



LEA LIFE



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

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to a new academic year at London Enterprise Academy. I hope you all had a restful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. We have had a very positive start to the term, beginning with a set of outstanding GCSE results. This year, our students have achieved well above the national average in English, Maths, and Science, reflecting their hard work, commitment, and the unwavering support from our exceptional staff. We are very proud of our students and are excited to see what they go on to achieve.

October has been a busy month for LEA. On the 1st of October, we welcomed the Ofsted inspection team to LEA. The visit provided an opportunity for us to showcase the hard work of our dedicated teachers and the engagement of our students. We look forward to receiving their feedback.

Last week, we celebrated our ten-year anniversary with an excellent gala dinner, attended by many of our alumni, current students, parents, and distinguished guests. The night was one of celebration as we congratulated our first cohort of students who are now the first graduates of LEA. The audience listened to speeches from some of our esteemed guests, including Lutfur Rahman, Mayor of Tower Hamlets, Baroness Pola Uddin, and Unmesh Desai, London Assembly Member. It was wonderful to see everyone at the event, and we are thankful for the support that parents, staff, and the community have provided to the school.

Our new Year 7s were also welcomed in September and have been settling in exceptionally well. We have been providing every Year 7 student with a free laptop as part of our commitment to ensuring all of our students can access their learning in school and at home. Over the summer, we ran our yearly summer school for both current students and external students from Tower Hamlets, which was a success and has continued to be a great way of supporting the young people in our community.

Students have been enjoying many trips and visits, with more to come. Year 7 students have visited the National Maritime Museum and the Natural History Museum as a great start to their year, while our Year 11 students got to explore playing with virtual reality as part of their Computing curriculum.

We have several exciting events and initiatives planned for this term that will further enrich our school community. I look forward to celebrating more accomplishments with you as we continue our journey together.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. Here's to a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and achievement.

Ashid Ali
MA (Ed), NPQH, FCCT
Principal



Celebrating Outstanding GCSE Success and a Decade of Excellence

On Thursday 22nd August 2024, we celebrated an exceptional set of GCSE results this year, marking a significant improvement from last year. Our pupils have performed well above the National Average in core subjects such as English, Maths, and Science, with an average grade of 7 in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our students and staff.

As we celebrate our school's 10th anniversary, we are also proud to announce our first set of graduates, many of whom have progressed to prestigious universities across the UK. Their perseverance and commitment have truly paid off, with many now moving on to local colleges and sixth forms, as well as renowned academic centres such as NCS, LAE, Brampton in Newham, and ICS in Islington.

Mr K Bashar

This year's high achievers for GCSE 2024 include:

Ana Mohammed	11 GCSEs grade 7-9
Taharia Islam	11 GCSEs grade 7-9
Maheru Uddin	10 GCSEs grade 7-9
Suraiya Ahmed	9 GCSEs grade 7-9
Hamza Amjad	8 GCSEs grade 7-9
Tohura Ali	8 GCSEs grade 7-9
Berkay Yirtic	8 GCSEs grade 7-9
Tanha Aziz Begum	8 GCSEs grade 7-9
Prithin Hossain	7 GCSEs grade 7-9
Dron Ghosh	7 GCSEs grade 7-9
Syeda Fabiha Rahman	7 GCSEs grade 7-9

Congratulations to all!



London Enterprise Academy Celebrates

On the 9th of October, London Enterprise Academy marked its tenth anniversary with a celebration attended by students, parents, staff, community members and distinguished guests, including Lutfur Rahman, Mayor of Tower Hamlets, and Baroness Pola Uddin. The evening was a testament to the hard work, persistence, and dedication of everyone who contributed to the school's success over the past decade.

The Principal, Ashid Ali, expressed gratitude, in his address, to the parents and students who had supported the school over the years, placing their trust in the leadership and staff. He also extended his thanks to his team for their efforts. Reflecting on the journey, he acknowledged the challenges faced during the early days, when the school had no building, no teachers, and no results, and how it had now grown into an established institution offering families an additional secondary choice.

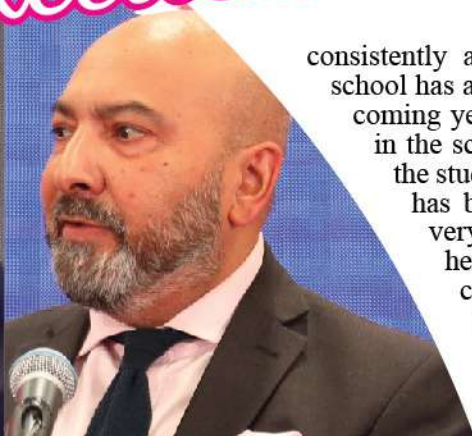
Mayor Rahman, a special guest at the event, commended the school's achievements and voiced his aspirations for its students, saying, "I am pleased to be here today supporting the school, the management and their students. I want our students to go to the best and the top universities in the country, to become professionals, become successful individuals, and for them to be mentors and role models." His words captured the shared ambition for students to strive for greatness and become leaders of tomorrow.

