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A legacy of loyalty & service

Honouring the life of a local legend Bawa Mohammed Siddique

By Gohar Almass Khan

The passing of Haji Bawa Mohammad Siddique Saab has left a silence in Leeds that words struggle to fill.

To many he was more than an elder - he was a father figure, a bridge between generations, a man whose life embodied duty, dignity and belonging. His absence is felt across the city because he lived not for himself but for those around him.

For over two decades I was fortunate

to know him.

In my public role as Leeds councillor and Armed Forces Champion, I often stood beside him at civic and military events.

Yet my bond with him was more personal. He trusted me like a son, entrusting me on several occasions to write his speeches for significant events. That trust was his way of encouraging and empowering others – a quiet reflection of the faith he inspired.

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Watershed Moment: Adeeba Malik CBE to become first woman of South Asian heritage as Lord-Lieutenant



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Who is Adeeba Malik - and why this matters

The profile and background of Professor Malik make her uniquely suited to this moment:

- She brings more than 35 years' experience in public, voluntary and educational sectors, beginning her career as a teacher and, since 1992, as Deputy Chief Executive of the QED Foundation, a Bradford-based charity focused on social and economic inclusion.
- Her track record of civic involvement is deep: she has held roles on the House of Lords Appointments Commission, advised on honours committees in the Cabinet Office, served as an external advisor to the Home Office Strategic Race Advisory Board, engaged in the Bradford 2025 City of Culture bid, and held visiting professorships.
- She has been recognised in public honours: awarded an MBE in 2004 for services to community relations and business, and later a CBE in 2015 for services to interfaith and community cohesion.
- Earlier, she served as High Sheriff of West Yorkshire (2024/2025) - a centuries-old role with symbolic links to justice and public service, becoming the first woman from an ethnic minority to hold that post in the county.
- She already has formal ties to the Lieutenancy: she is a Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.



The appointment of Professor Adeeba Malik CBE DL as the next Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire marks a turning point for one of the oldest offices in Britain.

When she formally takes up the role in December, she will become the first woman of South Asian heritage to serve as a Lord-Lieutenant anywhere in the UK.

That alone carries profound significance: it signals that even the most traditional institutions, once closed to large sections of society, can evolve to reflect the communities they serve.

The role itself is centuries old. Once charged with raising the county militia, the Lord-Lieutenant now represents the monarch at civic and ceremonial events, from organising royal visits to recognising local volunteers.

It is a post rich in symbolism. Whoever holds it becomes a bridge between crown and community, embodying recognition and legitimacy in moments of celebration and commemoration alike.

In a diverse county like West Yorkshire, home to some of the largest South Asian and Muslim populations in the country, that symbolism has never mattered more.

For many people whose heritage, faith or origin has too often been cast as "other," seeing a person from a minority background step into one of the most visible ceremonial posts in the land counters a narrative that power, dignity and national belonging are exclusive.

This is not simply about optics. The timing of her appointment coincides with a moment of rising tension in Britain, where far-right movements, anti-immigrant sentiment and identity politics are exerting real

pressure on social cohesion.

Representation and renewal

Professor Malik's longstanding work in inclusion, diversity, and cohesion equips her to reach lines of trust and legitimacy that might not always be possible for less representative figures.

It's anticipated her appointment could deepen the relevance and resonance of the Lieutenancy among underrepresented communities.


Born and raised in Bradford to Pakistani parents, Professor Malik built her career in education before spending more than three decades at the QED Foundation, a charity dedicated to social and economic inclusion.

Along the way she has advised governments, sat on national commissions, held academic appointments, and served as High Sheriff of West Yorkshire. Recognition followed; an MBE in 2004, a CBE in 2015, and she has long been a Deputy Lieutenant of the county.

Her appointment is therefore more than symbolic. It provides an opportunity to reconnect a venerable institution with communities who have often felt invisible in the civic sphere. For young people in particular, seeing a woman of Asian heritage in such a role is a powerful reminder that public service is not reserved for a narrow elite.

Her appointment is a landmark for Britain. It shows that even in the rituals of monarchy, tradition and diversity can coexist. It reminds us that civic identity is strengthened, not diminished, when new voices step forward; and it offers a signpost for what a modern, plural Britain can look like when institutions choose to reflect the country as it really is.

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Bradford community champion, Nazim Ali, has returned from his 18th humanitarian mission, helping deliver vital aid to displaced Palestinian families in Egypt.

Between 27–31 August, Nazim travelled with a 15-strong UK team to Cairo and Giza as part of a deployment organised by Watford-based Hayaat Welfare Trust.

Working in 35-degree heat, the volunteers distributed more than a thousand food parcels and hygiene packs, alongside cash assistance and vouchers for children who have fled

Gaza since the war escalated in October 2023.

Collectively the UK team raised £94,615, with Nazim contributing £15,001 of that total.

“My initial target was £10,000 but thanks to the generosity of donors in Bradford and beyond, I was able to exceed that,” he said.

It is estimated that more than 100,000 Palestinians have sought refuge in Egypt since the outbreak of the conflict last year. Many are now living on the economic margins, without formal refugee status, which restricts their access to healthcare and state welfare.

Volunteers described visiting families caring for cancer patients unable to afford treatment, as well as survivors with war-related injuries and psychological trauma.

“We met people who had lost limbs, children left disfigured, and families who spoke of entire households being wiped out in Gaza,” Nazim recalled.

“It was profoundly upsetting to hear first-hand testimonies, but the smiles and words of gratitude reminded us that our efforts had touched lives.”

While short-term relief provides vital support, aid workers warn that the structural challenges facing Palestinians

in Egypt remain severe. Many refugees struggle with the rising cost of living, unemployment, and lack of access to diagnostic services or surgeries.

Nazim, a familiar face in Bradford’s civic and community life, has raised over £1.2m for humanitarian causes during the past decade. He was awarded the British Empire Medal in the King’s New Year Honours 2025 and last year received an honorary fellowship from the University of Bradford for almost three decades of charitable work.

He paid tribute to local businesses for their ongoing support, as well as his charity partners at Hayaat Welfare Trust. “We cannot change the world, but we can provide relief and show we care,” he said.

“Every donation goes directly to those in need, and every smile we see belongs to the donors who make this possible.”



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Leeds to Host Yorkshire's biggest ever pre-Navratri Garba bash!

Leeds is set to light up with colour, rhythm and community spirit as Yorkshire's Biggest Pre-Navratri Garba Celebration takes centre stage at the South Leeds Stadium on Saturday 13 September 2025.

Organised by Chiragi's BiBA (British Indian Bollywood Art), the spectacular night will bring together thousands from across the region for an unforgettable evening of Garba, Dandiya Raas, live DJ performances and authentic cultural traditions.

Described as one of the region's most anticipated cultural gatherings, the event offers more than just high-energy dance – it's a vibrant celebration of Gujarati folk heritage that welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

Founder Chiragi Solanki said: "Our Pre-Navratri Garba is more than just a night of dance; it's about celebrating unity, heritage and community spirit. We are proud to create a platform where families and friends can come together, enjoy culture, and feel a shared sense of belonging."

The evening will also see the attendance of city councillors, local representatives and West Yorkshire Police officials, underlining the role of Navratri in promoting inclusivity and community cohesion.

Beyond the dance floor, guests can indulge in authentic street food delights prepared by Panjabi Heven, with favourites such as Pani Puri, Bhel, Chaat and Vada Pav bringing the tastes of India to Leeds.

This year's event is backed by an impressive line-up of partners and sponsors including Sufiscore, Rock on Music, Akshar Supermarket, Tharavadu and Delux



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With the perfect mix of dance, music, food and cultural pride, this promises to be Yorkshire's most unforgettable Garba night yet.

The Navratri festivities won't end there – celebrations will continue with special events at Aria Suite (26 & 28 September) and Egan Suite (27 September). Combo tickets are available for families and groups.

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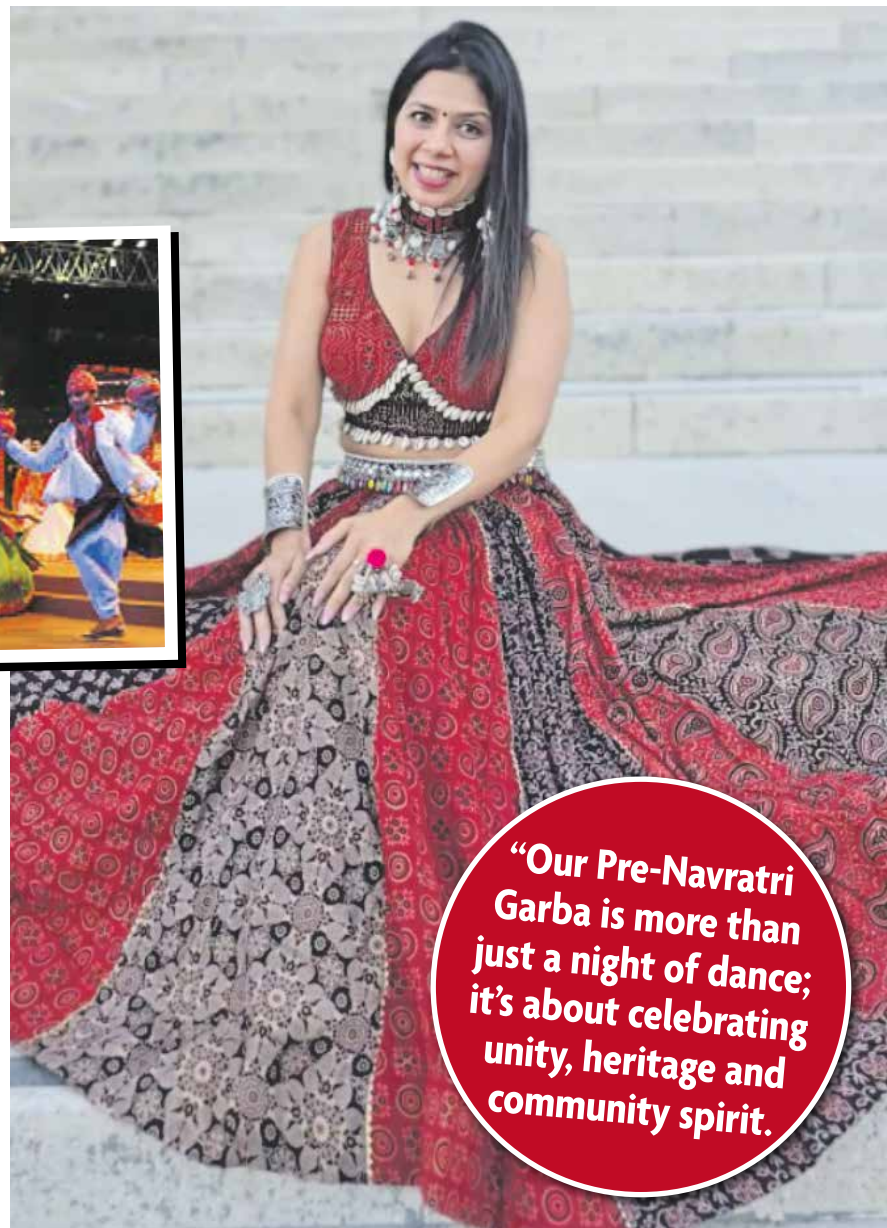
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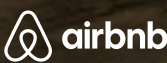
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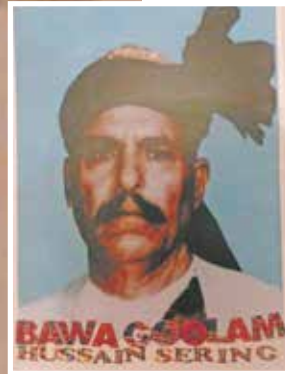
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Honouring the life of a local legend Bawa Mohammed Siddique

Bawa Mohammed Siddique's father, Goolam Hussain, served in the British Merchant Navy during the Second World War

Cover story continued

Bawa Saab's story cannot be told without remembering his late father, Goolam Hussain Bawa, who served with courage in the British Merchant Navy during the Second World War. His wartime letters remained treasured possessions, reminders of sacrifice and service.



