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# LEA LIFE

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

## Message from the Principal

It has been a busy and fruitful term at London Enterprise Academy. Our positive Ofsted report described our children as polite, courteous, respectful, welcoming and well-behaved.

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils went on residential field trips to Kingswood - a great way of developing leadership skills, and confidence, overcoming fears and making friends. We took our pupils on several day trips, they also participated in many sporting events.

Last week of term, we welcomed our past students of 2020 and 2022 to celebrate their GCSE results and the journey to colleges, universities and workplaces. Our second Ambassador Awards Evening was attended well by pupils, parents, staff and the wider community.

Our students enjoyed the Qatar World Cup, with most showing their disappointment when England lost to France.

Once again, we contributed to the Tower Hamlets Foodbank and raised money for Whitechapel Mission - both do important jobs in our community.

Our much-awaited playground is now complete with some painting and electrical works remaining - a short delay caused by the rain and snow. Our pupils will get exciting outdoor spaces that they can enjoy.

Finally, I was honoured to have been awarded the Freedom of the City of London for services to Education. It was a pleasure to share this moment with a group of pupils, staff and our Chair of Governors.

I wish a pleasant break and best wishes for the New Year.

**Ashid Ali**

MA (Ed, NPQH, FCCT)

*Principal*



## GCSE AMBASSADOR AWARDS CELEBRATION 2022

On Monday 19th December, we held our second Ambassador Awards Celebration, and the class of 2022 received their GCSE certificates, subject Awards and special recognition awards.

The night began with a welcome speech from Mr Mikdad and a beautiful Quran recitation by Hussein Ahmed. The hosts then welcomed students from previous years- Jaria Mirza from 2021 and Sumaia Bhuiyan from 2020- to tell us about their lives at LEA.

The class of 2020 shared their journey of post sixteen education and life at University. We have so many great stories of pupil's success and going off to local universities, including LSE, Kings College, and Queen Mary's, with many going further afield to other Russel Group Universities, including Bath and Cambridge.

We were joined by parents, our staff, governors and many local dignitaries, including councillors, Baroness Pola Uddin from the House of Lords. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Dowsett congratulated all the pupils and thanked the Parents and the community for their ongoing support.



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# YEAR 7 & 8 RESIDENTIAL TO KINGSWOOD GREENFORD

The residential lasted three days, from Friday 18th November, to Sunday 20th November. During this time, there was a range of activities and food - to say the least, the experience was enjoyable!

On Friday, we rested and prayed Jummah with friends - a moment I will always look back at. At the time, a sermon or 'khutbah' (خطبة) was recited beautifully.

The first activity for the day was a problem-solving activity, which involved using intellect skills, and students found it amusing. The remaining activities required physical skill or mental determination. After the activities, we ended the night with a campfire, played music, sipped on some hot chocolate, and got comfortable by the fire whilst others were socialising. As we were outside of London, and since the capital has a larger scale of air pollution - the skies were much clearer, and we discovered exquisite patterns from the stars.

The rest of the days followed with activities which taught us a few skills, such as Archery, which taught aim and safety, the "nightline", which taught everyone how to work as a team, and we even took the leap of faith, which established willpower.

Furthermore, during the nights, an array of meals were cooked, and everyone's favourite meal was the BBQ. The Kingswood staff provided everyone else with food for breakfast, lunch, and the first dinner.

**Mr Mikdad**



*"The first day of the residential was boisterous, and we did some problem-solving activities, but what made the day lively was the campfire. Everyone was dancing, singing, adoring the stars and enjoying time with their friend, which was a great start to the trip. Throughout the residential, the teachers and Kingswood staff were helpful, and the trip was fun. I enjoyed this trip, and I hope it can be soon repeated."* - Shiba Ahmed Year 8

## YEAR 9 RESIDENTIAL TO KINGSWOOD ASHFORD – GROSVENOR HALL

As part of Enterprise and wellbeing/cultural capital, as well as LEA's commitment to learning outside of the classroom, the school arranged residential trips for KS3 students. A weekend away to Kingswood allowed students to take part in several different activities based on teamwork, leadership, and communication. The trip encouraged students to build confidence and resilience by taking on fun challenges such as Bushcraft, Laser Tag, 3G Swing, Camp Fire, Leap of faith, problem-solving and enjoying highlights of the World Cup.

*"I enjoyed many things during this trip but especially spending time with my friends outside of school."*

*The Leap of Faith and Zip wire activities were scary, but I bravely completed them. The first night, we enjoyed dancing and singing around a campfire, which was lots of fun! Both the school and Kingswood staff were helpful. I enjoyed this trip, and I hope we can enjoy another one like this!"* - Shiba 8D

Students enjoyed the experience; not only taking part in all the activities but also having the opportunity to be independent, away from home, spending quality time with friends and peers.

