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DR. SALMAN KIRMANI

Panelist

Dr. Salman Kirmani, a renowned child specialist, Medical Geneticist, and Endocrinologist. He is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Aga Khan University, where he also serves as Chair of the Division of Women & Child Health, in addition, he is also the Interim Director of the Human Development Program. A Dow Medical College graduate with residencies and fellowships from the Mayo Clinic USA, he is certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics and Pediatrics. Having returned to Pakistan after a distinguished tenure at the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Kirmani is dedicated to integrating health into education and fostering collaboration among parents, teachers, and administrators.





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FAIZA BHAMANI

Panelist

Faiza Bhamani, a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and the founder of Umatter Therapy Centre. With a Master's in Applied Behavioral Analysis; specializing in autism from Ball State University USA, she began her career at the Carbone Clinic, Dubai. Ms. Bhamani brings her expertise in integrating therapeutic strategies into educational settings. Her prime focus is on early intervention and collaboration between educators and therapists; empowering parents, educators, and professionals through training and awareness initiatives.





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IMRAN AZHAR

Panelist

Imran Azhar, the visionary Founder and CEO of AzCorp Entertainment. He leads a multi-award-winning social enterprise that uses comics, animations, and audio stories to promote civics, social justice, and gender equality among youth. As Vice President of Ilm Association, he advocates for innovative education solutions and skills development in Pakistan. A passionate storyteller, Imran also enjoys exploring the world of comic books, graphic novels, and anime.





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DR. NASHWA ZAKARIA

Panelist

Dr. Nashwa Zakaria, Chief Medical Officer at South City Hospital, combines her expertise in leading healthcare teams with her personal journey as a working mother to a son. She advocates for the power of collaboration between parents, teachers, and schools, drawing parallels between effective teamwork in healthcare and education to support children with unique needs. Through her professional expertise and personal journey, Dr. Zakaria is a strong advocate for breaking silos and building integrated systems of support for children.





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MS. RIFAT PERVAIZ

Panelist

Ms. Rifat Pervaiz, Headmistress of *The City School* Defence Campus. With a BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies from the University of East London and a PGCE from the University of Sunderland, Ms. Pervaiz brings rich experience as an educator and leader, in early years education across the UAE and Pakistan. A certified educational leader, she is a passionate advocate for nature-based and hands-on learning.

