



Progress and attainments for English and maths is above National Average.

LEA pupils welcome King Charles III

On Wednesday 8th of February, His Majesty King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla visited Brick Lane, East London, the heart of the Bangladeshi community. Thousands of people welcomed them as they walked around “Bangla Town” in celebration of the contribution of Bangladeshis to the life of the nation. King Charles's first stop was at

Altab Ali Park to plant an elm tree in memory of Altab Ali. Altab Ali was a young Bangladeshi who was murdered in 1978 as he walked home from work. The park then developed as a memorial to him and other victims of racist attacks.

Ayesha Qureshi, the co-founder of British Bangladeshi Power and Inspiration, was King Charles's host for the visit. Ayesha was involved in the bidding for the London 2012 Olympics. She invited King Charles to visit Brick Lane and stated, “It just goes to show how engaged His Majesty is with the community in the United Kingdom, with multiculturalism, and with the anti-racism movement”.

Our very own staff and students were lucky enough to



witness the tree planted by King Charles, shook hands and chatted with his majesty. The principal, Mr Ali was spotted shaking hands and having a quick chat with King Charles.

After the tree was planted in the park, the King and Queen Consort began their short journey to Brick Lane, where our students and residents waited to greet them waving the union flag, and a group of dancers gave them a royal welcome, scattering flower petals in their path. The King and Queen Consort then walked to Brick Lane Mosque, where they met a local author and learned about the unique history of the building.

Miss Ahua



*“It was a pleasure to meet the Head of State King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla. Incredibly proud to see the path through Altab Ali Park flanked by London Enterprise Academy students and staff to welcome King Charles and the Queen Consort to Tower Hamlets. After recognising my ULAS tie and thanking me for my service in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (training), King Charles asked me about the students' attendance who had joined us and was more than happy to be introduced to them. Luckily Mr Ali, Ms Macarthy and Mr Mikdad needed no introduction! Thank you to Cllr Abdal Ullah and Ayesha Qureshi MBE for the invite”. **Andrew Dowsett Chair of Governors.***

Message from the Principal

It has been an impressive half-term, which included events that pupils will remember for the rest of their lives. Our pupils have been very busy not only with their academic studies but also in terms of developing socially and planning life after LEA.

On Wednesday, 8th of February, His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla visited Altab Ali Park and Brick Lane. We were honoured to have the opportunity to meet His Majesty and The Queen Consort. Our pupils got to witness a historical moment, with some pupils meeting His Majesty up close, shaking hands and having a quick chat. Year 7s, 8s and 9s lined the street of Brick Lane, proudly flying the Union Jack.

The year 10s visited London Metropolitan University and Oxford University, an amazing opportunity to learn about apprenticeships opportunity and colleges. We always encourage our pupils to aim very high from a young age. They also learnt about the creative industry and what different career paths are available for them.

Pupils have taken part in a range of sporting competitions, which included Athletics, Badminton and some have studied a Level 2 BTEC sports class with Inspire sports, and at the end they will gain a sports qualification and leadership skills.

Our much-awaited playground is now complete, there was a short delay caused by the rain and snow. Our pupils will get exciting outdoor spaces that they can enjoy. This will provide our pupils with significantly more outdoor space to enjoy during social times.

I will invite parents to come and see it next term.

Ashid Ali
MA (Ed), NPQH, FCT
Principal



The Importance of Literacy

Literacy is one of the many foundational and key skills that students take away from school, which helps with life beyond education. Majority of the students in the communities that London Enterprise Academy serves, come from homes where English is not spoken. As much as speaking another language is a special gift that many students across the country do not have, it can also create barriers to attainment. If students do not speak English as much as their more privileged counterparts who have English-speaking parents, they develop a disadvantage in their communication and written expression. This results in students having difficulty expressing the complexity of thought through a wide range of vocabulary in spoken and written expression. In short, the better a student's literacy is, the better their attainment will be and ultimately, their life chances.

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to improving literacy for all, selected students have been given interventions through the Lexia programme. This programme identifies gaps in students' literacy and generates tasks that help them build on their points of improvement. Our dedicated team of support staff, deliver small group interventions that target problems with literacy and tackles them, thus improving educational outcomes. One of the many great things about this programme is that it is completely accessible from home! Students enrolled on Lexia must endeavour to make full use of it and attempt to do 1 hour of Lexia at home weekly in addition to the Lexia sessions in school.

Please bear in mind, students do not need Lexia to improve literacy. Doing it the old-fashioned way is still effective! It requires students to pick up a book of interest to them and read it regularly. Students should be reading a book for 10-15 minutes every day. So please make use of the school library or your local one. Learn to enjoy reading - you will be astonished at how much you can gain!