*"Thank you to all the teachers and staff who supported this! The experience was great and it was a privilege to be selected to go!"* - Labiba 8D

Thank you to the staff who gave up their weekend to support this during one of the coldest weekends of the year.

**Mr Goni**



*The citizenship programme, assemblies, and the curriculum for careers help to prepare pupils effectively for the world after school.*  
- Ofsted, July 2022



# YEAR 11 MEDIA WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 23rd of November, we were invited to a media workshop event, hosted by Young Citizens to learn about how the media affects society. When we first arrived, we were welcomed with a delicious continental breakfast. We were put into groups with volunteers from Young Citizens and spent the whole day together.

*“The volunteers were helpful and made us feel comfortable throughout the day.”* - Fathema 11A

We had various sessions in which we learnt how the media has developed over the years, and we were able to give our input throughout the day.

*“This workshop developed our understanding and allowed us to express our opinions and be more vocal in a group setting.”* - Tanzeela 11D

*“After we left, we went to St Paul’s Park, where we all sat together and reflected on our day. It was a one-of-a-kind experience, and we thank the volunteers and especially our amazing teachers that escorted us and planned the whole event.”* - Abida 11E & Tasnim 11D



## CANARY WHARF ICE SKATING

Some lucky year 11 students were treated to a trip to the ice skating rink in Canary Wharf. Students were chosen for several reasons such as consistent good behaviour and exceptional effort in lessons.

*“It was my first-time ice skating, but I enjoyed it, even though I fell over a lot!”* - Mayssane 11E

It was very amusing to watch the students glide around the rink, whilst others spent more time falling every few seconds.

*“I really enjoyed this trip, but I fell over so many times, but it was still fun.”* - Mahen 11L

All students behaved well throughout the day and were credited to the school.

Ms Hussain



## LEA CAREERS FAIR

We invited numerous colleges and sixth forms into our school, giving our year 11 students and their parents the opportunity to speak to these institutions directly. We had 20 different colleges and sixth forms attending such as, Waltham Forest Sixth Form, BSix College, Newham College, New City College, Sir George Monoux College, Mulberry Girls UTC and Academy Shoreditch. Our students and their families gained information on subjects, courses, entry requirements, deadlines, and how to apply and enrol. We had an excellent turnout of students and parents. This was a great opportunity to find out about Post 16 options for our students and parents, and we hope they found it useful.

Mr Mikdad

*Pupils are taught about how to be responsible citizens and the importance of giving to others - Ofsted, July 2022*



# INTERVIEW WITH MS BONATTI

Ms Bonatti is a history teacher at LEA. We asked her a few questions to get to know her better.

♦ **What inspired you to become a teacher?**

I used to be a sports coach when I was younger, I always enjoyed working with young people, and I love history so I combined the two. I also really liked my school and teachers so I wanted to be like them.

♦ **Why did you choose to teach history?**

History is my favourite subject at school, and so I studied it at university as well. I believe that the more you know about history, the more you know about the world.

♦ **Why did you choose to teach at London Enterprise Academy?**

The school I went to was in the middle of nowhere in the countryside, so I wanted to teach at an inner-city school. I wanted a different experience from the one I had.

♦ **How would you describe yourself?**

Kind, caring and positive. That's how I would like people to describe me.

♦ **What is your favourite book?**

I have many favourite books but I really like 'Everything I Know about Love' by Dolly Alderton. It's a story about female friendships.

♦ **What is your favourite TV series?**

I've loved it since I was seven. It's my comfort show.

Finally, what is your favourite type of music?

Pop music and whatever's in the charts.

*Interviewed by Farah & Yonis 7E*



*Leaders ensure that pupils' well-being is given a high priority - Ofsted, July 2022*

Every student in years 7 and 8 was given a free reading book by the school, supported by Bookbuzz. With 17 different books to choose from, such as *You Are a Champion* by Marcus Rashford and the latest Alex Rider book, the students were spoilt for choice!

The hardest part was waiting for the books to arrive, but all students were thrilled to finally have their books.

At LEA, we are committed to encouraging reading for pleasure, and the Bookbuzz programme is one of the many ways to achieve this. In addition to this, all KS3 students have a monthly visit to the school library to browse new books and read quietly. We also have fortnightly extended advisory sessions for ERIC (everybody reads in class) to encourage our students to catch up on reading.

We hope our students will be more active in choosing a book of their own and ask questions to find the right one for them.