For years, Siddique Saab fought to secure recognition of that contribution - finally succeeding in 2009 when the Ministry of Defence awarded his father a veterans badge. That victory was not only personal; it symbolised acknowledgment for an entire community's overlooked sacrifices.

From that moment, Bawa Saab wore his father's medals with pride. At Armed Forces Day, on Remembrance Sunday, at countless civic gatherings, he was always present, his grandson Zain often at his side.

That image of continuity touched many who saw it: remembrance was not for the past alone but a lesson for the future.

His loyalty was broad and unwavering. He never missed Pakistan Day or Independence Day ceremonies. For him, they were sacred occasions, intertwining his devotion to Pakistan, his solidarity with Kashmir, and his loyalty to Britain.

A proud Muslim, he was also a humanist in the truest sense - his friendships crossed faiths and cultures, his kindness extended to all.

What set him apart was his ability to harmonise identities.

He showed that being Muslim and British, Kashmiri and loyal to the Crown, could coexist with dignity.

He admired Her late Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family deeply, finding in their service a mirror of his own values of loyalty and honour. At the same time, he remained rooted in Azad Kashmir, with a love for horses, for kabaddi, and for the heritage that shaped him.

in them the living thread of what Bawa Saab embodied: loyalty, honour and a spirit of service.

He never sought the spotlight, yet he illuminated every space he entered. He did not chase recognition, but constantly offered it to others, with warmth and encouragement. His life was not only about remembering the sacrifices of the past, but about inspiring generations to come.

His message was constant: live with integrity, serve your community and

His message was constant - live with integrity, serve your community and country, be disciplined and loyal, and take pride in who you are.

His funeral on 11th September, was perhaps the clearest testament to his life.

One of the largest Leeds has seen, it drew mourners from every walk of life: the Consul General of Pakistan stood shoulder to shoulder with MPs, councillors, businessmen, shopkeepers, taxi drivers, and veterans. Restaurant owners, community leaders, neighbours and friends filled the crowd. The breadth of those who came spoke more than any tribute could: he had been a unifying presence, respected across divides.

For me, his legacy is bound to family and service. Coming from a line of soldiers myself, I found in his example the courage to encourage my own daughters, Miran and Maysoun Almash, to join the RAF cadets.

Today, as they serve with discipline in the 168 City of Leeds Squadron, I see

country, be disciplined and loyal, and take pride in who you are.

As Leeds mourns him, we also celebrate the lesson of his life: that our community is not an outsider in Britain's story, but an integral part of it. His voice and presence urged us to honour that place with dignity and service.

To the young, his call endures: do not let his example fade. Carry it forward. Work hard, live with integrity, honour your elders, and serve both your heritage and your homeland. That is how his flame will remain alive.

May Allah, the Most Merciful, grant Haji Bawa Muhammad Siddique Saab Jannat al-Firdous, grant his family patience, and grant us all the strength to walk in his footsteps.

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The boy who grew up hunting gold in the carpet... and turned it into a glamorous jewellery empire

For most of us, gold is something you glimpse in a shop window. For Deepak Bagga, it was scattered across the carpet of his childhood home.

As a little boy, he would crouch beneath his father's workbench, combing through the pile for tiny specks of precious off-cuts.

"It felt like a treasure hunt," he laughs. "I was six years old, collecting gold shavings from the carpet while my dad worked above me, turning molten bars into the most exquisite jewellery."

That father is Surinder Kumar, a skilled craftsman celebrated for his intricate hand engraving. Today, his legacy lives on in DBS Jewellery, the glittering brand Deepak has built in his honour. The initials – DBS – combine both their names, meticulously engraved on every piece.

And what pieces they are – 22-carat gold bridal sets, statement dress rings, stunning pendants, all encrusted with dazzling stones that catch the light with every movement – DBS is fast becoming a name to

know.

With each ring available in ten sizes, from I to R, and delivered free nationwide, the brand is making pure gold glamour feel effortlessly within reach.

But it's not just tradition that sets DBS apart. Deepak has brought 22-carat jewellery roaring into the digital age.

Harnessing cutting-edge CAD design software alongside his traditional bench training, he creates styles that blend timeless elegance with contemporary flair – high-end jewellery that no other 22-carat retailer in Britain can match.

And the modern touches don't stop there.

Customers can shop for DBS Jewellery online, spread payments with Klarna and Clearpay, and rest assured that every piece is hallmarked and certified with the Birmingham Assay Office and be safe in the knowledge that DBS Jewellery is also a proud member of the National Association of Jewellers.

It's a remarkable journey for a man who only began his formal training in 2013, armed with little

more than determination, vision, and the lessons passed down from his father.

"Some competitors are still stuck in the past," he says. "But consumers today expect flawless jewellery and the ease of having it delivered direct to their door. That's where DBS stands out."

The results speak for themselves. Since launching the website at the end of 2023, DBS has won fans across the UK, and even secured the endorsement of a nationally recognised TV personality, a moment Deepak describes as "like stepping into a dream."

For him, DBS is more than a business, it's a family legacy reimagined for a new generation.

"I'm so thankful for everyone who has believed in me," he says. "This brand is about more than jewellery – it's about honouring history, creating beauty, and building something that lasts."

From childhood "gold hunts" to creating one of Britain's most exciting new jewellery houses, Deepak Bagga's story is proof that some treasures are truly timeless.

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Father's Plea: £500,000 hope for life-saving cancer treatment

A father-of-three has issued a heartfelt plea for help after being told there are no more standard treatment options left for his aggressive blood cancer.

Ghazanafar Ali, a devoted dad and the only breadwinner for his young family, was diagnosed last year with multiple myeloma - a rare and aggressive cancer of the blood.

Since then, his life has been consumed by gruelling hospital visits, rounds of chemotherapy, and the crushing fear that he may not live to see his children grow up.

Ghazanafar's three children, aged just 17, 15 and 9, remain his driving force.

"For me, everything is about my children - their education, their future, the hope of being there for them as they grow," he said.

"But my world turned upside down when I was told I had multiple myeloma. It's been a constant battle ever since."

Treated at St James's Hospital in Leeds for the past two years, he has undergone three lines of chemotherapy, including a promising new drug called Elranatamab.

Yet despite initial hope, recent test results revealed that the cancer is once again advancing.

Doctors have now stopped chemotherapy, leaving Ghazanafar without further NHS options unless he qualifies for a clinical trial outside the city. For now, he is taking a drug called Pomalidomide, but it is no longer working as doctors had hoped.

His only remaining lifeline is CAR T-cell therapy, one of the most advanced cancer treatments in the world. But while this pioneering treatment offers real hope, it is not available on the NHS for his type of cancer - and the cost is staggering: around £500,000.

"I want so badly to fight for my life - for my children, for my wife, for my elderly mother, and for everyone who loves me. I'm not ready to give up," Ghazanafar said.

"But without this treatment, I may not have much time left. I believe that with the kindness of strangers, I can make it."

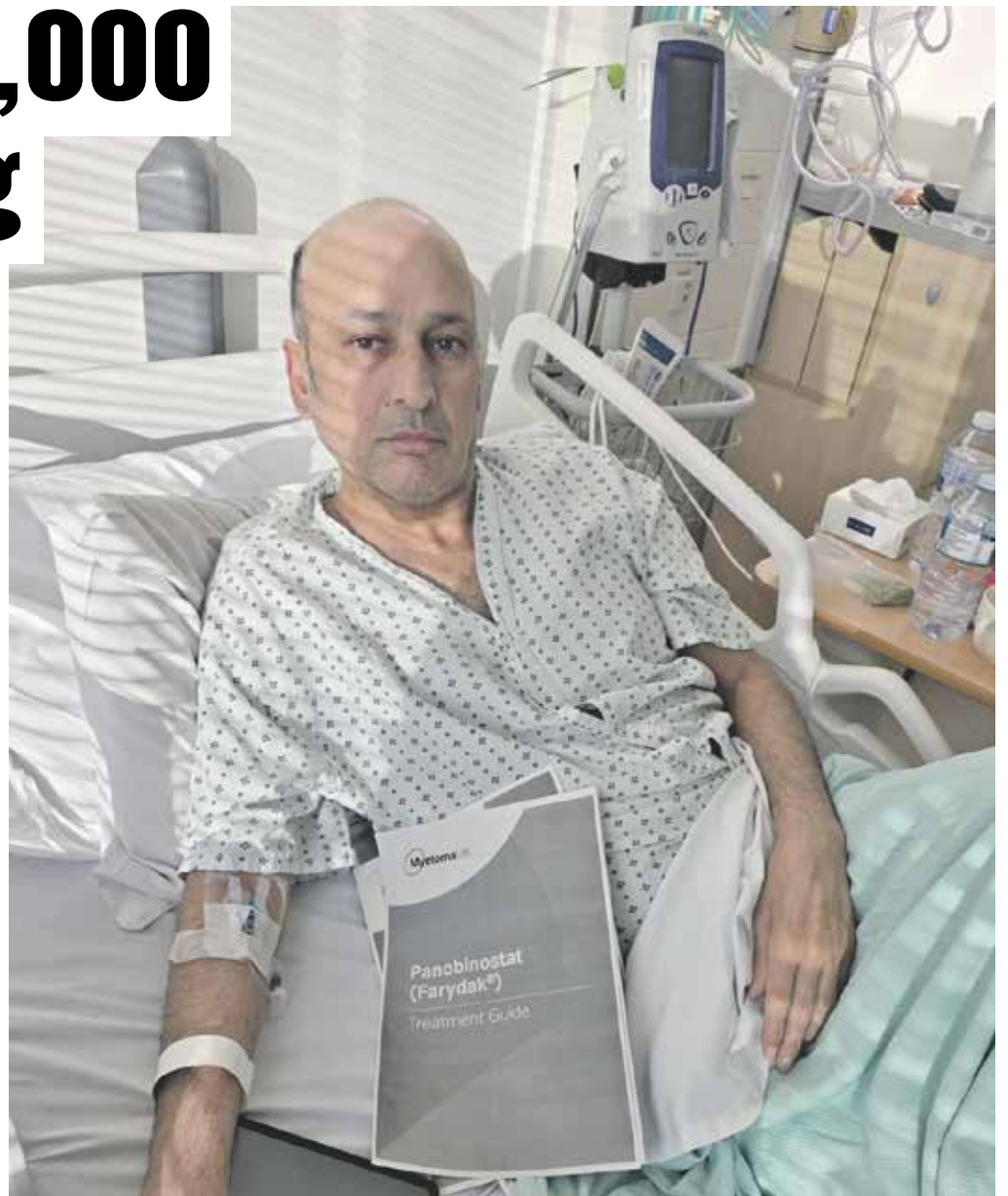
The family has launched a fundraising appeal to cover the cost of the therapy, travel, and specialist care. Every donation, no matter the size, will go directly toward giving Ghazanafar the chance to survive.

