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## Bangladesh A Journey of Discovery

For a group of students and staff from London Enterprise Academy, the nine day journey to Bangladesh (13th - 23rd February 2025) was more than just a trip, it was an experience that would stay with them for a lifetime.

From the moment they arrived in Sylhet the heart of Bangladesh's British Bangladeshi community, the students were immersed in a world of rich traditions, vibrant culture and a strong sense of community. For many it was their first time visiting the land of their ancestors, making it an emotional and eye opening experience.

The group spent much of their time visiting schools and madrasahs, witnessing firsthand how education takes shape in rural Bangladesh. At RISE Academy Sylhet, (Rise Institute of Smart Education), Sha Jalal Jamia Islamia School and College, Rahdanagor Primary School, Rahdanagor Madrasah and Ghulduba High School, they engaged with local students, shared experiences and even took part in teaching sessions.

Bringing books, stationery, laptops and computers from the UK, the students and staff donated valuable educational resources to help support learning in these communities. They also saw the impact of limited educational funding but were inspired by the determination of students and teachers who worked tirelessly to pursue knowledge.



This journey also took them to some of the most significant religious and cultural sites in Sylhet. They visited the revered Hajrat Shajalal Dargah, where they experienced the peaceful atmosphere of one of Bangladesh's most famous shrines. At the Mazaar with its famous monkeys, students marveled at the historic site while being entertained by the playful creatures that roam freely in the area.

They also explored the tea estates of Moulvibazar, walking through the lush green plantations that are a vital part of Bangladesh's economy. Some even got the chance to go fishing, an experience that gave them a taste of traditional rural life.

## London Enterprise Academy's Unforgettable Visit



One of the most memorable moments was their visit to British Bangladeshi entrepreneur Professor Sanawar Choudhury, who warmly welcomed them into his home. He shared his experiences of growing up in Bangladesh before moving to the UK and gave students valuable insights into the importance of education, hard work, and perseverance.

Moved by what they saw the students and staff took their commitment to community service to the next level. They successfully raised money to fund the installation of five water wells in Kanighat, providing access to clean drinking water for families in need.



Their generosity didn't stop there. They purchased fresh fish and vegetables from local markets and donated them to underprivileged families, embodying the true spirit of social enterprise. Their contributions made a real difference and they returned with a deep sense of fulfillment and pride.

A particularly moving part of the trip was their visit to the resting place of Altab Ali, a British Bangladeshi man murdered in 1978 in Whitechapel by racist attackers. His tragic death became a symbol of the struggle against racism in the UK and his name now marks Altab Ali Park, a space dedicated to promoting equality and remembrance.



As the closest school to Altab Ali Park, London Enterprise Academy takes great pride in commemorating International Mother Language Day at the Shaheed Minar in Whitechapel each year. Visiting his grave in Bangladesh made the story even more real for the students, reinforcing the importance of standing up against discrimination and fighting for justice.

On 21st February, they joined students and staff from Ghulduba High School in Nobigonj to mark International Mother Language Day (Ekushay February). The day is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by Salam, Barkat, Rofik and Jabbar who lost their lives fighting for the right to speak their native language, Bangla.



After days of travel, teaching and community work, the students and staff took some time to unwind at Shada Patter (White Stones, near the Indian Border), one of Sylhet's most breathtaking tourist destinations. The stunning landscape and peaceful surroundings offered them a moment to reflect on everything they had experienced.

They also observed the slow-paced village life, something that many British Bangladeshis dream of returning to one day. The trip reinforced the strong connection between the diaspora and their ancestral homeland, making them appreciate both their British and Bangladeshi identities.



**M Mikdad**



*What an experience...*



# Message from the Principal

As we mark the conclusion of Ramadan, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the remarkable journey our school community has undertaken this term. The dedication and resilience displayed by our students, staff, and families during Ramadan have been truly inspiring. We have provided comprehensive support to our fasting students, ensuring their well-being and safety while fostering an environment of understanding and respect for all faiths. Our annual Iftar party was a resounding success, bringing together over 240 attendees across our community.

One of the highlights of this term was the successful trip to Bangladesh, which not only broadened our students' cultural horizons but also deepened their understanding of global perspectives. This trip was a testament to our commitment to providing enriching experiences that prepare our students for a diverse and interconnected world.

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, I hope that everyone returns refreshed and revitalised after the Easter break. Let us continue to strive for excellence and capitalise on the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we can ensure a strong finish to the year and set the stage for another successful year to come.