Other special guests were present at the event including London Assembly Member, Unmesh Desai, Cllr Faruk Choudhury, Peter Mann, founding governor of London Enterprise Academy and Professor Sanawar Choudhury. Dr Michael Harpham, ex-associate principal of London Enterprise Academy who was also at the anniversary dinner spoke warmly about his time at the Academy, noting the collective effort that had led to the school's continued success. "It was my pleasure to work with the staff and students, and we got some amazing results this year," he said.

2024 has been an important year for the school as LEA not only celebrated their 10th Anniversary but also its first cohort of graduates, with many alumni in attendance to share their stories. Many former students have gone on to prestigious sixth forms and universities, including Imperial College, UCL, Kings, LSE, Queen Mary, and Oxbridge. Over the last few years, London Enterprise Academy has



a Decade of Excellence and Growth



consistently achieved excellent GCSE results, and the school has a vision of building on this foundation in the coming years. Dr. Sophina Asong, another key figure in the school's development, expressed her pride in the students' achievements, stating, "The tenth year has been a great success for the school. We're very proud of the children who have graduated here. They're doing the borough proud. You can see how the students who have graduated here are being models and examples for the younger ones." She praised the school's rich extracurricular offerings, emphasizing that despite the challenges of Tower Hamlets, London Enterprise Academy provided students with experiences that go beyond academic expectations.



The Leader of the Tower Hamlets Labour Party, Cllr Shirajul Islam, also extended his congratulations to the school community, stating, "We congratulate London Enterprise Academy and the teachers and students for the fantastic work that they do, and I hope they go from strength to strength. We are here to celebrate many more anniversaries in the future."



Students at London Enterprise Academy have made excellent progress in English, Maths and Science. The school is committed to providing extracurricular activities as students have the opportunity to go on a wide range of trips and visits, including residential trips, Duke of Edinburgh, and day trips to theatres and galleries. The school has also been dedicated to contributing to the local community and beyond, through raising money for charities like Marie Curie, collecting food for Tower Hamlets Food Bank, and providing educational supplies & water wells in Bangladesh. Students have also shown their determination to improve the school's facilities by campaigning for new playgrounds, which were completed in 2022, costing nearly a million pounds without any additional external funding.



Special thanks were given to the teachers and support staff during the event for their unwavering commitment, as well as the school's governors for their voluntary work in meeting statutory obligations. The evening concluded with a message of optimism and pride for the students and alumni, who, as the Principal noted, are the leaders and role models of tomorrow.

Ms M Siddiqah

Year 7 Visit to the National Maritime Museum

2nd September 2024

During their visit to the National Maritime Museum, students explored the rich maritime history of the UK and the world. Through interactive exhibits, they learned about the development of sea navigation, maritime exploration, and global trade routes. The visit highlighted the following career paths: Maritime Historian, Marine Engineer, Museum Curator and Cartographer etc.

Mr B Ahmed



Year 7 Visit to Natural History Museum

3rd September 2024

The visit to the Natural History Museum immersed students in the world of biodiversity, evolution, and the environment. Exhibits on fossils, wildlife, and natural phenomena sparked interest in various scientific careers: Palaeontologist, Conservationist, Geologist and Zoologist etc.

Mr H Ahmed



Open Evening and Fun day

On September 26th, we held our Year 6 Open Evening, which proved to be a wonderful opportunity for families to explore our school. The event attracted a fantastic turnout of parents and students, all eager to learn more about our educational offerings. Families toured the school facilities,

visiting classrooms and engaging in various activities that showcased our curriculum. This interactive experience allowed parents to connect with teachers and gain insights into their children's future learning environment, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.



Following this successful event, the Year 6 Fun Day took place on October 5th, bringing together students and families for a day filled with excitement and enjoyment. The Fun Day featured an array of engaging activities, including a bouncy castle, sports games, and delicious food stalls. This vibrant atmosphere not only entertained the students but also strengthened community bonds, as parents and children participated in various activities together. The day was a testament to our school's commitment to creating a supportive and enjoyable environment for all families, ensuring that everyone felt welcomed and valued.

Mr M Mikdad





London Enterprise Academy

The London Enterprise Academy proudly hosted its annual Summer School from the 22nd of July to the 9th of August 2024. Taking place daily from 10am to 3pm the program attracted over 100 children, including both LEA students

and children from the wider community. This year's summer school offered a perfect blend of fun, learning, and personal development, engaging the children in a variety of activities and excursions that kept them active and inspired.