And in an act of generosity, he has promised that if, in any event, he does not survive, any remaining funds will be donated directly to helping other cancer patients.

"If you cannot donate, please share my story - every share could connect me to someone who can help," he added.

Ghazanafar has promised to keep supporters updated every step of the way. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for reading, for caring, and for standing with me in this fight."

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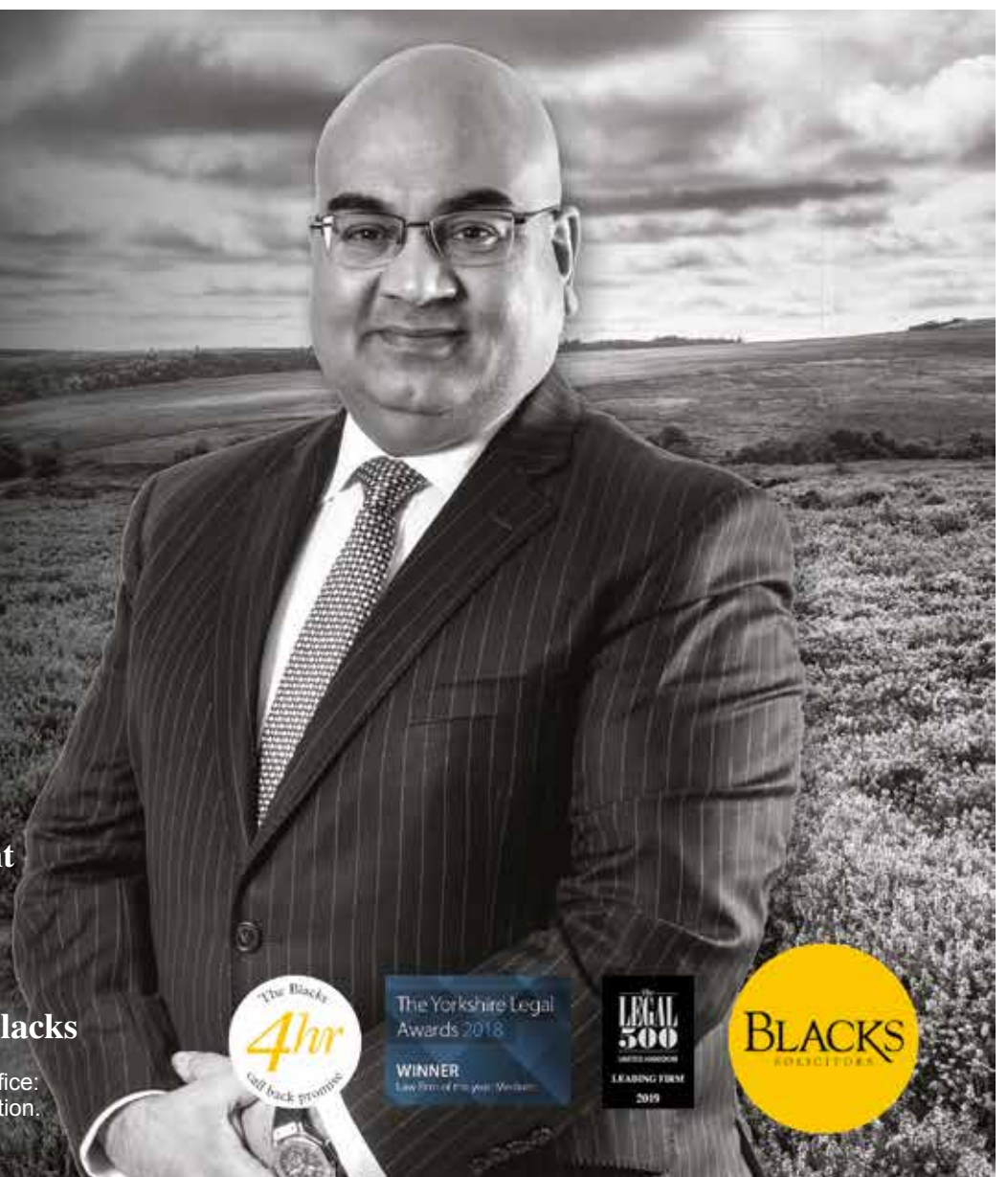
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The riders - Zubair Raje, Nadim Latif, Gavin Cunningham, Akef Akbar, Wakash Waheed, Amer Hittini, Muftah Mohamed, and Mohamed Mashaal - covered the distance in just four days, averaging 100-miles per day

Aberdeen to Dewsbury: Cyclists conquer 400-miles, raise £23K for Palestine

A team of eight cyclists have completed a gruelling 400-mile journey from Aberdeen to Dewsbury to raise funds and awareness for the humanitarian crisis in Palestine.

Led by organiser Zubair Raje, the team included Nadim Latif, Gavin Cunningham, Akef Akbar, Wakash Waheed, Amer Hittini, Muftah Mohamed and Mohamed Mashaal - powered through four relentless days in the saddle, covering 100-miles per day. That's the equivalent of scaling Mount Everest twice, all while averaging 13-15 mph over punishing terrain!

As well as the sheer mileage, they climbed a total elevation of more than 21,000 feet, that's the equivalent of scaling Mount Everest twice! Each rider burned through an eye-watering 25,000 calories, but it wasn't just about stamina, it was about solidarity.

The men, hailing from Aberdeen, Dewsbury and Wakefield, brought together Pakistani, Gujarati, Libyan, Egyptian, British English and Palestinian heritage, proving that unity can move mountains... or at least pedal over them. Their professional backgrounds were equally varied, spanning law, healthcare, business and community work, showing how people from all corners of society can unite for a shared humanitarian mission.

The ride wasn't just miles; it was moments. Communities lined the route with cheers, and as the riders rolled into Skipton, they were escorted by local heroes from the Pedlaz Cycling Group and BAD Cycling Club. The finale? A hero's welcome worthy of their effort!

Behind the handlebars stood an equally heroic pit crew: Zaheer Raje, Irfan Raje, Javid Jamal, Inaaya Raje, Sobhia Raje and Dr Sorcha Hittini. They handled everything from food and hydration to prayer breaks and recovery stops, earning the title of "unsung heroes" from the exhausted but grateful cyclists.

At the heart of the effort was Zubair Raje, who organised and led the ride. Zubair

played a pivotal role in coordinating logistics, rallying the team together and ensuring the challenge could be completed safely and successfully. Fellow cyclists widely praised his leadership, noting the event would not have been possible without his dedication and vision.

This wasn't by any means a solo mission either. Sponsors including Tyler Hoffman Solicitors, Plush Furniture, Aberdeen Accountants, Derbar and West Coast Estates made sure the wheels kept spinning by covering essential costs.

So far, £23,168 has been raised for Mercy for Humanity, with donations still rolling in. The funds will deliver emergency aid, including food, medicine and shelter, to families in Gaza and beyond.

A heartfelt thanks to the sponsors

The cyclists also paid tribute to the event's sponsors, without whom the ride would not have been possible. A huge and heartfelt thanks was extended to Tyler Hoffman Solicitors, Plush Furniture, Aberdeen Accountants, Derbar and West Coast Estates. Their generosity covered essential costs and ensured the riders could focus on the challenge and the cause.

Wider impact

The ride comes amid growing calls in the UK and across the world for stronger humanitarian support for Palestinians. Campaigners have stressed that grassroots initiatives such as this play a crucial role in both raising funds and keeping the crisis in the public eye.

Many described the event as a powerful demonstration of how ordinary people can mobilise to highlight global injustice.

One of the cyclist said: "This isn't just about one ride. It's about sustaining support for families who are living through a crisis. Every contribution helps."

Donations remain open, you can contribute directly through the campaign page at Mercy for Humanity: www.mercytohumanity.givebrite.com/aberdeenscotlandrideforpal



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The event, held at Leeds Golf Centre during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, saw 20 business teams swap boardrooms for fairways in a day packed with friendly competition, laughter, and fundraising spirit.

More than 80 players lined up their shots, cheered on by sponsors, donors, and partners including the Parklane Foundation.

Adding extra sparkle to the occasion, Piccadilly Motors of Knaresborough sponsored a Hole-in-One challenge with a brand-new car as the prize.

Sadly, no one drove off with the keys, though plenty of players gave it a swing!

Despite heavy rain cutting the action short, the atmosphere remained sunny. "The weather might have ended play early, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm," said Iain Blackwood Hobbs, Partnerships Executive at Candlelighters.

"We're so grateful to all the players, sponsors, and supporters who made the day such a success. Every pound raised will make a real difference for families across Yorkshire facing the unimaginable challenges of childhood cancer."

Funds raised will help Candlelighters deliver vital emotional, practical, and financial support - from counselling sessions and respite breaks to simply being a comforting presence when families need it most.

"Working with us isn't just about raising money - it inspires employees, strengthens customer loyalty, and helps businesses achieve their CSR goals," added Hobbs.

"Together, we can make a lasting impact."

With the first event hailed as a hole-in-one for community spirit, Candlelighters has already set a date for the sequel: September 2026. Until then, the charity is encouraging more Yorkshire businesses to get involved, pick up their clubs, and join the fight against childhood cancer.

Find out how you can support Candlelighters: candlelighters.org.uk/how-you-can-help

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“Funding alone won’t fix the inequities in legal training...” Justice in action?

For years, aspiring solicitors from disadvantaged backgrounds have described the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) as less a measure of skill and more an obstacle course built around cost.

The fees alone have derailed countless ambitions, shutting out those without financial privilege or family connections in the profession.

