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

Message from the Principal

As we come to the end of another incredible term at London Enterprise Academy, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements and celebrate the wonderful experiences we have shared as a school community.

One of the highlights of this term was our international trip to Spain, where students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Spanish culture, language, and history. From exploring vibrant cities to engaging in local traditions, this trip was an unforgettable learning experience for everyone involved. With another trip to Bangladesh during the February half-term, there are many more exciting experiences for our students to explore.

I am delighted to inform parents that our KS4 girls and boys are Tower Hamlets Badminton champions. We are very proud of our winners. The LEA Winter Show was also a success, showcasing the incredible talent and creativity of our students. A huge thank you to all the performers and staff who supported this event.

Some of our Year 7 and Year 9 took part in a 5-day residential at Deane Valley where they were involved in a range of activities while also building skills and working in a team. They did an amazing job, despite the temperature being below freezing and snow and ice covering the site.

As we head into the next term, I want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and hardworking students for a great term. I wish you all a restful and joyful holiday break and we look forward to another exciting term ahead.

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Ashid Ali
MA (Ed), NPQH, FCCT
Principal



Valencia Trip



Earlier this term, students from London Enterprise Academy embarked on a remarkable journey to Valencia, Spain, organised through the support of the Turin Project. This trip was designed to provide students with the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a Spanish-speaking environment, enhancing their language skills and expanding their cultural horizons.

The trip was centred on using Spanish in real-life contexts, an invaluable experience for students studying the language as part of their GCSEs. During their time at Fuensanta, a local school in Valencia, students participated in classroom activities where they engaged with Spanish pupils. Speaking both Spanish and English, they collaborated with peers they had never met before, building confidence in their linguistic abilities. For many, this was the first time they had spoken Spanish in front of native speakers, and they rose to the challenge admirably. Their efforts were a credit to both Fuensanta and London Enterprise Academy.

A highlight of the trip was an enterprise project in which students worked in teams to create and deliver presentations. These were presented to an audience that included the principal of Fuensanta and Headteacher. This was a momentous occasion for many, particularly for the Spanish students, who presented in front of a crowd for the first time, and for the English speaking LEA students, who demonstrated their Spanish skills with pride.

A Journey of Language,



Beyond the academic achievements, the trip offered students a rich cultural experience. They explored key Valencian landmarks, including the Oceanogràfic aquarium, the Science Museum, and a live dolphin show, all of which highlighted the city's innovative spirit. Students also had the opportunity to learn about the iconic Las Fallas festival, visiting a museum dedicated to its history and traditions.

Perhaps the most enduring outcome of the trip was the friendships formed between the students of London Enterprise Academy and Fuensanta. Despite the initial language barriers, the students bonded quickly, sharing laughter, learning, and unforgettable moments. Many remain in contact to this day, testament to the connections forged during their time together.



This trip to Valencia was far more than just a visit to another country. It was an opportunity for students to step out of their comfort zones, grow in confidence, and develop a deeper appreciation for another culture. It stands as a resounding success and a proud moment for the school, showcasing the values of collaboration, learning, and cultural exchange that we hold dear at London Enterprise Academy.

A special mention goes to Professor Abu Nuan, our Year 10 student, who outshone and was a clear leader in Spain. His exceptional translation skills supported not only the learning but also the teaching, as he led activities, taught sessions, and supported both LEA and Fuensanta students, as well as staff. His ability to demonstrate conversational skills and facilitate the project's delivery made him an outstanding ambassador for London Enterprise Academy, A true Peer Champion.



Recognition also goes to Suraia and Sanjida, who were highlighted by Fuensanta for their tremendous involvement, positivity, and conversational skills. Their enthusiasm and bright attitude brought a unique energy to the sessions and contributed greatly to the success of the project.

This in no way diminishes the efforts of all the other students who attended. Each demonstrated remarkable charisma, character, and tenacity, making the project an overwhelming success. The students were a credit to London Enterprise Academy and embodied the values of Leadership, Excellence, Ambition, Determination and Sincerity alongside collaboration, learning, and cultural exchange.

Culture, and Friendship



The success of the trip was the result of the unwavering determination of the staff at London Enterprise Academy and the Network Partnership School in Valencia, supported by IBD Partnership, our organisational partner. A special acknowledgement goes to Miss Claudia Gonzalez, the lead organiser in Spain, whose dedication from start to finish was paramount in achieving the objectives of the trip. Well done to all those involved.