**Ms Aktar**



# World Cup 2022

The 2022 FIFA World Cup is an international men's football tournament, and it took place in Qatar this year, making it the first World Cup to be held in the Arab and Muslim world.

The school organised for students to watch all the England matches in the school's canteen. The afternoon matches were available for students to see during the final lessons of the day. This encourages learning both inside and outside of classrooms.

The England matches that took place in the evening were also open for students and staff to watch live on the big screen. Refreshments were provided and multiple students came along with their parents and friends to enjoy the game.

The World Cup is a great opportunity to learn more about other countries, and students have learnt a lot about the



countries in the tournament in Geography lessons. Sadly, England was knocked out during the semi-finals, but we hope that England performs better at the next World Cup!

**Mr Mikdad**

## Food Bank DONATIONS



The pupils and staff at London Enterprise Academy have a proud tradition of consistent grassroots engagement and have once again gone above and beyond to respond to the call of those in need.

The Docklands Community Initiative serves the most vulnerable people from our community through a food bank and home deliveries. This includes the elderly and homebound, homeless

friends, refugees and asylum seekers, people fleeing violence and families facing great hardship.

This donation will go a long way to boosting depleted stocks where the demand for food far exceeds what is available to share.

Thank you, Mr Ali, Mr Mikdad, Mr Islam and all the students and staff for the generous donations.

**Emdad Rahman MBE**

## Changing of the Guards & Hatchards Bookshop

The year 11 students were all fantastic on this trip. They first spent some time at Hatchards bookshop. Some of them had drawn author's names from a hat and were hunting for books by various writers. Everyone chose a book for themselves to read and many of the students were speaking to the staff at the shop for book recommendations, the staff were delighted to have us visit and many people were impressed that the students were getting books.

We then moved on and saw the guards outside the snow-capped palace, which was very beautiful in the bright sun, and it could have been Saint Petersburg before the



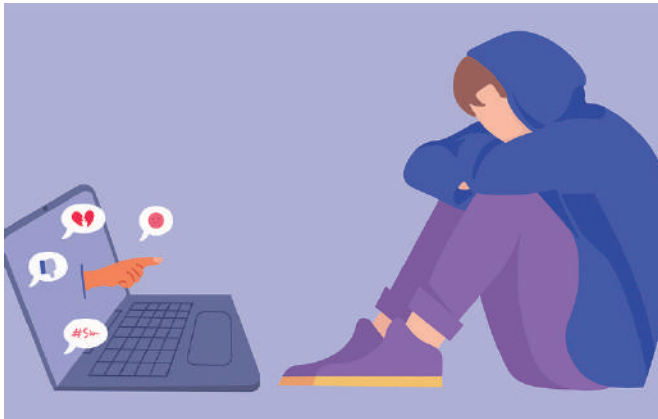
Russian revolution in the days of the Tsar!

We had lunch at Trafalgar Square, where the water pools were frozen with ice, before getting the train back to school.

Thank you, Mr Ali, for rewarding the students with books, I am sure all of the students will remember it.

**Mr Chessun**

# Cyberbullying



## What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is bullying with the use of digital technologies. It can take place on social media, messaging platforms, gaming platforms and mobile phones. It is repeated behaviour, aimed at scaring, angering or shaming those who are targeted. Examples include:

- Spreading lies about or posting embarrassing photos or videos of someone on social media
- Sending hurtful, abusive or threatening messages,

- images or videos via messaging platforms
- Impersonating someone and sending nasty messages to others on their behalf or through fake accounts.
- Face-to-face bullying and cyberbullying can often happen alongside each other. However, cyberbullying leaves a digital footprint – a record that can prove useful, and provide evidence to help stop the abuse.

Without a doubt, ever-changing technology is driving the need for the introduction of new tougher and clearer legislation to protect targets of cyberbullying. We are already seeing changes in law linked to Cyberbullying but more must be done. Having said that there are laws in place that can protect you if you are a victim of cyberbullying.

## When should you take action?

- If you see something inappropriate
- If someone spreads rumours about you
- If you are being threatened
- If you are being blackmailed
- Grooming
- If someone posts inappropriate pictures of you.

# BOOKBIKE LONDON SHARES 10,000 BOOKS



Book bike London, a free book-sharing social enterprise service has achieved a historic milestone of 10,000 free books shared. Mr Emdad Rahman, our Attendance & Welfare Advisor, runs this.

The London Enterprise Academy, especially our Principal Mr Ali, has been an important supporter of Bookbike for several years. Ms Drake has been instrumental in collecting books for this project.

The project started as a productive way for East Londoner Emdad Rahman to combine a passion for cycling and reading. His late father, Lutfur Rahman, donated the very first book, and his friend Rofik presented a cycle to him.