That is why the Law Society’s announcement of new support for disadvantaged SQE candidates has been greeted with cautious optimism. It offers some hope. Yet critics stress the fundamental barrier remains: exam fees that run to nearly £2,000 for SQE1 and almost £3,000 for SQE2.

Disquiet among trainees is growing. Petitions demanding reform, citing the exam’s difficulty and toll on wellbeing, have gathered hundreds of signatures. Even public figures have weighed in – some dismissively branding complainants “snowflakes”.

Against this backdrop, Sarah Khan-Bashir MBE of SKB Law says: “The Law Society’s funding announcement is an important step towards levelling the playing field.”

But even good news has caveats. The money comes not from new investment but from penalties levied on Kaplan for mishandling the SQE, hardly a vote of confidence in the system itself.



“£360,000 may sound like a lot,” she notes, “but in practice it will cover only around 190 candidates, and only for one exam each, not both or for any resits.”

Meanwhile, the deeper problems remain: punishing costs, a contested format, and persistent attainment gaps for Black and Asian candidates. Schemes like this can provide lifelines, but they are not the cure.

Law Society president Richard Atkinson has argued the funding will promote social mobility and widen diversity across

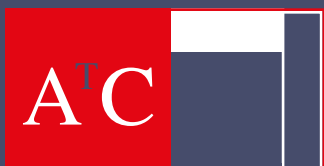
the profession. The Diversity Access Scheme (DAS) already offers financial aid, mentorship, and work experience. This new stream of money will extend that work.

Yet as Sarah reminds us: “Supporting disadvantaged candidates isn’t ‘snowflakery’, it’s common sense.

“But if we want a profession that truly reflects and serves society, then fairness requires more than patches around the edges: it means tackling the root causes that keep talent out.”



Solicitor Sarah Khan-Bashir MBE warns that the reality is stark: £360,000 is a drop in the ocean. With SQE1 alone costing £1,934 and SQE2 nearly £3,000, the grant will barely scratch the surface. At best, around 190 candidates might see one exam fee covered, leaving resits and the second stage entirely unaffordable for many.



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Tickets for Turner Prize 2025 released

Tickets have now been released for Turner Prize 2025, which is taking place at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery from 27 September 2025 to 22 February 2026 as a major moment in the Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture celebrations.

One of the world's best-known prizes for the visual arts, the Turner Prize aims to promote public debate around new developments in contemporary British art.

Established in 1984, the prize is named after the radical painter JMW Turner (1775-1851) and is awarded each year to a British artist for an outstanding exhibition or other presentation of their work.

This year, the shortlisted artists are, Nnena Kalu, Rene Matić, Mohammed Sami and Zadie Xa.

Turner Prize 2025 is part of Bradford

2025 UK City of Culture, a year-long celebration of Bradford city and district – the fourth UK City of Culture following Derry/Londonderry, Hull and Coventry.

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Turner Prize 2025 is supported by The John Browne Charitable Trust and The Uggle Family Foundation. Amplitude is a major supporter of Turner Prize 2025.

Tickets are available from bradford2025.co.uk/programme/turner-prize-2025

Mohammed Sami by Sarel Jansen



Nnena Kalu. Courtesy of the Artist and ActionSpace



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Zadie Xa by Charles Duprat. Courtesy Thaddaeus Ropac gallery



Rene Matić by Diana Pfammatter





'THE ASIAN MEDIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP CHANGED MY LIFE', SAYS SALFORD STUDENT

A University of Salford student who received the inaugural Asian Media Awards Scholarship has spoken about how the funding has helped change her life and given her the confidence to be a journalist.

BA Journalism (Broadcast) student Fazeela Munshi was the first to receive the Asian Media Awards Scholarship last year, as part of the award's historical collaboration with the University of Salford - which marks its 13th year in 2025.

Every October, the awards celebrate those within British Asian and mainstream media, providing a valuable platform for under-represented members working in the industry.

The scholarship was first announced at the 2023 awards ceremony by Professor Alan Walker, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the School of Arts, Media, and Creative Technology, providing £10,000 for a lucky candidate to pursue a three-year undergraduate

programme in the creative industries.

The scholarship was aimed at students from low-income households, to help alleviate some of their financial burdens and be able to focus on their education.

About to enter her final year at Salford, Fazeela's dream is to become a sports journalist, interviewing athletes and covering a range of events across the country.

She said that the scholarship has vastly improved her mental health and lifestyle, as she was struggling to make time for her education alongside working and commuting from Blackburn.

Three years before applying for the scholarship, Fazeela began working as a steward for Blackburn Rovers to provide another income for her mother and younger sister. Several times, she considered whether she would need to get even another job, as her train fares and food bills continued to add up.

In her first and second years

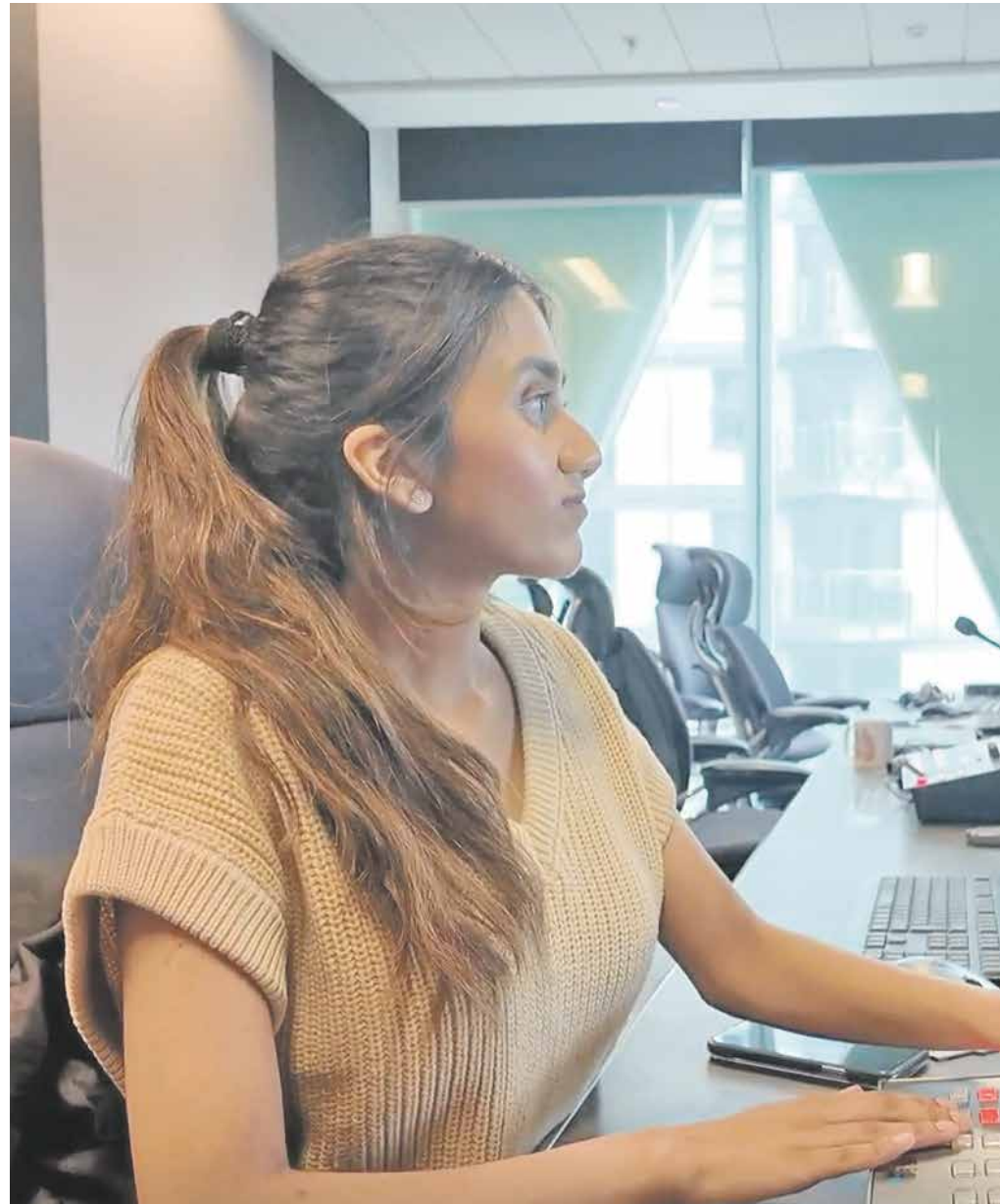
at Salford, Fazeela did receive a government loan, but it was not enough to cover the everyday expenses that she needed to get to campus. So, she spent much of her free time taking long shifts working instead of spending this time studying for her assessments.

After initially applying for the scholarship in April, Fazeela found out in June that she would be the first recipient of the coveted scholarship.

She said: "I was definitely shocked. It definitely gave me the belief that these people actually have some kind of faith in me.

"I had no savings. I had nothing. I was on holiday [when I applied], so I didn't know that I was going to win it, and I really didn't know about the likelihood that I was going to get it, but then I got the email!"

As Fazeela received the scholarship last summer after completing her first year, she was provided with funding for her first