Mr M Islam

Mr Ali's Trip to Bangladesh

In December, our Principal visited Bangladesh to plan LEA's trip to Bangladesh in February. This trip will be a chance for our students to explore Bangladeshi culture and traditions and share their ambitions with the students over there. Majority of LEA's students are from Sylheti origin so they will be able to get in touch with their roots while getting to know the students in Sylhet.

We hope projects like this will become sustainable and we will be able to replicate this opportunity in the future. This project is in partnership with the Turin Project. We are excited to show our students the nature and beauty of Bangladesh.

Ms M Siddiqah



Interview with Mr Elfneh

What is your favourite series?

I don't really have a favourite series but I enjoy watching sports and YouTube.

Where are you originally from?

I was born in East London. My dad is Ethiopian and my mum is English.

Who is a big a person you look up to?

Cornel West - an American philosopher because he has a strong social conscious and moral compass.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Reading books and playing the bass, cooking (black pepper tofu is my specialty).

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I would like to have infinite knowledge to share with others.

Where and what did you study?

I studied Geography at University of Cambridge for my undergraduate degree and an MA in Politics at Harvard University.

By Ayaan Y11

Baringa: Cybersecurity Workshop

Recently, my friends and I had the incredible opportunity to attend a cybersecurity workshop at Baringa, a leading management consultancy based near Buckingham Palace. This workshop was not only an educational experience but also a unique one, as it was designed as an all-female event—a rare but empowering initiative in a field where women are often underrepresented. Baringa's team did an excellent job of creating a welcoming, inclusive, and engaging environment.

Through insightful presentations, interactive games, and thought-provoking discussions, we learned about the importance of cybersecurity in today's world. What made this experience even more inspiring was the way Baringa championed women in a male-dominated field. By showcasing the impact women can have in cybersecurity and leadership role. It was empowering to see women at the forefront of this session, such as Shaheen, when she shared her story of “growing up as an immigrant”. It opened many eyes and hope for opportunities, proving that there are no limits to what we can achieve.



By Shiba Ahmed 10D

Year 7 and Year 9 Enterprise Project: **A Winter Adventure at Dearne Valley**

440 students from Year 7 and Year 9 took part in a five-day residential trip to the Kingswood site in Dearne Valley, previously known as the Earth Centre. The students participated in a wide variety of activities, but one of the key fundamental skills they developed was patience, socialising, communication, and staying strong in the face of challenges.

With heavy snow and ice affecting the northern parts of England, and temperatures in Doncaster dropping below freezing, the site was covered in a beautiful blanket of snow and ice. While this created a picturesque setting, some outdoor activities could not go ahead as planned.

This did not deter our students. Their resilience shone through as they adapted and took part in various indoor activities, including Quidditch, dodgeball, and indoor climbing. They made the most of the situation and turned the weekend into a success.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank, of course, the students for taking part, for making memories, learning outside of the classroom, and engaging in experiences that will surely become everlasting memories and valuable

skills for their future careers.

A big thank you also goes to all the staff for their determination and support over the five days. Well done, and we look forward to another successful trip in the future!

Mr M Islam



LEA Winter Show 2024: A Day of Talent and Great Performances

The long-awaited LEA Winter Show 2024 took place on the 20th of December during school hours, marking the perfect end to the first term. After many years, this great event showcased the incredible talent and creativity of the students, and it was an absolute hit! Both staff and students contributed their energy, spirit, and enthusiasm, creating an atmosphere of fun and celebration.

As the show came to a close, the best student-performers were recognized with medals and Oscars, celebrating their hard work and dedication. It was a beautiful moment of acknowledgment, as the students were rewarded for their creativity, energy, and commitment to the performance. Well done students, teachers and Lea Staff!

Ms M Bartzou



AI Workshop

Recently, we had a workshop about the use of AI in the healthcare industry. We had visitors from KPMG deliver a PowerPoint detailing how they can use artificial intelligence to help with their jobs. One of the uses of AI that was mentioned was that it can predict oncoming health conditions for patients. This is helpful because the doctors can use these predictions to prevent serious diseases from happening and save lives. In the workshop we also learned about the various kinds of jobs AI can help with, some of these include project planning for construction, threat detection for malware, autonomous self-driving vehicles for transportation, and many more other services that can benefit people's lives.