Mr Hamid





British Library Visit

We visited the British Library with thirty Year 10 students to explore ancient texts from the Magna Carta and Shakespeare to Florence Nightingale and Gandhi. We enjoyed exploring some of the world's most exciting, significant books, maps and manuscripts. The students particularly enjoyed filling out the worksheets and hunting down the rare books.

"We enjoyed visiting the British Library as we were able to explore and see a variety of artefacts and books." **Hamim 10A**

"I particularly enjoyed visiting the exhibitions, which I was mesmerised by as I was able to see classical extracts such as Romeo and Juliet." **Anika 10L**

A lovely day exploring such an amazing institution, and the students were a credit to the school.

Ms Uddin

Brick Lane Gallery

On Tuesday 24th of January, a group of year 9 students visited the Brick Lane Gallery.

The gallery manager, Georgia, gave our students a tour and spoke about some art pieces.

Georgia was very impressed with our students' maturity and level of engagement.

Oracy champion of the day was Yusuf 9A, who asked interesting questions and provided positive contributions to the conversations about the Art.

Many of the pieces on display were based on the theme of identity, which year 9s are currently working on in Art lessons.

Ms Shaikh



Premier League Cycle for Mr Mikdad and Mr Rahman

Mr Muhi Mikdad and our Attendance & Welfare Advisor, Mr Emdad Rahman MBE, are taking part in a unique charity cycle ride to support communities in need.

Both community champions will be cycling to every one of the London-based Premier League football clubs as part of a charity challenge. The distance covered will be 90 kilometres.

The cycle ride is supported by pupils at the school as the duo gears up to raise money for freshwater projects in impoverished and deeply affected villages in Bangladesh. Our Principal Mr Ashid Ali, commented, "Support for community empowerment initiatives and charity are central themes at the London Enterprise Academy, and

this is a shining quality amongst our pupils and staff.

"We are proud of both of our role models – Tragically, people die from water poisoning, this is unacceptable. We will be supporting them all the way." **Mr Mikdad**



Most of our students from classes of 2019

CAREERS



London Metropolitan University Trip

On the 26th of January, some year 10s were privileged to go to London Metropolitan University for an event. At this event, we saw many companies that offered apprenticeships, as well as seeing some colleges. After taking a look around at what the university had to offer, we had a university-like experience, listening to Sam (who created the ERIC app to help young people look at the creative industry. She helped us understand that there are different career paths and that the creative sector (which sometimes can be looked down upon) is not what most

people think it is. This was very interesting for us as we started looking at paths we would want to go down, and this experience gave us other options to look at and maybe take an interest in. Moreover, a company at the university also did a workshop with several students on how to make a CV and helped us create our own. We all enjoyed the experience, and I hope we can do something similar in the future.

Safah 10S

and 2020 have progressed onto university.



Oxford University Trip

We started our trip in the Ashmolean Museum, where we took part in a creative writing workshop, writing a story inspired by a painting of our choice. The museum itself was captivating and vast, from a modern art gallery with impressive sculptures to art dating back to early Egypt. The museum offered a wide variety of art styles and types, which allowed us to feel inspired and incorporate our ideas about the pieces into our creative writing.

Next, we visited Wadham College, a college part of the University of Oxford. The college was impressive as we had a tour by one of the previous students who showed us

around, from the chapel to the quad. Our guide explained that the university has a range of courses and degrees to pursue and was helpful as she answered all our questions. We were shown the dining hall, which was incredibly similar to Hogwarts! We were also given advice on how to plan our free time and how to schedule our time when starting university, which we all found very useful. The trip was an exciting experience as we saw beautiful artwork and visited the university campus. Overall, it was fun and memorable. Thank you for taking us Mr Mikdad!

Nazecha 10A

Law Workshop

Councillor Abdal Ullah and Ayesha Qureshi MBE spoke to some of our year 8s and 9s students about careers in the law industry.

Ayesha was awarded an MBE in 2006 for her role in the successful 2012 London Olympic bid and was the only British Bangladeshi present at a medal ceremony at the 2012 Games.

Our students appreciated the opportunity for this workshop, and many have expressed an interest in a possible career in the law industry.

Abdal and Ayesha also met with our Principal, Mr Ali, to plan the visit of King Charles III and the Queen Consort to Brick Lane.

Mr Mikdad



Trading Standards Workshop

Selected year 8 and 10 students took part in a workshop delivered by Nazir Ali, a Trading Standards Team Leader from Barking & Dagenham Council. The workshop involved ways the Trading Standards team play a role in protecting young people. Students were very intrigued by the goods seized by Trading Standards over the years and found the workshop beneficial.

Mr Mikdad



KPMG Assembly

KPMG partner Charlotte Lo came to meet our year 11 students and deliver an assembly on motivation.

Charlotte shared her journey from her early career to how she rose through the ranks to become a partner. She spoke about how our LEA students can stay motivated to be successful in life, and how they can work their way up big roles.