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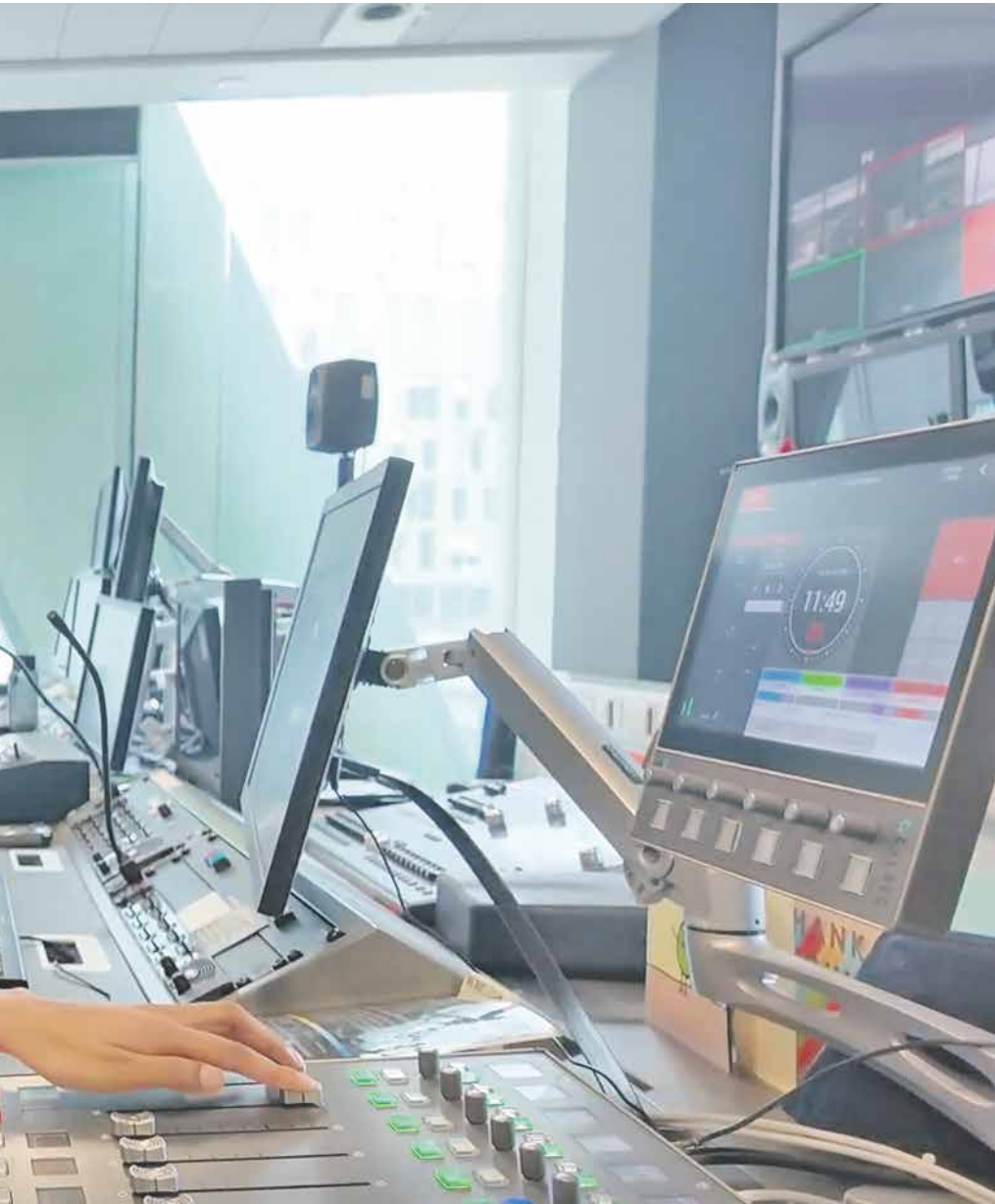
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year as well as her second year. She said the additional funding meant that she was able to reduce her working hours and attend more of her lectures and the journalism opportunities available at Salford.

The scholarship then provided her with not only the time and energy to go out and report in the field for her assignments but also the equipment to edit audio and video packages afterwards.

Before she was awarded the money, Fazeela often had to come back to university on her days off or stay later after class. With the scholarship funding, she was able to get herself a computer, equipped with Adobe Premiere Pro, so that she didn't have to make the hour-long commute to MediaCity to edit a video package.

She said: "The loan that I get from the government, I don't think it would have lasted me until the end of the semester, and then the commute to Salford — if I was trying to get there for like 8 or 9 in the morning, it would be like £12 for a train ticket. I look at it over the month, and you realise you're spending £200 or £300 a month just on transportation, so I think the scholarship definitely helped me with that."

As well as relieving the financial stress of her university commute, the scholarship funding also provided her with more flexible for her time outside of university - she was able to create a life for herself outside of her studies.

Fazeela said that one of her biggest investments was getting a new bed for the first time in years and officially moving out of the room she shared with her younger and older sisters.

She said: "We had been sharing a bunk bed since I think it was about 5 or 6. For 10 years, we had the same bed, and the only thing we changed was the mattress covers or, like, the duvet covers. I don't think I've ever slept better since I changed my bed."

Fazeela was able to finally move out of the room that she had shared with her sisters for the past 15 years.

Since freeing up her work schedule, Fazeela has kickstarted an independent podcast network.

Fazeela said: "[The scholarship] gave me the confidence to get out there and have the confidence to be a journalist or even a student journalist. You've given me this money, and now I feel like I have to, like, go and do it. I have to succeed; whether by force or not, I'm going to do it!"

Looking forward to next year, Fazeela said she felt relieved to know that she would be able to focus on her studies in the final year of her undergraduate degree and keep her work life flexible.

She said: "In the second year, I was balancing work and uni, but I feel like in my third year you need to lock in and get stuff done. I'm going to have to say no to working and just be like, 'I need to chase

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her exciting career since receiving the scholarship.

She worked with the BBC's cricket team this summer and helped them to cover the West Indies v England series for both the men and women's teams, as well as helping out the BBC World Series team.

Similarly, she was given some incredible opportunities working with BCOMS, a non-profit organisation that provides disadvantaged people with opportunities in sports media. She has covered the British Cycling Team and gone to masterclasses by Ellie Stott and the Crowd Network, this story! I need to do this!"

In the future, Fazeela would like to be working on the radio or in as a commentator at her home club, Blackburn Rovers, writing meaningful work for a new generation of sports journalists.

The 2025 Asian Media Awards will take place in Manchester on Friday 31 October. Nominations for all categories are set to close today (Thursday 28 August) with the shortlist for the various categories to be announced next month.

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The Perils of Airbnb for Leaseholders

In the past decade, the growth of Airbnb and other similar websites has seen a huge increase in the number of homeowners renting out their properties on short term lettings. For tourists this has proved to be a boon as stays at Airbnb accommodation are typically cheaper than in hotels. However, do such short-term lettings put leaseholders in breach of their lease? This was the question which the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) had to decide in the case of *Nemcova v Fairfield Rents Limited*.

In that case Miss Nemcova had a 99-year lease of a flat in Enfield. She was frequently absent and granted a series of short-term lettings of the flat, usually to business visitors to London. She estimated that it was let for about 90 days in the year. The lease did not require Miss Nemcova to occupy the flat as her only or main residence nor did it prohibit the use of the flat for business, short-term letting, occupational licence or holiday lets. However, the lease did contain a

covenant that Miss Nemcova was not to use the property "for any illegal or immoral purpose or for any purpose whatsoever other than as a private residence". Following complaints by the neighbouring residents, the landlord took action and claimed that as the short-term lettings did not constitute use of the flat as a private residence, Miss Nemcova was acting in breach of her obligations under the lease.

The Upper Tribunal found that the occupation of the flat by each of the short-term tenants lacked sufficient permanency for it to be considered occupation of the flat "as a private residence". Each of the short-term occupiers had their own private residence which they had left to occupy the flat temporarily for a specific short-term purpose in the same way as they would occupy a hotel room. Their occupation was therefore of a transient nature. For these reasons the Upper Tribunal found that Miss Nemcova was acting in breach of the covenant in her lease.

Although this case is fact sensitive, most leases will contain similar clauses relating to the use of the property. Whether a leaseholder is in breach of their lease if they let their property on this type of short-term basis will depend upon the construction of the particular covenant in the lease. Leaseholders considering short term Airbnb style sublets should carefully review their lease to ascertain

whether there are any restrictions on its use and seek legal advice where necessary otherwise they may be acting in breach of the terms of their lease which could lead to legal action being taken against them by their landlord which could ultimately result in the lease being forfeited.

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Mayors accuse government of undermining regional growth as not a single northern institution is chosen

Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire



North frozen out

Anger as region's universities miss out on £54m talent fund

Northern leaders, including the Mayor West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, have criticised the government for breaching its pledge to 'level up' the country after it was revealed that no universities in the North of England will receive a share of the £54m Global Talent Fund.

The scheme, run by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), is designed to attract world-class international researchers to Britain.

Twelve universities and research bodies across all four nations will share the funding, including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London and Cardiff University - but not a single institution in the North made the cut.

New analysis by the Northern Powerhouse Partnership found that seven northern universities, including Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Sheffield, Durham, York and Lancaster, surpassed the fund's £5m research threshold.

Both Durham and Lancaster also cleared the requirement for at least 35% of academic staff to be international, with Manchester missing by just 0.3 percentage points.

Henri Murison, the partnership's chief executive, said: "The principle behind the Global Talent Fund is absolutely right - attracting world-class researchers is essential to our future prosperity.

"But it is deeply disappointing that not a single northern university will benefit, especially when the selection criteria were both arbitrary and inconsistently applied. The North is not pleading - it is simply asking for fairness."

Eight metro mayors, including Andy Burnham, Tracy Brabin and Steve Rotherham, have signed a joint statement warning that the decision "undermines" the North's role as the UK's only credible economic counterweight to London and the South East.

"The North is home to some of the UK's most innovative, high-performing universities," the statement reads.

"Their exclusion from the Global Talent Fund undermines their contribution to the UK's economic success and the government's stated commitment to rebalance our economy."

The mayors have called for urgent reform to ensure research funding is distributed more fairly and transparently, warning that concentrating investment in the south risks stifling growth across other parts of the country.

UKRI defended the process, saying the awards were based on clear criteria. Science minister Lord Vallance insisted that "genius is not bound by geography" and said the UK remained "open to the bold and the brave" in research, wherever they are.

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Deepak Bagga,
owner of DBS Jewellery



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As a little boy, he would crouch beneath his father's workbench, combing through the pile for tiny specks of precious off-cuts.

"It felt like a treasure hunt," he laughs. "I was six years old, collecting gold shavings from the carpet while my dad worked above me, turning molten bars into the most exquisite jewellery."

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After seven years of being a private treasure, 'Pink Oud' is ready to step into the light.

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The top ten shortlisted Asian restaurants and takeaways across UK regions have been unveiled for the annual Asian Restaurant and Takeaway Awards (ARTA), the most prestigious celebration of pan Asian cuisine in the UK, taking place this year on Monday 6th October 2025 at the London Hilton Park Lane.

Hosted by BBC journalist and broadcaster, Samantha Simmonds, and magician, Paul Martin, the coveted awards recognise the very best of Asian cuisine across a range of national and regional categories.

ARTA 2025 continues to reward excellence, craft, creativity and great taste by bringing together the UK's most celebrated Asian restaurants, chefs and culinary professionals under one roof.

This year, over 1,295 restaurants and takeaways from across the UK were nominated by diners and food lovers, with a significant number of nominations coming through ChefOnline, ARTA's strategic partner and one of the UK's leading platforms connecting diners to Asian restaurants and takeaways.

Leveraging its national customer base of over a million, ChefOnline helped drive strong nationwide participation in the awards. Nominations were also bolstered by strong social media engagement and data insights such as Food Hygiene Ratings.

Speaking about the Asian Restaurant & Takeaway Awards 2025, Mohammed Munim, Founder Member and CEO of ARTA, said: "Asian restaurants and takeaways have long played a vital role in the UK's economy and culture.

"Their contribution through job creation, community impact, and culinary excellence, deserves to be recognised.

"Especially in today's challenging climate, ARTA is proud to champion their achievements and support their continued success. Every nominee is a testament to the industry's resilience and we look forward to celebrating them on 6th October."

From the prestigious National Champion of Champions, Regional Restaurant of the Year, and Chef of the Year to Takeaway of the Year

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Its name reflects both strength and softness, with a modern twist on tradition. The scent is designed for everyone. It does not lean towards masculine or feminine but exists as a shared experience - an expression of elegance that belongs to all.