Overall, I enjoyed the workshop because it was informative and engaging. We had tasks that required us to be in groups and develop our teamwork skills along with gaining insight on what AI is and what it can be used to do.

By Timur Kozhogulov, Year 10



LEA Students Enjoy a Day at Capital Kids Cricket Community Hub

Students from London Enterprise Academy had a fantastic day visiting the Capital Kids Cricket Community Hub in Whitechapel. They took part in a variety of exciting activities, developing new skills while having fun. The experience not only enhanced their love for sport but also encouraged teamwork, discipline and confidence. A huge thank you to Capital Kids Cricket for hosting us and for their incredible work in supporting young people through sport.

Mr M Mikdad



Safeguarding

At London Enterprise Academy, safeguarding is our top priority, and we want to work together with you to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students. This term, we are addressing key local safeguarding concerns affecting young people in Tower Hamlets. Please take a moment to read through this newsletter for important updates, advice, and support available to families.



Local Safeguarding Concerns

Online Safety – Risks of Social Media Challenges and Grooming

Many children and young people are accessing social media platforms, where they may encounter harmful content, including viral challenges and online grooming.

We encourage parents to:

- Regularly discuss online activities with their children.
- Check privacy settings and parental controls.
- Monitor their child's screen time and online interactions.
- Visit National Online Safety for helpful resources.

Substance Abuse – Vaping and Other Risks

We have seen an increase in young people using vapes, sometimes containing harmful substances such as nicotine or THC. Many e-cigarettes marketed towards teenagers contain unknown chemicals, which can be dangerous. Vaping at a young age can lead to addiction and long-term health issues. Parents can help by:

- Talking to their children about the risks of vaping and substance abuse.
- Watching for signs of use, such as unusual smells, coughing, or behavioural changes.
- Encouraging open discussions and setting clear expectations about substance use.
- Seeking support from school or local health services if needed.

Exploitation and County Lines

There has been an increase in reports of young people being targeted by criminal gangs through 'county lines' drug operations. Signs to look out for include:

- Unexplained money or gifts.
- Changes in behaviour or new, unknown friendships.
- Regular absences from home or school.

If you have concerns, please contact the school or report anonymously via Crimestoppers (0800 555 111).

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

Knife Crime and Youth Violence

Sadly, youth violence continues to be a concern in parts of East London. We are working closely with the local Safer Schools Police Team to educate students about the risks and consequences of carrying weapons. Parents can help by:

- Having open conversations about peer pressure and staying safe.
- Encouraging children to avoid risky situations.
- Reporting any concerns to the school or police via 101 (or 999 in emergencies).

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Many young people are struggling with anxiety, stress, and pressures from social media and school life. Support is available through:

- Kooth – Free, anonymous online mental health support (www.kooth.com).
- CAMHS Tower Hamlets – NHS mental health services for young people.
- Encouraging healthy routines, regular exercise, and open family discussions.

Support for Families

We understand that parenting can be challenging, and we want to support you. Here are some key services available in Tower Hamlets:

- Tower Hamlets Family Information Service – Advice and support for parents (www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/fis).
- The Parental Engagement Team – Free workshops and parenting support.
- Local Food Banks – If you are struggling with food security, support is available via First Love Foundation.

How to Report Concerns

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare, please do not hesitate to contact:

Our School Safeguarding Team – Call the school office or speak to a designated safeguarding lead.

Tower Hamlets Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) – 020 7364 3444 (or 020 7364 4079 out of hours).

NSPCC Helpline – 0800 800 5000.

Mr N Hussain (DSL)

Star Baker!

We are proud to announce that Rahi Kabir is LEA's very first Star Baker! Rahi and five other students took part in a Bake Off challenge. This month's challenge was to create lemon and blueberry muffins and was judged by Mr Khalif and Mr Hussain. The comments for all the bakers were very positive but Rahi won with his light, fluffy muffins that were packed with flavour.

Watch this space as another Star baker will be crowned in February.

Ms K Skilton



Going for Gold!



Students from Yrs 7,8 and 9 took part in the Tower Hamlets Panathlon challenge at Poplar Baths on 14th January. Our students were faced with a range of activities and challenges

including: shooting hoops, bowling and hurling. This gave them the opportunity to try out new sports and gain different skills. There was a real team spirit amongst the students as they encouraged, supported and cheered each other on. At the end of the event the points tally put London Enterprise Academy in joint first place with Central Foundation Girls School and the team returned happily to school with a medal each.