Family Funday

The final week of summer school saw a memorable Family Funday, which was one of the highlights of the program. We had a fantastic turnout, with many children and their families attending. The day was filled with exciting activities, including:

- A much-loved bouncy castle, which provided hours of entertainment for the younger participants.
- Numerous competitions, where children displayed their skills and won prizes in friendly contests

The 2024 LEA Summer School was a great success, offering children a well-rounded and memorable experience filled with learning, fun, and growth. Through a blend of sports, creative activities, academic support, and exciting excursions, the children were able to make the most of their



summer break. The positive community involvement, capped by the family funday and certificate ceremony, demonstrated the lasting impact of the program on both the children and their families.

Summer School 2024

The 2024 Summer School was packed with a wide range of activities, catering to diverse interests. Children enjoyed an exciting mix of:

- **Sports (Indoor and Outdoor):** A variety of sports and physical activities helped promote teamwork, fitness, and healthy competition among the children.

- **Arts and Crafts:** Creative workshops allowed children to explore their artistic side, creating beautiful pieces of artwork to take home.

- **Academic Classes:** Regular educational sessions ensured that students remained engaged academically, bridging the gap between the academic terms.



Excursions and Day Trips

A key feature of this year's summer school was the exciting array of excursions and day trips, which allowed children to experience new environments and challenges. Some of the trips included:

- A relaxing and scenic Uber boat trip along the River Thames.
- A thrilling day out at the cinema.
- High-energy fun at Flip Out, a popular trampoline park.
- A competitive and enjoyable day of bowling.
- An engaging sports-focused visit to the Stratford Padel Club.
- A reward trip to Crimes, offering a unique experience for the children.
- A fun-filled picnic at Victoria Park, featuring a range of sports competitions that saw the children actively participating and competing.



Mr M Mikdad

Year 11 GCSE Evening

LEA was pleased to invite year 11 Parents and Carers to the GCSE Raising Attainment Evening at LEA on Wednesday 2nd October 2024, 4:20pm – 5:30pm. During this event, we have provided essential details, strategies, and resources to help parents and carers to support their child throughout this academic year. We also have given guidance on post 16 provisions and careers.

The evening has covered key areas including:

- Revision strategies and support materials tailored for subject areas.
- Details on how LEA can collaborate with parents and carers to ensure the best outcomes for their child.
- Course outlines for each subject area.
- Presentations by subject specialist in English, Maths and Science with key notes.

- Post 16 Provision guidance by careers co-coordinator. Both students and parents were grateful and pleased to receive the relevant information and strategies to support their child to see the best outcome.

By Mr MA Goni



Year 7 Settling-in Evening

On Tuesday, September 17th, we hosted our Year 7 Settling-In Evening, a key event designed to welcome parents and guardians of our new students. The evening proved to be a valuable opportunity for families to engage with our school community and gain insights into their children's educational journey.

Attendees had the chance to meet our Head of Learning, Learning Mentor, and the dedicated advisors who support the Year 7 cohort. Each member of our staff shared their commitment to fostering a nurturing and productive environment for students, discussing the resources available to ensure a smooth transition into secondary school.

Parents appreciated the open dialogue, which allowed them to ask questions and express any concerns about their child's adjustment. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, reinforcing the importance of collaboration between home and school in supporting our students' success.

Overall, the Year 7 Settling-In Evening was a resounding success, marking the beginning of a strong partnership between our school and families. We are excited to continue working together to help our Year 7 students thrive in their new environment.

Thank you to all who attended! We look forward to more opportunities to connect with parents in the future.

Mr B Ahmed



Safeguarding

At London Enterprise Academy, the safety and wellbeing of every child in our care is our highest priority. We are committed to maintaining a safe, supportive environment where children feel secure and able to thrive. As we work together to keep our children safe, we'd like to share important safeguarding updates that are especially relevant to our community in Tower Hamlets.

The 2024 Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) guidance has introduced updates that strengthen how schools protect children. Here are the key points that every parent should be aware of:



*Mental Health and Wellbeing: A Priority // Online Safety: Navigating the Digital World
Harmful Behaviour and Child-on-Child Abuse*

1. Safeguarding in London: Local Challenges
As a vibrant, diverse, and bustling city, London presents its own unique safeguarding challenges. Here are some key areas we want to bring to your attention:

2. Who to Contact if You Have Concerns
If you ever have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of your child or another child in our school community, please

**Exploitation and Gangs
Knife Crime and Youth Violence
Radicalisation and Extremism**

do not hesitate to get in touch with our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Naveed Hussain, at LEA.

Working Together for a Safer Community

Safeguarding is a team effort. By working together—staff, parents, carers, and students—we can ensure that all children in our school feel safe, supported, and able to achieve their full potential.