Pink Oud opens with a gentle sparkle. Pear brings sweetness, pink pepper adds a subtle edge and orange blossom offers a soft floral grace. A note of Madagascan vanilla lifts the opening with warmth. At its heart, the fragrance surprises with a swirl of coffee, blending smoothly with jasmine and sandalwood. As it settles, the base lingers with oud, patchouli and vanilla, leaving a trail that is sweet, woody and fresh.

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Ayurveda and Menopause: Balance, Not Battle

By Prity Farooq
Prity Beauty & Aesthetic, Bradford

Too often framed as a medical problem, menopause is seen in Ayurveda as a natural stage of life. By balancing shifting energies - or doshas - the tradition emphasises nourishment, rest and compassion rather than cure.

For many women, menopause is framed in medical terms: a problem to be treated, a phase to “get through”. Ayurveda, India’s ancient system of health, offers a gentler perspective. Here, menopause is not a disease but a natural transition - one marked by shifting energies, or ‘doshas’.

According to Ayurveda, menopause is dominated by a rise in ‘Vata’, the dosha governing movement and change. In balance, Vata fuels creativity and adaptability. Out of balance, it can manifest as anxiety, dryness, poor sleep or mood swings - symptoms familiar to many women in midlife.

Ayurveda views these changes holistically, refusing to separate body from mind. Physical discomforts such as hot flushes or dryness are seen as intertwined with emotional shifts like irritability or low mood. The ‘Journal of Ayurveda and Integrated Medical Sciences’ notes that disturbances in dosha balance often reveal themselves simultaneously in both body and mind.

A tailored approach

Unlike standardised treatments, Ayurveda offers individualised guidance. Each woman’s ‘Prakriti’ - her unique constitution - is considered, along with her specific imbalances. Remedies might include Ashwagandha to ease anxiety, Brahmi to aid sleep, or coconut oil and aloe vera to relieve vaginal dryness.

Lifestyle changes play an equally central role. A regular sleep routine, grounding yoga practices, warm and nourishing meals, and gentle breathing exercises are all recommended to counter Vata’s restlessness. Spices such as turmeric, cumin and ginger are used to support digestion and metabolism, which often slow during this stage of life.

Ritual and renewal

Ayurveda also prescribes therapies designed to restore deeper balance. Abhyanga (oil massage) and Swedana (steam therapy) are thought to nourish tissues and release tension. Shirodhara - the rhythmic pouring of warm oil across the forehead - is used to calm the mind and ease insomnia. More intensive Panchakarma cleansing therapies are offered in Ayurvedic retreats as a way of “resetting” the system.

A reframing of midlife

Critics point out that scientific evidence for many Ayurvedic practices remains limited. Yet for women seeking more than symptom management, the philosophy itself can be liberating. Menopause, in this view, is not a failing body but a new life chapter - one that can be entered with balance, nourishment and care.

As more women explore integrative approaches, Ayurveda’s message is simple and resonant: menopause is not a battle to be fought, but a transition to be supported.



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Actors and entertainers vow boycott of Israeli film bodies over Gaza crisis

More than 1,800 actors, producers and entertainers, including several Hollywood stars, have pledged not to collaborate with Israeli film institutions they accuse of enabling Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

The statement, released Monday 8th September, comes amid mounting international outrage over the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, where Israel's military offensive has triggered widespread starvation and displacement.

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“Following the example of Filmmakers United Against Apartheid, who refused to engage with South African institutions under apartheid, we commit to not screening films, attending festivals, or working with Israeli film bodies - including cinemas, broadcasters and production houses

- that are complicit in genocide and apartheid against the Palestinian people,” the pledge declared.
The group stressed their stance does not target Israeli individuals, but specifically institutions accused of “whitewashing or justifying” abuses.
It cited the International Court of Justice’s ruling deeming Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territories

unlawful, and legal experts who say Israel’s military campaign in Gaza constitutes genocide.
Among those signing were Olivia Colman, Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo, Tilda Swinton, Riz Ahmed, Javier Bardem, Miriam Margolyes, and Cynthia Nixon.
Israel has dismissed such boycotts as discriminatory, saying its actions

in Gaza are acts of “self-defense” following Hamas’s October 2023 assault that killed 1,200 people and saw over 250 taken hostage, according to Israeli figures. The subsequent campaign has killed tens of thousands in Gaza and displaced its entire population.
The pledge coincided with the Venice Film Festival’s screening of

The Voice of Hind Rajab - a film about a five-year-old Palestinian girl killed by Israeli forces, which earned a standing ovation. Brad Pitt and Joaquin Phoenix served as executive producers.
View the full list here: <https://filmworkersforpalestine.org/#endingcomplicity>

WHEN
DESTINY
CALLS,
I'M ON THE WAY

Aabeer Gulaal, starring Fawad Khan and Vaani Kapoor, releases worldwide (except India) on 12th September, 2025.

On the Way is more than a song — it's the sound of a long-cherished dream beginning to unfold. The heart swells with a rush of emotions: excitement, fear, anticipation, joy, and the quiet strength to keep moving forward. It is the anthem of courage — of taking that one decisive step towards destiny.

Composed by the visionary Amit Trivedi, and brought to life by the soulful voices of Akanksha Sethi and Raghav Chaitanya, the track beautifully captures the rhythm of aspiration. Its soothing melody mirrors the bittersweet journey of a dream — tender, hopeful, and unstoppable.

On screen, we see Gulaal embracing

this journey — working hard, stepping out of her comfort zone, and slowly tasting the sweetness of her hopes turning into reality. Each beat carries the promise that every struggle, every stumble, brings her closer to what she was always meant for.

On the Way is the song of becoming — a reminder that destiny isn't a destination, but the journey itself. Presented by Southpaw Entertainment and Indian Stories (UK), produced by Vivek B. Agrawal and directed by Aarti S. Bagdi, Aabeer Gulaal is a heartwarming romantic comedy about love, laughter, and healing.

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Make Space for Love

On The Way

WHAT'S ON

in cinemas this month

A woman in a red dress is walking away from the camera down a red carpet in a grand, ornate hall. The hall has high ceilings, large columns, and a checkered floor. The lighting is warm and golden. The woman is wearing a long, flowing red dress with a low back and a small bow at the waist. She is looking back over her shoulder. The hall is filled with antique furniture, including a large chair on the left and a table on the right. The overall atmosphere is one of elegance and grandeur.

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale

Starring: Hugh Bonneville, Laura Carmichael, Jim Carter, Raquel Cassidy, Brendan Coyle, Michelle Dockery, Kevin Doyle, Michael Fox, Joanne Froggatt, Harry Hadden-Paton

Director: Simon Curtis

Cert: PG **Genre:** Drama

Release Date: 12/9/2025

The cinematic return of the global phenomenon, follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. As the beloved cast of characters navigates how to lead Downton Abbey into the future, they must embrace change and welcome a new chapter.

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The Roses
Starring: Andy Samberg, Kate McKinnon, Jamie Demetriou, Ncuti Gatwa, Belinda Bromilow, Sunita Mani, Zoe Chao, Allison Janney, Benedict Cumberbatch, Olivia Colman
Director: Jay Roach
Cert: 15
Genre: Comedy
Release Date: 29/8/2025

Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy (Olivia Colman) and Theo (Benedict Cumberbatch): successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But beneath the façade of their supposed ideal life, a storm is brewing – as Theo’s career nosedives while Ivy’s own ambitions take off, a tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites. The Roses is a reimagining of the 1989 classic film The War of the Roses, based on the novel by Warren Adler.

The Conjuring:
Last Rites

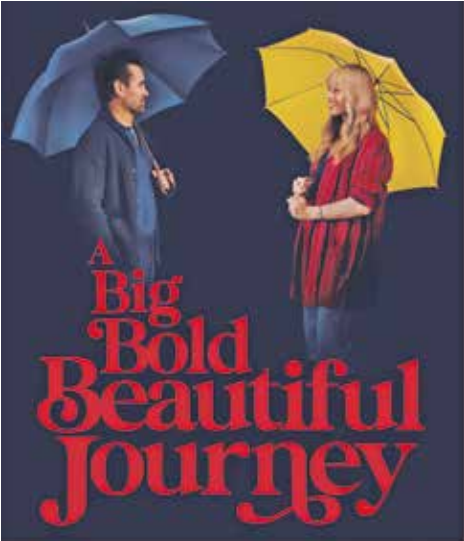
Starring: Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, Mia Tomlinson, Ben Hardy, Rebecca Calder, Elliot Cowan
Director: Michael Chaves
Cert: 15 **Genre:** Horror
Release Date: 5/9/2025

The Conjuring: Last Rites delivers another thrilling chapter of the iconic Conjuring cinematic universe, based on real events. Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson return as Lorraine and Ed Warren in a powerful and spine-chilling addition to the global box office-breaking franchise.



The Long Walk
Starring: Charlie Plummer, Cooper Hoffman, Josh Hamilton, Ben Wang, David Thor Jonsson, Garrett Wareing, Tut Nyuot, Jordan Gonzalez, Joshua Odjick, Judy Greer, Roman Griffin Davis
Director: Francis Lawrence
Cert: 15 **Genre:** Horror
Release Date: 12/9/2025

From the legendary author, Stephen King. A group of teenage boys compete in an annual contest known as “The Long Walk,” where they must maintain a certain walking speed or get shot. In the near future, where America has become a police state, one hundred boys are selected to enter an annual contest where the winner will be awarded whatever he wants for the rest of his life. The game is simple - maintain a steady walking pace of four miles per hour without stopping. Three warnings, and you’re out - permanently.



A Big Bold Beautiful Journey
Starring: Margot Robbie, Colin Farrell, Kevin Kline, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Billy Magnussen, Hamish Linklater, Lily Rabe
Director: Kogonada
Cert: 15 **Genre:** Drama
Release Date: 19/9/2025

What if you could open a doorway and walk through it to re-live a defining moment from your past? Sarah (Margot Robbie) and David (Colin Farrell) are single strangers who meet at a mutual friend’s wedding and soon, through a surprising twist of fate, find themselves on A Big Bold Beautiful Journey – a funny, fantastical, sweeping adventure together where they get to re-live important moments from their respective pasts, illuminating how they got to where they are in the present...and possibly getting a chance to alter their futures.

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Ferrari has lifted the lid, quite literally, on its most daring open-top supercar yet: the 849 Testarossa Spider. This isn't just another convertible, it's a statement of intent from Maranello.

Combining Italian flair with space-age engineering, it marries a

mid-mounted twin-turbo V8 with three electric motors to unleash a staggering 1,050 horsepower.

That makes it the most powerful V8 spider Ferrari has ever produced - and a machine capable of sending shivers down the spine before you've even thumbed the iconic red start button.

It's faster, smarter and louder than the SF90 Spider it replaces, yet also cleaner, thanks to its plug-in hybrid heart. Drop the roof, floor the accelerator, and you've got a car that doesn't just turn heads, it practically snaps necks.