Well done to:

Abdullah Nazeef, Mithila Khan, Rahi Kabir, Imtiaz Sami, Avir Jahid, Taher Miah, Emon Hossain

Thanks to Ms Easmin for supporting the team.

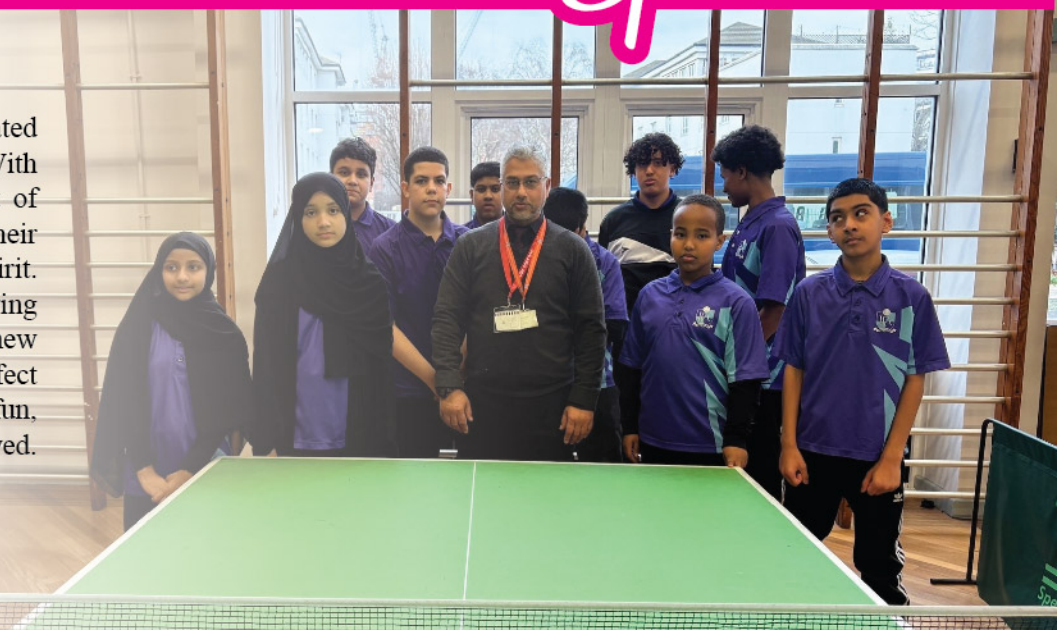
Ms K Skilton

Sports

Athletics Trip

16 students from LEA recently participated in an exciting table tennis tournament. With the table tennis bats in hand and a lot of enthusiasm, the students showed off their skills, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit. The day was a wonderful success, leaving everyone with great memories and new friendships. This tournament was a perfect example of how sports can be a fun, enriching experience for everyone involved.

Ms S Khanum



Lord's Cricket Ground

Our year 7 students had an exciting day at the world famous Lord's Cricket Ground where they were invited by Capital Kids Cricket for a half day visit. The students took part in a variety of cricket activities including batting and bowling drills, while learning more about the game from experienced coaches.

In addition to the hands on cricket experience, the students explored the historic stadium, getting a glimpse into the rich legacy of Lord's, home to some of cricket's greatest moments. It was an unforgettable experience that not only enhanced their skills but also deepened their appreciation for the sport.

A big thank you to Capital Kids Cricket for making this incredible opportunity possible.

Jess Brighton



London Enterprise Academy Triumphs in Tower Hamlets Badminton Championship



On 29th January 2025, the KS4 girls from London Enterprise Academy achieved a remarkable victory at the Tower Hamlets Badminton Championship. The team dominated the group stages, defeating three schools to secure their spot in the semi-finals.

In an impressive display of skill, they swept past their opponents 4-1 in the semi-finals before facing the host school, Stepney All Saints, in a thrilling final. The girls clinched the title with a close 3-2 victory, showcasing their determination and teamwork.

Maryam Sulaiman (Year 11) shone as the star of the tournament, leading the team to victory alongside her teammates: Amira H (Year 10), Suraia B (Year 10), Shiba A (Year 10), Tamam H (Year 11), Sumiya R (Year 11), and Fatihah I (Year 11).

A huge congratulations to the entire team for their outstanding performance and for bringing home the championship!

Mr J Rahman

Year 6 Open Mornings:

4th March to 21st March 2025

Time: 9:30am to 12:00pm

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