Collecting books from comedian Russell Howard, and

featuring on his show propelled Bookbike London to a large audience and donations of books multiplied overnight.

On celebrating reaching the 10,000-book milestone Emdad said, “I like to think of Bookbike as a small service based on the foundations of a solid and stable community which relies on itself first and foremost. We remain a humble project, grateful for the opportunity to serve, with terrific help from family, friends and complete strangers.”

Our principal Mr Ali commented, “Reading opens doors and broadens the mind. We are delighted to continue to support this great project, as it empowered the young and old in our community. Well done Emdad, well-done Bookbike!”





## YEAR 8 MONEY MATTERS WORKSHOP



All year 8 students participated in a Money Matters workshop delivered by the Education Business Partnership.

Students worked in groups where they learnt about how to manage money, including how to create a budget and learning about the difference between necessities and luxuries.

They were able to identify basic needs and wants to help them manage their money for the near future. Students spoke directly to employers from Barclays, a law firm and the NHS on their experience of saving and money management and asked them questions on everything they learnt in the session.

This session gave them fundamental knowledge of financial terms and the importance of saving and managing money.

**Mr Mikdad**

## Year 11 College ASSEMBLIES



To support our year 11 students, local colleges and sixth forms came into LEA to deliver assemblies on the courses they provide at their institutions. Mulberry UTC headteacher Sally Brian, New City College, BSix Sixth Form held assemblies to inform students about the A-Levels and BTEC courses they provide. They let students know of the deadlines and the application process. Students were also informed about Apprenticeship opportunities.

**Mr Mikdad**

## Year 10 Building PERSONAL SKILLS



The year 10s students had the opportunity to participate in recognising and building personal skills workshops led by Talent Foundry and professionals from Barclays. They taught students how life skills can help them to do their best, for example how leadership works in life. Students found the workshops useful and gained new skills and knowledge. - **Mr Mikdad**



The year 7 and 8 students took part in an athletics tournament with other secondary schools, held at Mulberry Stepney Green. We competed in events such as the long jump, triple jump and obstacle courses.

Our students performed well and showed exceptional sportsmanship. Our star athletes of the day were Hamza 7E, who won the 4-lap race, and Aaqibul 8L who won the 6-lap race. Despite not getting the results that we wanted, it was impressive to see the students take on these challenges.- **Mr J Rahman**



The KS3 boys took part in the Tower Hamlets Indoor Cricket Competition representing LEA.

The boys played well and showed a lot of determination and commitment. They put their cricket skills to use and showed excellent sportsmanship. We had a couple of close matches but sadly did not win the tournament. I am very proud of the effort and know we can perform even better with more practice. Well done boys!

**Mr J Rahman**





## Boccia TOURNAMENT

This December, LEA sent a team along to the Winter Boccia tournament at Poplar Baths. Some of the team were learning and playing the game for the first time. They played a total of four games, winning two and losing two. There were a few nail-biting moments when matches ended in a tiebreaker and a sudden death knockout situation, luckily, we had Humed as our team captain, who smashed it and won some much-needed points. All team members did very well with Tahsina receiving a high five from the referee for an excellent throw. All the hard work paid off, and the team placed third and came home with bronze medals!

Many thanks to Zabed 8E, Ahsan 8E, Tahsina 9A, Omer 9L and Humed 10A.

Ms Skilton


## Basketball COMPETITION



On Tuesday 13th of December, sixteen boys from KS3 and KS4 entered a team each at the Tower Hamlets Basketball competition played at the Copper Box Olympic Park. The boys had been practising hard every morning in the Jesse Jackson Sports hall, and their efforts were rewarded with some fine team and individual performances.

The KS3 team played against Canary Wharf and Bishop Challoner and won both matches, with Subeer 9L, Mu'aadh 9L and Yusuf 9A scoring the important baskets. We sadly lost to St. Paul's way but only narrowly; Salahudin 9A scored an impressive layup in the match. They reached the semi-finals but could not quite beat the opposing team. They came in 3rd place overall and won bronze medals. The KS4 boys played as a team for the first time. They played exceptionally well despite this, winning two out of their four games. Abdiwahab 11E, Ali 11D and Shu'ayb 10S were the star performers of this team. Although it was not the results we hoped for, the team played well with each other.

Well done team LEA!- *Umor 9E & Abdiwahab 11E*



# LONDON ENTERPRISE ACADEMY


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## Visit us for year 7, 8 & 9 Places

Thank you for the best secondary school experience! I've enjoyed my 5 years here - Christa

## GCSE result for progress and attainment **above National Average**

"The teachers never failed to keep the students motivated all the time."  
Year 11 Parent, August 2022



*"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*