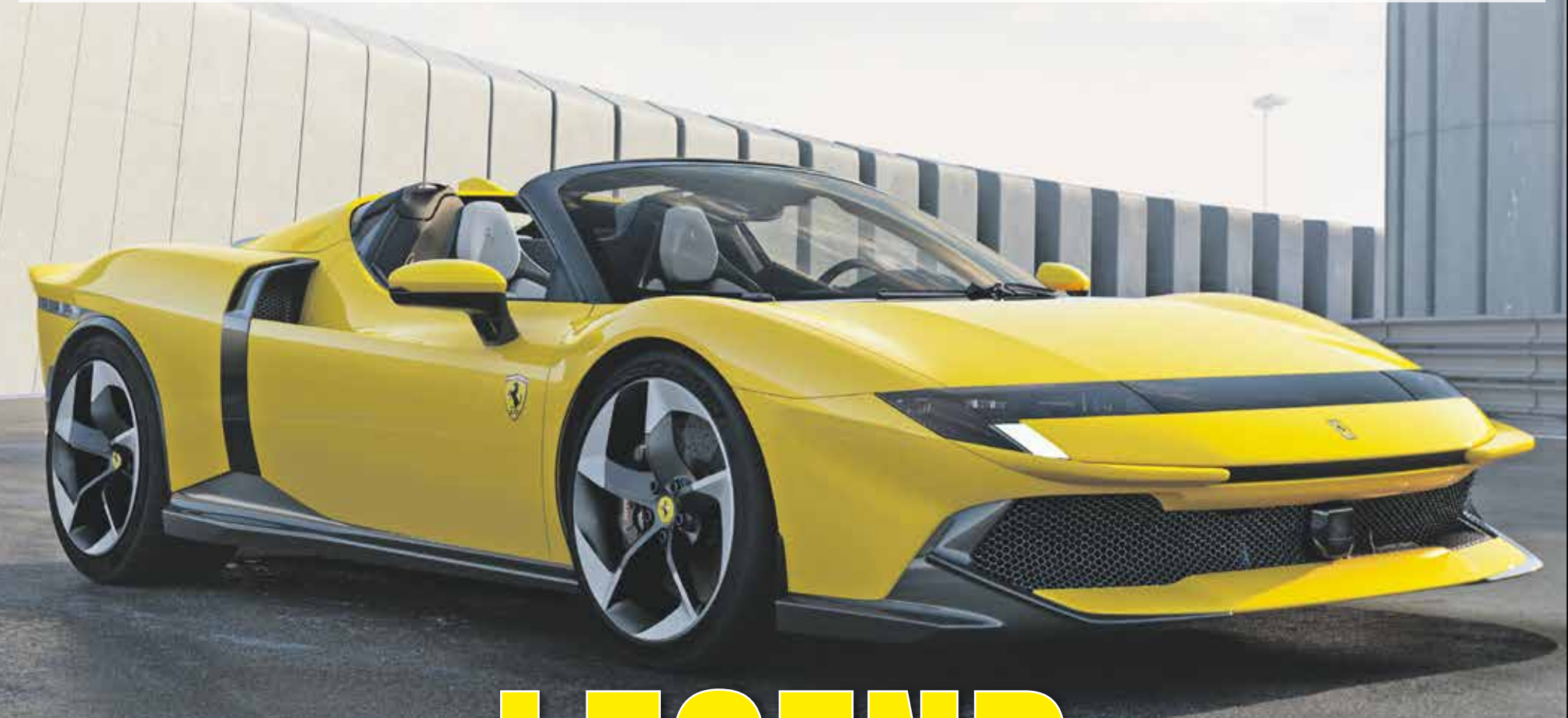
Heritage meets horsepower. The name alone tugs at the

heartstrings. "Testarossa" is one of Ferrari's most evocative badges, first appearing in the 1950s on scarlet-cam racing machines before becoming an '80s poster icon. Now Maranello has resurrected it for a new age, infusing heritage with hybrid muscle.

Its 4.0-litre V8, completely

re-engineered, churns out 830 cv on its own. Add the three electric motors, and you're dealing with the most powerful V8 spider Ferrari has ever built. Acceleration is savage, while the top speed sails beyond 210mph.

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The Ferrari 849 Testarossa Spider roars back into the future

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Yet it can also tiptoe through the city in full-electric mode for 25km - a Jekyll-and-Hyde act few rivals can match.
Roof down, senses heightened

The retractable hard top folds away in just 14 seconds, even on the move, turning the Spider from coupe to roadster with a flick. Ferrari engineers even devised a clever wind-catcher behind the seats to smooth airflow, making top-down blasts less blustery and more exhilarating.

Beneath the drama lies serious science. A Formula 1-inspired ABS Evo system makes braking more precise, while Ferrari's FIVE "digital twin" predicts how the car will behave in real time and adjusts accordingly. Active aerodynamics, including a rear spoiler capable of switching

modes in less than a second, keep the Spider planted, generating a mighty 415kg of downforce at speed.
Design that commands attention
From every angle, the 849 Spider oozes theatre. Styled under Flavio Manzoni, its sharp, sculpted lines nod to 1970s prototypes, while the double-tail rear echoes the legendary 512 S.
Even the doors are aerodynamic channels, feeding cool air to the beast behind your head.
Inside, it's part fighter jet, part luxury lounge. A digital driver display, passenger screen and mechanical start button add to the drama. Seats range

from plush comfort to lightweight carbon-fibre racing shells.
Opt for the Assetto Fiorano pack and you'll save 30kg thanks to carbon wheels and Alcantara seats, while bespoke paint shades like Rosso Fiammante and Giallo Ambra add extra dazzle.
The verdict? With its fusion of heritage, high-tech wizardry and hair-raising performance, the 849 Testarossa Spider is more than just a new Ferrari. It's a legend reborn - and proof that open-air motoring has never felt so electrifying.



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New era

BMW iX3 - the electric SUV redefining the future

BMW has lifted the curtain on the next-generation iX3 – an all-electric SUV that doesn't just update the brand's popular X3 formula, but reimagines it for a future built around the company's Neue Klasse platform.

Arriving in the UK in March 2026, priced from £58,755, the new iX3 marks the beginning of a bold new chapter for BMW's electric ambitions.

At first glance, the iX3 is unmistakably a BMW Sports Activity Vehicle (SAV). Its proportions echo the brand's family DNA - upright, muscular, and confident - but with sleeker surfacing and crisp lines that emphasise aerodynamics.

Measuring 4,782 mm long and 1,895 mm wide, the car sits on a stretched wheelbase of 2,897 mm, giving it both presence and practicality. A drag coefficient of just 0.24 underlines how much attention has been paid to airflow.

The front end carries new sculpted kidney grilles, inspired by BMW's heritage, flanked by slim headlights with vertical daytime running lights. Customers can add the optional Iconic Glow lighting package, which gives the grille a dramatic illuminated outline.

Flush-fitting door handles, bold wheel arches, and a tapered roofline sharpen the profile, while the rear is dominated by striking L-shaped LED light clusters and a neatly integrated roof spoiler.

Practicality hasn't been sacrificed for style. The boot offers 520 litres

of luggage space, expanding to 1,750 litres with the seats folded, plus a useful 58-litre "frunk" under the bonnet. Towing capacity for the xDrive 50 model is rated at 2,000 kg, thanks to the strengthened electric powertrain.

A digital-first interior

Step inside, and the new iX3 feels distinctly different from any BMW before it. Minimalist in layout but rich in technology, the cabin is designed entirely around the electric platform, maximising space and comfort for all five passengers.

The "floating" dashboard wraps around into the door panels, while the use of fabric surfaces with backlighting gives the interior a warmer, more lounge-like feel.

A full-length panoramic sunroof floods the cabin with natural light, while redesigned seats - heated and electrically adjustable as standard - balance elegance with everyday support.

The centre console has been completely rethought, with twin wireless charging pads, multiple USB-C ports, and physical switches for core functions. Subtle details, such as new haptic door openers and illuminated trim elements, reinforce the sense of modernity.

Panoramic iDrive – BMW's digital leap

The iX3 debuts BMW's Panoramic iDrive, a revolutionary infotainment platform designed to blend physical, touch, and voice controls.

A key highlight is the Panoramic Vision display, which projects

information across the entire windscreen, keeping vital data in the driver's eyeline while allowing customisable content for passengers.

Alongside it sits a free-floating central display with QuickSelect widgets, complemented by a 3D Head-Up Display option. The system is powered by BMW Operating System X, offering streaming apps like Spotify and Disney+, in-car gaming through AirConsole, and even built-in video conferencing via Zoom.

The Intelligent Personal Assistant has also been upgraded with new voices and AI-driven routines. BMW says future over-the-air updates will enable even more intuitive Large Language Model voice commands.

Electric performance, redefined

Underneath, the iX3 50 xDrive launches with BMW's sixth-generation eDrive technology. Twin motors, one at each axle, deliver a combined 469 hp and 645 Nm of torque. That translates to 0-62 mph in just 4.9 seconds, with an electronically capped top speed of 130 mph.

Efficiency has been given equal priority. Thanks to a new 108.7 kWh battery pack with cylindrical cells, the iX3 can achieve up to 500 miles of range (WLTP). Weight is kept down by integrating the pack into the structure of the car, reducing complexity and boosting rigidity.

Charging is equally impressive. At a 400 kW DC fast charger, the iX3 can add 231 miles in just 10 minutes, with a 10-80% top-up taking 21 minutes. The new model also debuts

bidirectional charging for BMW, meaning the car can feed power back to a home system or external devices – perfect for powering a campsite or stabilising energy at home.

Smarter electronics, safer drive

BMW calls the iX3's new electronics setup a "digital nervous system".

Four powerful onboard computers – nicknamed "superbrains" – control everything from drive dynamics to infotainment and safety. This allows for faster processing, smoother energy management, and more advanced driver-assistance features.

The "Heart of Joy" superbrain manages power delivery and braking, allowing 98% of braking to be handled through energy recuperation alone – making the friction brakes almost redundant in everyday driving. The result is sharper response, smoother stops, and greater efficiency.

Meanwhile, BMW's Symbiotic Drive fuses automated assistance with human control. Adaptive cruise control, traffic-light recognition, and city-driving aids feel more intuitive, while AI helps the car anticipate driver behaviour.

Choice and customisation

At launch, UK buyers will have three trim levels to choose from: iX3, iX3 M Sport, and iX3 M Sport Pro. Even the entry-level version comes well-equipped with heated seats, dual-zone climate, and wireless phone integration. M Sport models add sportier styling, larger alloy wheels, and upgraded interior trims, while

the Pro specification brings Adaptive LED headlights, premium audio, and additional driver aids.

Personalisation extends to paintwork too, with six colours at launch – including two exclusives, Polarised Grey and Ocean Wave Blue – and more options arriving in 2026. Wheels range from 20 to 22 inches, with lightweight aero-optimised designs available through BMW Individual.

