



January 2025



# LEA LIFE

[www.londonenterpriseacademy.org](http://www.londonenterpriseacademy.org)



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

## Message from the Principal

As we approach the festive season and the end of another busy half-term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many successes and milestones we have achieved together as a school community. This term at London Enterprise Academy has been particularly special as we received our Ofsted report, and I am delighted to share that LEA has been rated "Good" in all four key areas. This fantastic outcome is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff and students and the unwavering support of our parents and families. Thank you all for playing your part in this achievement.

This term we celebrated our annual GCSE and Ambassador's Award where we welcomed back our 2024 and 2022 students. It was an inspiring evening and we celebrated their achievements after leaving LEA.

As a school, we are committed to supporting a range of charities. Our school community has demonstrated their generosity through our food bank campaign where students brought food from home and collected them for the homeless. Students also held a charity bake sale to raise funds for the Gaza Crisis Appeal.

We have also had very exciting trips this term. Year 8 students enjoyed a weekend at Kingswood Residential where they took part in outdoor activities and learnt new skills. Our Year 10 students have had the privilege of flying to Spain on the last week of term, and next term we look forward to sending some more Year 10s and 11s to Bangladesh. These trips enrich our students' experiences and allow them to learn about different cultures.

As we prepare to break for the holidays, I wish you all a restful break during this festive season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for an exciting term.

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



## GCSEs & Ambassador's Award Celebration



On the 11th of December we hosted our annual GCSE & Ambassador Awards Celebration, a memorable evening dedicated to honoring academic excellence and community contributions. The event celebrated our 2024 leavers for their outstanding GCSE results and welcomed back our 2022 alumni who have now embarked on their university journeys.

The evening was graced by esteemed guests including Cllr Saif Uddin Khaled, Speaker of Tower Hamlets and Mohammed Tasnim Akunjee, a prominent Criminal Law and Human Rights Solicitor. Other distinguished attendees included Abul Hyat Nurujjaman, Vice President of BBCCI, alongside councillors Kamrul Hussain, Fruque Ahmed, Abdal Ullah, as well as Peter Mann and Emdad Rahman MBE.

Parents, school governors and members of the wider community joined in the celebration, making it a truly inclusive event. The evening was a testament to the hard work, dedication and aspirations of our students and a proud moment for everyone involved in supporting their journey.

**M Mikdad**





# London Enterprise Academy Rated "Good" in All Areas by Ofsted

London Enterprise Academy is proud to announce its recent Ofsted inspection, which has rated the school as Good in all four key areas: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, and Leadership and Management. This marks a significant improvement from the previous inspection in 2022 which rated the school as Requires Improvement overall.

The latest report, following an inspection in October 2024, highlights the school's exceptional progress and effective leadership. Among the key findings, inspectors praised:

- **Rich and Ambitious Curriculum:**  
"The school has designed a rich curriculum for all pupils which is based on the scope and ambition of the national curriculum."
- **High Behavioural Standards:**  
"The school's high expectations for behaviour are well understood by pupils. There is a fair and clear behaviour system. Any behaviour incidents are closely followed up by leaders."
- **Effective SEND Support:**  
"The school's support for pupils with SEND is effective. Teachers make appropriate adaptations so that pupils are able to fully access the learning."
- **Personal Development and Enrichment Opportunities:**  
"Personal development is a thread that runs throughout the whole curriculum... Pupils take advantage of [enrichment opportunities] and talk about how much they value them."

- **Robust Safeguarding Arrangements:**

"Assemblies address any issues or important messages that may be required to help to keep pupils safe."

The school, which opened as a Free School in 2014, celebrated its 10th anniversary in October 2024. This year has been particularly rewarding, with students achieving excellent GCSE results, surpassing the national average in English, Maths and Science.

**Principal Ashid Ali expressed his pride:**

"We welcomed the opportunity to show the inspectors the significant progress made since their last visit. They found that students are happy and benefitting from our ambitious curriculum and extensive extra-curricular programme. The recognition of our high standards of behaviour and focus on reading is a testament to our dedicated team and hardworking students."

