

Banksy Knowledge Organiser: RE: Summer 1: Why is Muhammad Important to Muslims?

KPI: Know and understand how beliefs influence individuals, communities and societies.

Islam – An introduction

The word *Islam* is an Arabic word related to *Salam* which means peace. Islam is the peace that comes from obeying the will of God. The word *Muslim* is also an Arabic word which means someone who obeys the will of God.

Allah means 'The God' and is singular, not plural. This reflects the Muslim belief that there is only One God. Allah is the name that Muslims use for God.

Muhammad is the name of the Arabic man who lived about 1,500 years ago) in Arabia and became the prophet of Islam. Many Muslims add the letters pbuh which stand for 'Peace and Blessings Upon Him' after his name.

Muhammad's (pbuh) messages were all written down and collected together. The book that they are written in is called the Holy Qur'an. It is written in Arabic, the language in which it was revealed, but it has been translated into many other languages. Muslims have five rules which are most important. These come from the Qur'an and the actions of Muhammad (pbuh). They are often called The Five Pillars of Islam:

Muslims pray on their own and together. When they pray together they often go to the Mosque.

Islam is one of the biggest religions in the world today. There are Muslims in most countries and Britain is no exception. There are around 2 million British Muslims.

When Muslims meet, they greet each other by saying,

As-Salāmu `Alaykum

This is a traditional Muslim greeting, often translated as Peace be upon you.



Key Vocabulary	
Mohammad	A prophet - known as the messenger of God
Allah	Muslims use the word Allah for god. It means 'The God'
Qur'an	The Islamic sacred book
Islam	The religion of the Muslims, a faith revealed through Muhammad as the Prophet of Allah.
Muslim	A follower of the Islamic religion
Prophet	A person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God.
Revelation	
The Night of Power (Lailat al Qadr)	the night in which the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by Allah
Influence	To have the effect on the character or behaviour of someone or something
Pbuh	An acronym for 'Peace and Blessings Upon Him'

Key Knowledge	
	Muhammad is the name of the Arabic man who lived about 1,500 years ago) in Arabia and became the prophet of Islam. Many Muslims add the letters pbuh which stand for 'Peace and Blessings Upon Him' after his name.
	The words of the Qur'an were revealed to Muhammad on the Night of Power by the angel Jibril (Gabriel). Muhammad remembered each word revealed to him and went on to preach what he had heard. Muhammad was known as a prophet and messenger of Allah (god).
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	Muhammad was born in Makkah in 571CE, his childhood was often hard, and he was orphaned at the age of six. As he grew up, he became known as Al-Amin - 'The Trustworthy' - and was called to become a prophet at 40 years old. Allah spoke to Muhammad through an Angel to reveal His Word.
	Even when Muhammad was violently attacked by his opponents, he lived justly and peacefully. He treated his enemies with mercy and forbid his followers to attack first.
	Muhammad taught people how to behave, and what the consequences would be for disobedience. He taught that all will be judged on the Last Day.