:** Daily, I strive to embody myself as being accountable, enthusiastic, and selfless – three characteristics that all students should be able to witness and have remodelled to them. Being there every day no matter the challenges to be surmounted, bringing life and love into the classroom, and giving back whenever I can allow me to be the trustworthy adult for all students.

**Favourite Quote or Reflection:** Our students only get one shot at secondary education, and in an ever-increasingly challenging world we need to give them our all.