**Nazim Ahmed, Chair of Governors, added:**

"I am incredibly proud that we have achieved the Ofsted rating the school deserves. Our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure our students receive the best opportunities. As a small school with huge ambitions, we look forward to building on this success and aiming for Outstanding at our next inspection."

The school is also looking ahead to two exciting international trips to Spain in December and Bangladesh in February, reflecting its commitment to providing enriching experiences beyond the classroom.

**M Mikdad**



## Interview with Miss Saturnino

**1. What inspired you to choose English?**

"I feel naturally good at English since I was young, and I enjoyed the GCSE English curriculum, especially analysing text."

**2. Why did you choose to work at LEA?**

"I wanted to put English knowledge into classroom practice and LEA felt familiar - like the communities I grew up in."

**3. What does the future hold for you?**

"I aspire to be a teacher and continue being involved in education as it's an integral aspect of life."

**4. What's your favourite quote?**

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord is with you."

**5. What is your favourite TV show?**

"I love sitcoms like Modern Family, currently I'm watching Abbott Elementary."

**6. Where are you originally from?**

"Ethnically I'm Filipino, but I moved to London from Liverpool."

**7. Favourite make up product?**

"Maybelline Sky High Mascara"



**Interviewed By FAHIZA ZAIN 9E**



# Year 7 & Year 9 *Greenwich Theatre Trip*

On Wednesday, 27th November, Year 7 students, along with some Year 9s, visited Greenwich Theatre to watch the pantomime "Dick Whittington and His Cat". The trip was a massive success, with students absolutely loving the interactive show, which included plenty of music, dance, and an amazing set. For many, it was their first-ever experience of live theatre, making it an unforgettable day.

As someone who used to work at Greenwich Theatre as a Front-of-House Duty Manager, I was proud to hear overwhelmingly positive feedback from the theatre staff about how well-behaved, enthusiastic, and engaged our students were throughout the performance. The actors also noticed our students' energy and involvement, often interacting directly with them, and our school received a special shout-out at the end of the show!



Many thanks to Bilal, Hamza, Burcu, and Sonia, who accompanied the students and helped make the trip such a success. A massive thanks as well to London Enterprise Academy for supporting experiences like this. It was heartwarming to see how much the students enjoyed themselves, and I hope this marks the start of many future theatre trips for them.

**Ms M Bartzou**

## Year 8 *Residential*

This past weekend, Year 8 students embarked on an exciting and adventure-filled residential trip to Kingswood, a renowned outdoor activity centre. Departing early on Friday morning and returning by mid-afternoon on Sunday, the trip was packed with thrilling activities, team-building experiences, and personal achievements. The weekend was not only about fun but also about learning new skills, facing challenges, and building lasting memories.



Students took part in a variety of exciting activities. They built buggies, learning teamwork and problem-solving skills, and practiced bushcraft, including fire lighting and shelter building. The high-energy aeroball challenge combined trampolining and basketball, while archery allowed students to hone their focus and precision. The Leap of Faith pushed students to overcome fears by jumping from a height to grab a trapeze, and the 3G Swing gave them an exhilarating rush of adrenaline as they soared through the air. The weekend was filled with personal achievements and unforgettable experiences.

Not only did students have a blast participating in a variety of exciting activities, but they also learned valuable life skills, built stronger friendships, and gained more confidence in themselves. The trip was an unforgettable experience, and it's clear that the memories and lessons learned will stay with the students long into the future. Overall, the Kingswood residential trip was a huge success.

**Mr B Ahmed**



## World Mental Health - Assembly

At London Enterprise Academy we marked World Mental Health Day with a powerful assembly led by Shocka Proton a talented rapper and passionate mental health activist.

Shocka shared inspiring stories, offering valuable insights on the importance of mental well-being and breaking the stigma around mental health. His message was a reminder that we all need to look out for each other and seek support when we need it.

**Mr M Mikdad**



## Year 8 Skills for Success workshop

This workshop will help students develop key skills for personal and professional growth, including communication, leadership, time management and more.

**M Mikdad**

## Year 7 Tech industry workshop

30 of our year 7 students at London Enterprise Academy had an amazing time visiting the Valtech office. It was an exciting and valuable experience and they're already eager for more opportunities like this in the future.