Sustainability built in

BMW is also keen to stress the iX3's green credentials. Around a third of the car is made from secondary raw materials, from recycled plastics in the seat fabrics and underbonnet lining to 70% recycled aluminium in the wheels. Production takes place at BMW's new Debrecen plant in Hungary, powered entirely without fossil fuels.

The result is a model with a lifecycle carbon footprint 34% smaller than its predecessor, meaning the iX3 reaches carbon parity with a petrol equivalent after just 13,000 miles if charged on Europe's standard grid – or even sooner with renewable electricity.

The new benchmark

When it arrives in March 2026, the BMW iX3 will set the tone for a generation of Neue Klasse vehicles. With its blend of long-range capability, cutting-edge tech, and trademark BMW driving feel, it's more than just a new X3 – it's a statement of intent.

For those looking for the sweet spot between family practicality and forward-thinking electric performance, the new iX3 could well be the beginning of a very bright era.

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The air at Bradford (Park Avenue) A.F.C. was electric - drums beating, flags waving, children darting between stalls with footballs at their feet.

This was no ordinary Sunday afternoon; it was the Community Fun Day, a celebration of sport's power to bring people together.

From the opening youth skill sessions to the buzz around the new Kick Back Project, the ground brimmed with energy. But all eyes were on the pitch for the main event - the ISSE Champions Cup Final, pitting Pakistan against Bangladesh in a clash that felt bigger than football.

From the first whistle, it was end-to-end action. Pakistan carved out the early chances, their forwards testing the Bangladeshi keeper with sharp strikes, while Bangladesh responded with lightning counters that had the crowd on its feet. Every tackle drew roars, every shot drew gasps.

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The atmosphere was part carnival, part cup final. In the second half, Pakistan finally broke the deadlock - a crisp finish that sent their fans into raptures.

Bangladesh threw everything forward, hitting the post late on, but Pakistan held their nerve to lift the trophy.

The celebrations were loud, proud, and respectful - a reminder that in football, rivalry and unity can live side by side.

But the day wasn't just about silverware. Away from the touchline, the Sports Campaign Against Racism (SCAR) hosted a panel that hit just as hard as the tackles on the pitch.

Voices from across sport - former Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe, Desiballers' Zohaib Rashid, martial arts mentor Sensei Mumtaz Khan, Halifax Panthers' Kara Colvin, Chapeltown FC's Ahmed Elturabi, and Northern Premier League's Umar Ahmed, all spoke with honesty about racism, representation, and the urgent need for change.

"When we come together through sport, we

can challenge racism, empower underrepresented voices, and strengthen community ties," said Sutcliffe, to nods and applause.

Matt Everett, Director of the Bradford Park Avenue Sports Foundation, looked out over the packed stands and summed it up: "Sport is more than just a game. It's a vehicle for opportunity, inclusion, and connection. Today showed the real power of football in our communities."

Humayun Islam BEM, founder of ISSE Ltd, added: "From the Kick Back youth sessions to the Champions Cup Final, every moment reinforced the message that sport can break down barriers and bring people together."

For Dr Ikram Butt, Executive Director of SCAR, the day marked a watershed: "This was a powerful example of what can be achieved when we centre inclusion and equity in sport. Seeing people from all walks of life come together in Bradford to listen, learn, and lead was deeply inspiring. We look forward to building on this momentum."



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Known for his razor-sharp jab, slick movement and tireless work ethic, Akbar has all the tools to trouble the best. His opponent is yet to be confirmed, but insiders expect a serious test. Still, Team Akbar is brimming with confidence.

Trainer Grant Smith said: "Harris is peaking at just the right time. His discipline in training has been second to none. September 27th is going to be special."

With fans expected to travel in their droves from Bradford and beyond, the atmosphere in Sheffield will be electric.

All eyes now turn to Akbar - Britain's next big boxing hope - as he looks to deliver another explosive night and move one step closer to stardom.

"Hurricane" Harris Akbar set for Sheffield showdown



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– Harris Akbar



Q&A | Harris Akbar:

“I want to put Bradford on the map”

Mohammed Harris Akbar – professional boxer, former Team GB star and 2022 European Champion – is gearing up for his second professional bout in Sheffield on September 27. The Bradford-born fighter spoke to Asian Express about life in camp, the pressures of staying unbeaten, and why he wants to be a role model for the next generation.

How’s camp been ahead of September 27?

Camp’s been going great – actually ahead of schedule. It’s only my second professional camp, so being in this environment has been a blessing. Every day I’m learning, and I honestly can’t wait to show everyone what I’m capable of.

What’s different in your prep this time?

A lot is the same, but there are small tweaks to my boxing style. Settling into the professional world is still tricky because I come from such a high-level amateur background. The rhythm is very different, and it’s about adjusting.

Walk us through a typical training day.

To most people, it would look boring! I’m up at 8am, and thanks to my nutritionist, every meal is planned out for me. After a good breakfast, it’s my first boxing session of the day. Then lunch and some rest – though “rest” usually means PlayStation for me. In the evening I’ll get my second session in, usually a steady 60-minute run, followed by dinner. Sometimes I’ll throw in a coffee pick-me-up mid-afternoon, but that’s about it. Nothing glamorous, just consistent hard work.

Any new skills or tactics you’re focusing on?

The biggest adjustment is slowing down. As an amateur, I was used to fighting at 100 miles an hour, but in the pros you need patience and control. That’s been the real challenge – breaking old habits and learning to settle.

How key have nutrition and recovery been?

Massive. Nutrition is everything in this sport. Thankfully, my team at Prime Health & Performance have me covered. It’s those little one-percent details that make a big difference when you’re in the ring.

How are you handling the pressure of staying unbeaten?

Honestly, I don’t see it as pressure. It excites me. I’m hungry to win titles, to



fight on big stages, and to show people what I’m about. Being unbeaten is nice, but for me it’s about the journey to the top.

What drives you most when you step into the ring?

My family. They’ve backed me through everything, gone out of their way to support me, and shown me so much love. I never want to disappoint them. They’re my biggest motivation.

What kind of test are you expecting from your opponent?

I expect him to come and try to win – and I love that. I’m at my best when there’s a real challenge in front of me.

What strengths will you look to showcase in Sheffield?

I’ll keep those cards close to my chest. People will have to come and watch. What I can promise is that I won’t disappoint.

How much does Bradford’s support mean to you?

It means everything. Nothing compares to having your hometown behind you. Bradford’s support pushes me, and I want to put the city on the map.

Do you see yourself as a role model for young British Asians?

Yes, 100%. It’s something I wanted even as a kid. Growing up, I didn’t see many role models who looked like me – just examples of people I didn’t want to be like. Now I want to show young kids that people like us, from where we come from, can do it and can have it all.

Where do you want to be in 12 months’ time?

I want more fights under my belt, a higher ranking, talk of bigger bouts, and to be edging close to a title shot.

And the ultimate goal?

To become a household name. I want to be a champion in the ring – but also a champion to the people. That’s what drives me every single day.

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The 26-year-old European gold medallist and rising British Asian star vows to make a statement at his next fight as he looks to keep his unbeaten record alive

Boxing star Harris Akbar is ready to unleash another storm in the ring.

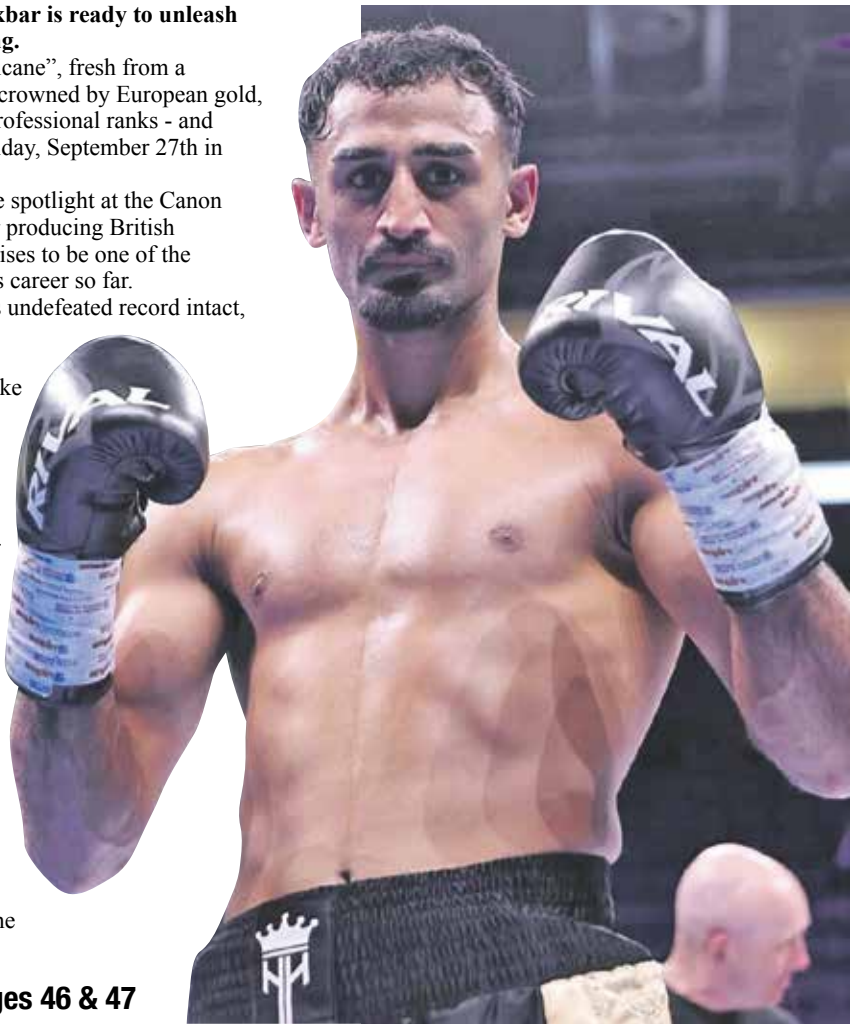
The 26-year-old “Hurricane”, fresh from a glittering amateur career crowned by European gold, is charging through the professional ranks - and his next test comes on Friday, September 27th in Sheffield.

Akbar will step into the spotlight at the Canon Arena, a venue famed for producing British champions, in what promises to be one of the toughest challenges of his career so far.

Determined to keep his undefeated record intact, the Bradford sensation has vowed to put on a performance that will shake up the division.

“I’ve been training harder than ever,” Akbar declared. “Every fight is a step toward something bigger, and on September 27th, I plan to make a statement. I’m proud to represent Bradford, and I’m bringing that hunger to Sheffield.”

A proud British Asian athlete, Akbar has become a role model far beyond his home city. From Bradford’s streets to the national stage, his rise has inspired fans across Yorkshire and the UK, particularly within the South Asian community.



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