*Ashid Ali*  
*MA (Ed), NPQH, FCCT*  
*Principal*

## Empowering our Students with Options & Careers Workshop



At London Enterprise Academy we understand that making important decisions about the future can be overwhelming for young students. To support them in this journey we recently hosted an Options & Careers Workshop, designed to help students explore career pathways, make informed GCSE choices and plan their next steps after Year 11.

The workshop provided valuable insights into various post 16 opportunities, including A-levels, T-levels and apprenticeships. Through interactive sessions, students gained a deeper understanding of the skills and qualifications needed for different career paths.

We extend a huge thank you to Farhanah Begum, The Switch and the dedicated volunteers from KPMG, AECOM and LMIQ for delivering such an insightful and inspiring workshop. Their guidance and expertise have equipped our students with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about their futures.

At London Enterprise Academy, we remain committed to preparing our students for success beyond the classroom, ensuring they are ready to embrace the opportunities ahead.

**M Mikdad**





# Supporting Your Next Steps: College Applications

As our Year 11 students approach their GCSE exams it's natural to feel a mix of excitement and nerves. This is also the perfect time to start thinking about their future beyond exams. To support them in making informed decisions about their next steps we've organised multiple one on one interviews with students and careers advisers.

These meetings are designed to help them understand the importance of applying to a minimum of three colleges. Our advisers will guide them through the application process, answer any questions and ensure they are ready to take the next step toward their future.

**M Mikdad**

## Great British Spring Clean

The good students at London Enterprise Academy actively participate in regular litter picking initiatives, demonstrating a strong commitment to environmental responsibility. These efforts align with the Great British Spring Clean, a nationwide campaign by Keep Britain Tidy, which encourages individuals and organisations to take action against litter and pollution.

Through litter picking, students gain first-hand experience of the consequences of waste and pollution. Seeing the volume of rubbish collected highlights the impact of careless disposal and fosters a deeper understanding of sustainability.

This hands on approach to environmental education teaches young people valuable lessons about responsibility, teamwork, and the importance of maintaining clean public spaces.

Moreover, by sharing their experiences through social media, school assemblies, and local events, students at London Enterprise Academy raise awareness about environmental issues and inspire others to take action. Their participation in initiatives like the GB Spring Clean not only benefits the local community but also encourages long term behavioural change.

By involving young people in such activities, the school nurtures a generation that values the environment and understands the role individuals play in protecting it. These students become ambassadors for change, advocating for cleaner streets, reduced plastic waste, and more sustainable habits. Ultimately, their efforts contribute to a greener London and inspire others to join the fight against litter and pollution.

**Emdad Rahman MBE**



## Year 10 Work Experience

Exciting times are ahead for our Year 10 students at London Enterprise as they will be taking part in a week of work experience from the 28th of April to the 2nd of May. This valuable experience will provide students with the opportunity to gain insights into the world of work, develop new skills and explore potential career paths.

To ensure all students are well prepared, we've held multiple assemblies to help them understand the importance of work experience, what to expect and how to make the most of the opportunity.

With everything in place, our students are ready to embark on this exciting chapter of their learning journey. We wish them all the best as they step into the professional world.

**M Mikdad**





# Safeguarding

## Spring Term 2025 Edition

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at London Enterprise Academy, I want to thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all of our students safe, well, and thriving. Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and by working together, we can help our young people make safe and informed choices both inside and outside of school.

This term, we'd like to highlight some key safeguarding topics that are affecting young people in our local area, including knife crime and substance misuse. Please take a moment to read through the information and resources below. If you ever have concerns or need advice, our safeguarding team is here to support you.

### Knife Crime: What You Need to Know

We are aware of increased concerns around knife-related incidents in parts of Tower Hamlets and across London. While London Enterprise Academy remains a safe environment, we believe prevention and early intervention are key.

#### What we're doing in School:

- Regular assemblies and workshops on personal safety, peer pressure, and the law.
- Collaborating with the local Safer Schools Police Officer to deliver targeted sessions on knife crime.
- Providing mentoring and counselling for students at risk of being drawn into violence.

#### How You Can Help at Home:

- Talk to your child regularly about their friendships, whereabouts, and feelings.
- Be alert to changes in behaviour, secrecy, or unexplained items such as cash or clothing.
- Encourage open conversations and reassure your child they can speak to a trusted adult.

#### Useful Resources:

- Fearless.org: <https://www.fearless.org>
- Knife Free: <https://www.knifefree.co.uk>

### Substance Misuse: Protecting Our Children

Substance abuse, including vaping, nitrous oxide (laughing gas), and cannabis, this continues to be a concern across schools in East London. It's crucial that we remain vigilant and proactive in tackling this issue.

#### In School:

- We provide education through PSHE lessons about the risks of substance misuse.
- Our pastoral team offers support to students who may be vulnerable or at risk.
- We work closely with youth outreach and health services.