Mr Mikdad



Humza Arshad *documentary*

Humza Arshad MBE is an English actor, comedian and writer. He produced the web series 'Diary of a Bad Man' and authored the children's book series 'Little Badman'. His homemade YouTube videos, have been viewed more than 100 million times, which makes him one of the most popular online comedians in the UK.

Humza had an assembly and held workshops with our year 10s students back in September. Our students enjoyed the visit by Humza and loved the opportunity to take selfies

with him and talk to him about his success.

He spoke to our students about forgiveness, knife crime and working with the law. This was part of a BBC news documentary supported by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, Sadiq Khan.

The documentary is called 'Forgiving the Unforgivable' and is available on BBC iPlayer.

Mr Mikdad

Book Fair



London Enterprise Academy hosted it's first-ever book fair in the library. Scholastic provided us with all the books, stationery and resources to set up our book fair, and it was a hit with students and staff.

This was a great opportunity for our students as it made buying books more accessible. Parents had the chance to visit the book fair after school hours too. There was a wide variety of books and fun, novelty items.

Mr Ali kindly bought books for some students as a reward for attending reading intervention, and for good behaviour.

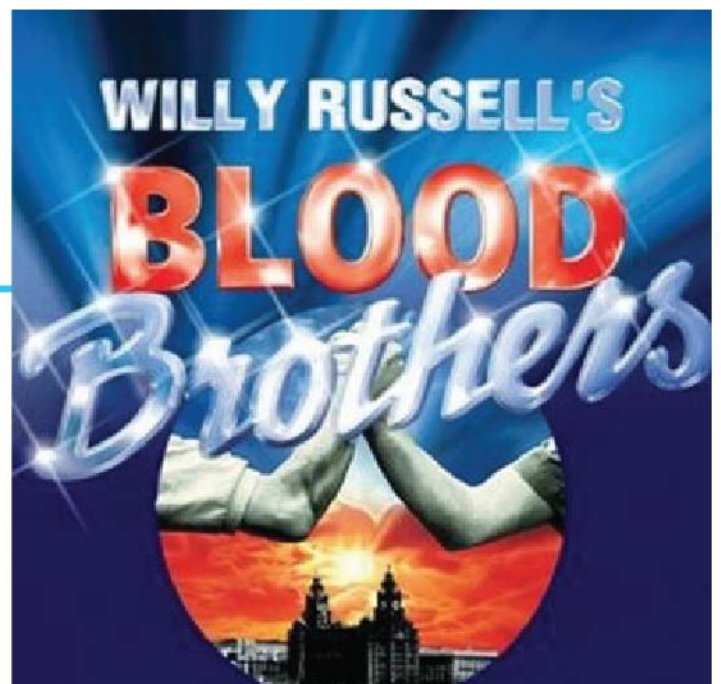
A big thank you to everyone who came to the book fair, we raised over £1000! As a result, Scholastic will give us 50% back to spend on books for the library.

Ms Uddin

Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

The year 10 Drama students went to see a production of Blood Brothers at the Pavilion – Southend Theatre. As part of their GCSE exams, students will answer questions based on the Blood Brothers play, the characters, the set design and the costume. Students enjoyed watching their first theatre performance, and it will help them during their exams.

Ms Kingston



Interview with Ms Bhuiyan

Ms Bhuiyan works in our school office but she was once an LEA student. We sat down to speak to her about it.



So you were a student at LEA. How was LEA life for you?

My time at LEA as a student was very fun. I made long-lasting friendships here. The teachers were amazing; we had a lot of opportunities and went on lots of worthwhile trips. Now, as a staff member, it is very different. It is my first proper job and I have learnt a lot about professionalism and gained work experience.

What grades did you get for GCSEs?

I got 11 grades from 7-9, including Science, Maths and English.

What did you do after your GCSEs?

I went to Brampton Manor Sixth Form for A-levels. I studied Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Psychology. I got As in all subjects except Biology, where I got an A.*

What does the future hold for you?

My plan after A-levels was to go to university to study medicine, but as things were unpredictable at the time, I took a gap year. My goal is still to study medicine, and I am hoping that I will be able to do that next year.

What is your favourite book?

I enjoyed the Lonely Hearts Bookshop series by Annie Darling. It was the first romance book that I read, and I enjoyed them. My favourite genre is still thriller books.

What is your favourite TV series?

I really like Korean drama shows. Two of my favourites are The Glory and My Name.

What is your favourite movie?

I like 'Don't Breathe'.