During the visit our students learned how to code and even created their own projects using CodePen. They also had the chance to meet industry professionals who provided guidance on coding and web development.



This visit offered valuable insight into key areas of technology, including HTML, CSS and JavaScript. It was an excellent hands on learning experience and a fantastic opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in the world of coding.

**M Mikdad**



## Julius Francis and Shah Kamal's visit

Julius Francis, former European heavyweight kickboxing champion and Shah Kamal, a talented boxer came to our year 7 and year 8 assembly at London Enterprise Academy. They spoke about important topics like confidence, self-defence and martial arts, sharing valuable life lessons with our students. Julius Francis, who once fought the legendary Mike Tyson, a five-time British Heavyweight Champion, four-time Commonwealth Champion and holder of the Lonsdale Belt and Shah Kamal who is ranked in the Europe Western sub-region of MMA, inspired everyone with their stories.

**M Mikdad**



## JP Morgan Hackathon event

A group of year 10 students from London Enterprise Academy had an incredible opportunity to visit J.P. Morgan's HQ in Canary Wharf. They explored real world applications of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, gaining insights into data analytics and experiencing hands on work with AI/ML solutions. This eye opening visit sparked enthusiasm for the future of technology in the workplace and inspired our students to envision the possibilities that lie ahead.

**Mr M Mikdad**



## British Land

10 year 9 girls attended an event at SMBC where they learnt about careers for women in STEM and finance. They also worked on building a CV and did some networking with professionals in the company.

**M Siddiqah**



## Tomorrow's Engineer's Week 2024

As part of Tomorrow's Engineers Week (10th–14th November 2024) celebrations, our year 10 students at London Enterprise Academy had an incredible opportunity to participate in workshops with Arcadis Consulting (UK) Ltd. The session focused on careers in engineering within the construction and built environment sectors, inspiring our students to explore the exciting possibilities in these fields.

A huge thank you to Dr. Olufemi Ajayi, Himabindu Dasari and Xiyu Phoon for taking the time to visit our school and deliver such an engaging and informative workshop. Special thanks to Carl Kemp for organising everything and making this day possible.



We're proud to provide opportunities that ignite curiosity and help our students envision bright futures in engineering.

**M Mikdad**



## Parents Coffee Morning

London Enterprise Academy hosted its first coffee morning for the parents of our new Year 7 students. The purpose of this event was to create an open forum for parents to share their feedback on their children's first week of school and to discuss ways we can enhance parent engagement with school activities.

**M Mikdad**



# Careers

## Year 11 Students Inspired at Our Careers Fair

On 27th November our school proudly hosted a dynamic Careers Fair bringing together over 35 industry professionals, civil service representatives, educational institutions, colleges, sixth forms, universities and vocational training providers. This event offered a wealth of opportunities for our year 11 students to explore their future career and educational pathways.



The fair was a resounding success, providing students with invaluable insights into the diverse academic and vocational options available. From university courses to apprenticeship programs and industry career advice, attendees gained knowledge and inspiration to help shape their post-16 decisions.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the providers who joined us and shared their expertise. Your support has played a crucial role in empowering our students to make informed and confident choices for their futures.

**Mr M Mikdad**

## Year 10 Mock Trial

All Rise!

A group of our Y10 students represented the school in the London Regional Bar Mock Trial heat.

This involved the students putting into practice their advocacy skills in a real Crown Court courtroom.

The students spent a great deal of time and effort preparing their cases - involving reflecting on the relevant case law, practising delivery, reviewing evidence, and coming up with questions for cross examination.

In *R v Hinton* - a (mock) case involving an alleged assault occasioning actual bodily harm, lead prosecutors Nikol and Moosa presented a strong case against the defendant, Mr Hinton, who squirmed under Nikol's forensic and forceful cross examination.

In the second case, *R v Speed*, a case involving an apparent use of a doping drug in an athletic competition, lead prosecutors Sanjida and Nikol, once again presented a strong case for the Crown. After a strong performance from Nikol - during which she did not refer to her notes once - the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

In the final case, a repeat of *R v Hinton* (this time with LEA defending Mr Hinton), defence barristers Labiba and Shiba diligently exposed inaccuracies and holes both in the evidence and the statements from witnesses.