#### At Home:

- Discuss the dangers of drugs and alcohol in an age appropriate way.
- Look out for signs such as changes in mood, declining school performance, or unusual smells.
- Store any prescription medications securely and dispose of them properly.

#### Support Services:

- Talk to Frank: <https://www.talktofrank.com>
- Compass Safe East (local young people's substance misuse support) – 020 3954 0091

### Online Safety & Mental Health

Don't forget to check in on your child's online activity and emotional wellbeing. Social media can be a source of support but also of risk. If you're concerned about cyberbullying, online grooming, or inappropriate content, please let us know.

#### You can also visit:

- ThinkUKnow: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com>

### Need Support or Advice?

If you have any safeguarding concerns or questions, please contact me or a member of the safeguarding team directly at school. We are here to help.

Kindest regards,

**Mr N Hussain**

**Assistant Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**





# London Enterprise Academy Student Shines in Q-Factor.

We are proud to announce that our Year 8 student, Yahya Shoieb has achieved 2nd place in the prestigious Channel S Nationwide Qiraat Competition 2024. This remarkable achievement reflects Yahya's dedication, talent and passion for Qiraat.

Competing against students from across the country, Yahya represented London Enterprise Academy with excellence and poise. His success is a testament to the hard work and support from both his teachers and family.

At London Enterprise Academy, we are committed to nurturing the talents of our students and encouraging them to strive for excellence both inside and outside the classroom.

Congratulations Yahya we are incredibly proud of you.

**M Mikdad**



## Star Baker!

Congratulations to Aryan Chowdhury who is our Star Baker for February. Aryan and five other students were set the task of baking cherry and almond muffins for Mr Gransden who was this month's judge. Mr Gransden enjoyed all the bakes but Aryan's really stood out. His muffins were described as having a good distribution of cherries and a beautiful almond flavour. Well done Aryan!

**K Skilton**

## LEA's Annual Iftar

London Enterprise Academy hosted a memorable Iftar party, bringing together students, staff, and community members for a special evening of unity, reflection, and celebration. With around 240 attendees, the event was a true testament to the spirit of togetherness during Ramadan.

The Iftar party welcomed people from different backgrounds, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. Students, teachers, parents, and our special guests joined in the celebrations, strengthening the bonds between the academy and wider community. The warm and inviting atmosphere made everyone feel at home, as they came together to break their fast.

The highlight of the evening was, of course, the delicious spread of food. Guests were treated to an array of mouthwatering dishes, carefully prepared to provide nourishment and enjoyment after a day of fasting. From traditional favorites to contemporary delights, the menu offered something for everyone. The event was not just about food—it was an opportunity to reflect on the values of Ramadan, such as compassion, generosity, and unity.

The Iftar party at London Enterprise Academy was a great success, creating lasting memories for all who attended.



It was a reminder of the power of community and the joy of coming together to celebrate a meaningful occasion. The event left everyone with full hearts and full stomachs, eagerly looking forward to future gatherings.

**J Rahman**



# British Science Week

Students at London Enterprise Academy took part in this year's British Science Week, which took place between 10th – 14th March 2025. It is a UK-wide event that aims to inspire and engage people of all ages with STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering) subjects through a variety of activities, events, and resources.

The theme for British Science Week 2025 was "Change and Adapt," encouraging exploration of how STEM fields are affected by and contribute to change and adaptation. The students were involved in a wide range of activities during school time that included:

- Making slime
- Heart dissection
- Making mood enhancers
- Building straw towers
- Building DNA molecules



Students were able to win prizes for active participation and for best work. Well done to all our participants and winners. There was also a poster competition on the theme of 'CHANGE AND ADAPT'. From a wide range of entries, Aroshi Bhuiyan from 7D was the overall winner. She took home an amazing microscope.

Staff and students were also treated to an exciting WILD SCIENCE experience where they got to meet and have the opportunity to handle and ask questions about wild animals. Animals included snakes, lizards, African snails, tarantula spiders and many more.

**S Miah**

## Year 11 Mock Results

Students performed well in their mock exams, but maintaining momentum is essential. To maximise progress, they must follow a structured study timetable throughout the two-week break, ensuring dedicated time for Maths, English, Science, and their option subjects. Consistency and discipline in their revision will be key to success.

All teachers and Heads of Department should have already provided purposeful resources to support their learning. Students are encouraged to use these materials effectively, seek clarification on challenging topics, and stay committed to their studies.