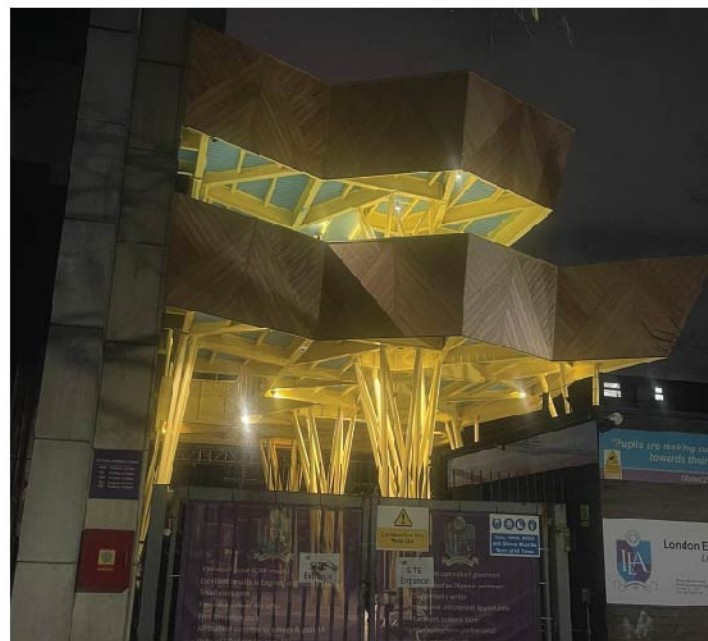
Finally, tell us a random fact about yourself.

I love puzzles! My first time completing a 1000 piece was when I was 10. It was a picture of Venice, and I got it framed.

Interviewed by Nathan 9A

New playground

Our much-awaited playground is now complete, there was a short delay caused by the rain and snow. Our pupils will get exciting outdoor spaces that they can enjoy and socialise in. This new playground will provide our pupils with significantly more outdoor space to enjoy during social times, as previously they were restricted with space. Now we can get multiple year groups out on break at the same time, whilst enjoying the nice view of the East End.



SPORTS

Level 1 Sport Leader Award

The Level 2 BTEC sport class are currently studying with Inspire Sport. Nacho is a sports coach from the company who comes to school every Thursday and works with these students. The group are learning to be sports coaches and when qualified at the end of the academic year, will have a certificate in Level 1 Sports Leadership. The entire group have a festival in February at Poplar Baths where they will use all their skills in leadership to help primary-aged students engage in different activities.

Mr Gransden



London & South East Badminton Cup 2022/23

The boys and girl's Badminton teams from LEA played their first-round matches in the Badminton Cup. The girls travelled to Chelmsford but could not overcome a solid County High team, while the boys visited South Croydon and won narrowly on a tiebreak. The next rounds are the Tower Hamlets competition which is coming up in March. Good luck Team LEA!

Mr Gransden

Girls Indoor Athletic Championships

A squad of 20 girls caught the train to the Lee Valley Athletics Centre on Tuesday 24th January.

The girls performed well on the track and in the shot putt and long jump. The event finished with a team relay, and LEA ran, jumped and threw well throughout the whole day. An amazing effort from our girls' team!

Mr Gransden



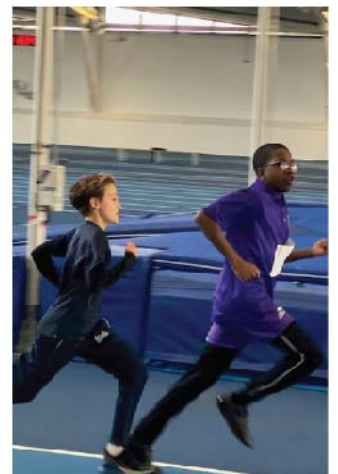
Boys Indoor Athletic Championships

The annual Boys' Indoor Athletics championships at the Lee Valley centre, were held on Thursday 26th

January. A squad full of boys attended from year 7 to year 10. The events included were 60m hurdles to 800m, the long and high jump. All the boys performed well, and LEA came 6th overall out of 13 schools in the local area.

Well done boys!

Mr Gransden



12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the **likelihood** of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the **potential impact** of a cyber incident; and making the **recovery** from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, 1Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it's essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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Respect for all sums up London Enterprise Academy nicely. Pupils have pride in themselves and their school. They are polite, courteous and welcoming. They, too, are welcomed into school, regardless of their background or previous experiences - Ofsted, July 2022

London Enterprise Academy

The school offers:

- Modern classrooms with laptops for every student
- A range of enrichment activities to choose from
- Small class sizes with strong discipline
- High quality teaching and learning
- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Excellent GCSE results

Year 6 Open Mornings

Monday 13th March 2023
to
Friday 24th March 2023

9.00 AM to 12.30 PM



NEW PLAYGROUNDS

"The teachers never failed to keep the students motivated all the time"
- Year 11 parents

"Thank you for the best secondary school experience! I've enjoyed my 5 years here"
- Khadisa, Year 11

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