Notable mentions go to Abu and Mariya for their services as court Clerk and Usher respectively.

Ms Bonatti and I were blown away by the dedication and performance of the students. This shone through during the cases and was remarked upon by the judges in each case. They were also the best-behaved students in the whole competition.

A special thank you to barrister Jessica Hocking who took a lot of time out of her busy timetable to prepare our students and give them insights into working in the legal profession. We will continue working with Jessica to provide these opportunities for other students and to continue developing debate and advocacy skills.

**Mr J Maughan**





# Safeguarding at LEA

Keeping Our Students  
Safe Together

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

At London Enterprise Academy, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. This newsletter provides updates and advice on key issues affecting young people. Your partnership is vital in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.

## Anti-Bullying: Everyone's Responsibility

Bullying can take many forms, including online, verbal, or physical abuse. We are committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment where bullying is not tolerated.

### What can you do?

- Encourage your child to speak up if they feel unsafe.
- Monitor their social media activity and discuss respectful online behaviour.
- Contact the school if you have concerns.

### Support Available:

We have an Anti-Bullying Ambassador program and a safe reporting system for students.

## Substance Abuse Awareness: Vaping Risks

Vaping among young people is on the rise, often marketed as harmless. However, vaping can expose students to harmful chemicals and lead to nicotine addiction.

### Tips for Parents:

- Discuss the dangers of vaping openly and calmly.
- Be aware of signs such as unusual smells, devices, or behavioural changes.
- Encourage healthy habits and hobbies to reduce curiosity about vaping.

For further support, visit NHS Vaping Advice or speak to our safeguarding team.

## Charity Cakes and Bakes: Support the Gaza Crisis Appeal

On 4th December our students came together to host a heartfelt Charity Cakes and Bakes event in support of the Gaza Crisis Appeal. The event featured a delightful array of homemade cakes, cookies and baked treats, all generously prepared to raise funds for those in need.

The initiative was a tremendous success, with the entire school community coming together to contribute. Every penny raised from the sales has been donated to Oxfam to support their crucial work in the region.

## Gangs and County Lines: Protecting Our Young People

Some young people are being exploited by gangs through 'county lines' drug operations. These groups target vulnerabilities and can lead to severe consequences.

### Signs to Watch For:

- Changes in behaviour or unexplained possessions.
- Frequent absences from home or school.
- Secretive phone activity or unusual phone numbers.

### How We Can Help:

We work closely with local authorities to raise awareness and provide support for at-risk students.

## Let's Work Together

Our safeguarding team is here to help. If you have any concerns or need advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Contact Us:** [tellme@londonenterpriseacademy.org](mailto:tellme@londonenterpriseacademy.org)

**Mr N Hussain**



A huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought, or supported this worthy cause. Your kindness and generosity truly made a difference.

**Kim Skilton**



# Sports



## KS3 Cricket Trip

Students from KS3 participated in an excellent opportunity to be coached at Lords Cricket Ground. The boys spent all day playing hard ball cricket in the nets and indoor cricket with Lords Coaches.

**Mr M Gransden**

## Annual London Cross Country Championship

Saturday the 16th Of November saw the annual London Cross Country Championship held at Parliament Hill West London.

Students from LEA represented Tower Hamlets and performed really well on the day completing the course in personal best times.

Great running from Maryam, Salim and Abdullah all from Year 11.

**Mr M Gransden**



## Year 7 Tower Hamlets Football Tournament

Boys from Year 7 performed really well at Victoria Park drawing two games and finishing 6th overall in this annual Tower Hamlets Competition. Player of the tournament was Mohamed Nidal and Amir played really well in goal.

**Mr M Gransden**

## Visit to Wembley Stadium

33 male students have participated in a number of fitness tests and world class tour around the greatest stadium of England History.

All boys were impeccably behaved and represented the school incredibly well.

**Ms J Brighton**



81-91 Commercial Road, London E1 1RD

E: [info@londonenterpriseacademy.org](mailto:info@londonenterpriseacademy.org) T: 020 7426 0746

[www.londonenterpriseacademy.org](http://www.londonenterpriseacademy.org)