**S Ali**



# Sports News

## Year 7 and Year 8 Basketball Competition

On Thursday, 3rd April 2025, a team of Year 7 and 8 boys from our school participated in the Tower Hamlets basketball competition held at the John Orwell Sports Centre. The team delivered impressive performances, with Kazi and Adyaan standing out as top scorers. A notable highlight was their comprehensive win over Stepney Green, securing a commendable 6th place out of 12 participating schools. Congratulations to the boys on their achievement!

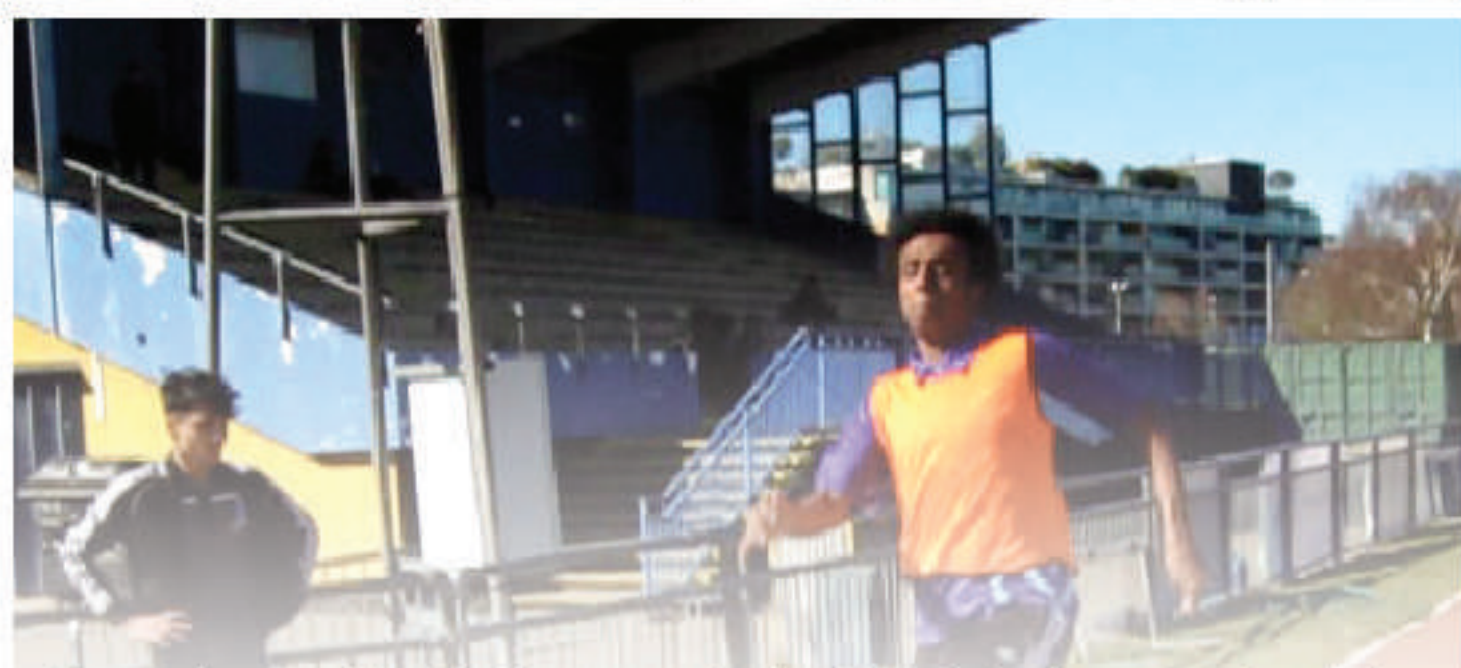
**M Gransden**

## Year 11 PE Exam



On Tuesday the 18th of March, 20 students from London Enterprise Academy were put through their paces by visiting examiners from AQA. The day began with a badminton session, with students demonstrating their skills and ability to play. The next sport was Futsal and all the participants were excellent showing their control, skill, and fluency. The final session took place at Mile End stadium and students were involved in 100m and 400m races and the long jump. A great display from all those who took part and fingers crossed for the summer exam results.

**M Gransden**



All our boys' football teams had a local derby match with St Paul's Way. The Year 7s started strong, leading 2-1 at halftime before narrowly losing 3-2. Year 8 showed tremendous fighting spirit in a pulsating 4-4 draw. Year 9 raced to a 3-0 halftime advantage but ultimately fell 5-3 as energy levels dipped. Despite fielding seven debutants, Year 10 performed admirably in their 5-1 defeat. The standout performance came from Year 11 - after leading 1-0 at halftime and conceding two quick goals, star players Amin and Subeer (who scored a remarkable hat-trick of headers) inspired their team before finishing 5-2. Their final match of the season will see them take on a formidable staff team!

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