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## Call for people to oppose 'divisive' faith free schools

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Leicester's Secular Society is urging individuals and groups to oppose plans to allow new faith free [schools](#) to select up to 100 per cent of pupils based on their faith.

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## Madani School leaders will bid for two free schools

By [fdryden](#) | Posted: September 27, 2016

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Saqub Sheikh, Executive Headteacher at Madani Boys School and head of school, Farhan Adam (right).

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Madani Schools Federation has announced plans to open two free schools in the city.

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October 2016



Conflation of freedom of religions with freedom of religion and belief



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## Briefing on 6 April murder in Bangladesh

As you have probably already seen, last night a postgraduate law student, **Nazimuddin Samad** (pictured above) was killed in Bangladesh in a machete attack.

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## Don't let Theresa May turn you into an extremist

Have your say against the introduction of new freedom of speech laws.

A screenshot of a website banner. On the right side, there is a close-up photograph of Theresa May speaking. The background is dark blue. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'DEFEND FREE SPEECH' with a speech bubble icon and a cluster of dots. In the top right corner, there is a navigation menu with the items 'HOME', 'WHAT ARE EDOS?' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'JOIN THE CAMP'. The main text is in white, bold font, and the subtext is in a smaller white font.

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Leicestershire Inter Faith Forum Conference 2016

*Faith Communities working together for the benefit of everyone*

County Hall, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 5.30 (refreshments & networking) till 9pm



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**Take action!** Please write to your MP today to urge legal recognition for humanist marriages in England and Wales.

It has been over three years now since we [secured an amendment](#) to the Marriage Act as it went through Parliament, requiring the Government to consult on giving legal recognition to humanist marriages in England and Wales. and powers to do so. That [subsequent consultation](#) showed 95% in favour. Instead of acting on that mandate, the Government kicked the issue into the long grass by referring it to the Law Commission. [Following the publication of its report](#) the EU referendum overtook events and the matter remained unresolved.

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## Living better together: Secularism and cohesion

Later this year the NSS will mark its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special conference around the theme of 'living better together'. Campaigns director Stephen Evans explains why the time has come for people of all faiths to stand together in supporting secularist principles.

In September this year we'll be marking the 150th anniversary of the National Secular Society with what's shaping up to be a very special conference. The theme –

*living better together* – reflects the role secularism can play in building a society in which all of us, whether religious or not, can live together fairly, cohesively and peaceably.

A secular democracy guarantees religious freedom for all. It protects believers from religious persecution and nonbelievers from religious compulsion. When a clash of rights occurs, secularism performs a vital balancing act – one we need to get right if Britain is to stay free of the sort of sectarian conflict that has torn other societies apart. While Britain remains a tolerant country for many, we've seen sectarian conflict and a rise in hate crime – both within and against religious groups.





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## Vigil held for Jo Cox at Leicester Clock Tower

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People left tributes for Jo, who sadly died yesterday

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## Judge rules Government broke the law in excluding Humanism from school curriculum



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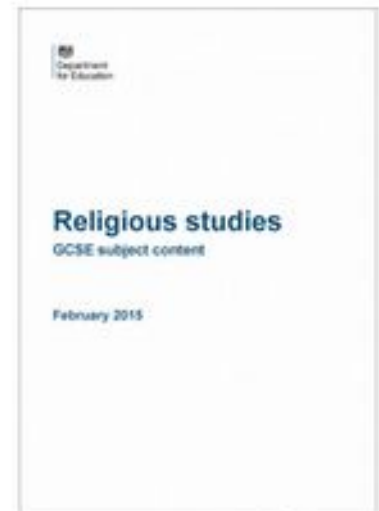


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November 25th, 2015

In a [landmark judgment](#) handed down in the High Court today, a judge has ruled in favour of the three humanist parents and their children who challenged the Government's relegation of non-religious worldviews in the latest subject content for GCSE Religious Studies. In his decision, Mr Justice Warby stated that the Government had made an 'error of law' in leaving non-religious worldviews such as humanism out of the GCSE, amounting to 'a breach of the duty to take care that information or knowledge included in the curriculum is conveyed in a pluralistic manner.' The British Humanist Association (BHA), which was responsible for bringing the case and has supported the three families throughout, has welcomed the decision.



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- The legal guidance provided by the BHA on the High Court judgment on Religious Education (RE), setting out both the law as clarified by the judgment and what it entails for schools and the RE syllabuses.
- The Department for Education has stated that this guidance is ‘inaccurate’, but more significantly that the ‘judgment should not be taken as having any broader impact on any religious education curriculum’ and the Department’s own guidance remains ‘correct’.
- The BHA is working on finding a suitable case to take to Court in order to overthrow this “guidance” and establish a precedence.



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## Sharrif Nyago

Mustard Seed School, Busota

Senior 3: Boarder, 2015

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Sharif Nyago is aged 15. He got an aggregate of 10 in his Primary Leaving Exam (a very good mark). Both his parents are peasants unable to support him for further studies.

Sharrifu is a boarder at the school and comes from the town of Busembatia, Iganda District. He lives with his mother and father, three brothers and three sisters. The family rear animals and grow crops. He particularly enjoys maths, geography and commerce and wants to be an accountant.

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## **First Year Report**

Sharrifu got an aggregate score of 14 for the 8 subjects he studied in Senior 1 (a score of 1 is the highest grade per subject). He was promoted to Senior 2 in 16<sup>th</sup> position and will begin the new academic year in February 2014.

## **Second Year Report**

Shariff Nyago got an aggregate of 26 and was promoted to S3. His best subject was commerce and he likes playing football.

**Update June 2015:** Sharrif is now 17. His favourite subjects are Maths and commerce and he still wants to be an accountant. He is class captain and plays football and runs. He is delighted with the new boy's dormitory.

## **End of year exams 2015**

Shariff scored an aggregate of 41 (Division 2) and performed best in History.



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## National first as humanist 'pastoral carer' joins Leicester Hospitals



January 4th, 2016

Leicester Hospitals have become the first in the UK to employ a non-religious pastoral carer. Jane Flint, whose part-time post is being charitably funded, will provide pastoral support to patients, families, and staff with non-religious beliefs from 4 January. The British Humanist Association (BHA) has welcomed the news that the non-religious will now be provided for in this way.

Jane has had extensive experience in caring professions, with qualifications in psychotherapy, adult education, and counselling and she is accredited in non-religious pastoral support by the British Humanist Association (BHA), with whom she is also an accredited funeral celebrant. In previous roles in the NHS, Jane has provided counselling support to trainee doctors and in Primary Care and she currently provides psychological support to children and families in the Nottingham Child Development centre.

Mark Burleigh, Head of Chaplaincy and Bereavement Services for Leicester's Hospitals, said, 'Whilst our chaplains have always supported non-religious patients, I am really excited at this development to broaden the choice for patients. Jane will give pastoral and spiritual support to patients who have non-religious beliefs and who would welcome the opportunity to speak to someone with a similar outlook on life. The Chaplaincy supports patients as they face many distressing situations and Jane will enhance that care.'



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## LIVING WITH DIFFERENCE

community, diversity and the common good

*Chair: The Rt Hon Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss GBE*

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