Mr N Hussain
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Student's Visit the Houses of Parliament



On Wednesday 9th October, a group of Year Tens had a one hour tour of the Houses of Parliament, entering from the monarch's gate, walking through the robing room, the House of Lords and then the Commons and ending in Westminster Hall where we were allowed to take photos.

They participated in discussion with our tour guides about the history of Parliament and the role of the British government today, and the work that MPs and Peers do. Students were spotting the links to Macbeth when they saw statues of the Stuarts and were told about the gunpowder plot. We also managed to see the dashing Welsh Guards in St James' Park/outside Wellington Barracks with performing marching band. It was a great day out seeing some of the history of our city. Look out for write ups in the school magazine by some of the students and hopefully a video of the trip! Thank you to Rahma and Jonathan for excellent help in making the trip run so smoothly, and a commendation to the students who represented the school so well today. **Mr E Chessun**

DNA VR Trip: Exploring the Future of Technology



As part of our ongoing commitment to learning outside the classroom, Year 11 students embarked on an exciting journey into the world of technology. This trip to DNA VR in Hammersmith was designed to immerse students in cutting-edge fields such as Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Metaverse, and 3D imaging. The experience was aimed at inspiring creativity and supporting students as they develop their coursework in Information Technology (RO70). The trip provided real-world examples that students could apply directly to their projects.

The DNA VR trip was not just an exciting adventure but a powerful learning experience that directly connected to the students' coursework. Through practical examples of AR, VR, HCI, and AI, students were able to deepen their understanding of the concepts they will apply in their projects. Many of the students found inspiration for their future coursework and careers, and found it to be a memorable and valuable trip. I would like to thank Mr. Ali



for funding this trip, and a special thank you to Ms. Siddiqah and Jemimah Saturnino for their help and support throughout the trip.

Mr Islam

The trip we took yesterday was incredibly helpful in expanding our knowledge and guiding us through our RO70 coursework task. One particularly valuable moment was during our stop at Popeyes. The screen we used to place our orders featured a simple, user-friendly Human-Computer Interface (HCI), which closely resembles what we need to create for our coursework. The layout was clean, uncluttered, and easy to navigate, yet it still included all the necessary details.

The menu structure was strikingly similar to the task we have been assigned. It started with a home screen, and when you selected a food item or meal, it took you to a new screen where you could choose flavours, sizes, and add-ons,

narrowing down the options step by step. This process is exactly like the quiz format we are required to design, which also returns the user to the home screen once completed.

We also gained a deeper understanding of augmented reality by experiencing Virtual Reality (VR) firsthand at DNA VR. This was a perfect way to learn about the latest immersive technology and to understand what we need to produce for our AR project.

I would like to thank Mr. Islam and the school for organizing and providing us with this fantastic learning opportunity. **Musaab Ibrahim (11D)**



World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October at London Enterprise Academy, we marked World Mental Health Day with a powerful assembly led by Shocka, a talented rapper and passionate mental health activist. Shocka shared inspiring stories, offering valuable insights on the importance of mental wellbeing 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. Let's continue to prioritize mental health, not just today but every day.

Mr M Mikdad



Year 9 and Year 10 Students Thrive on Their Kingswood Adventure

On Friday the 4th of October, our year 9 and year 10 students went to an unforgettable four-day residential trip to Kingswood in Norfolk. This trip provided them with a wonderful opportunity to broaden their horizons, nurture their potential and develop essential life skills that extend far beyond the classroom. Throughout their time at Kingswood, students faced new challenges and embraced adventure, building confidence and taking calculated risks. Engaging in exhilarating outdoor activities and

team-building exercises, each moment became an opportunity for personal growth and self-discovery.



Exploring Nature & Learning Survival Skills

We got to experience a range of environments, from coasts to woodlands and reservoirs, and learned some really useful skills. Map reading and orienteering were a big part of the trip, where we worked as teams, navigating around the centre with just a map. We also got hands-on with survival skills like building shelters, lighting campfires with natural materials, and learning how to stack sticks to create heat.

City vs. Countryside

One of the best parts was discussing the differences between urban and rural lifestyles, especially while standing by the beautiful reservoir. The fresh air and open skies made some of us appreciate the benefits of countryside living! We also talked about climate change and how even small changes in our daily lives can help protect the planet.

Key Takeaways

Life Skills: We learned to adapt, work together, and lead our teams, turning challenges into opportunities.

Confidence & Empowerment: The trip helped boost our confidence and trust in each other.

Mental Health & Well-being: Spending time in nature made us feel happier, less stressed, and more energized.

Resilience: We faced setbacks but came out stronger, showing determination and resilience.

Sustainability: The trip opened our eyes to how we can live more sustainably by making small changes.

Overall, it was an incredible experience, full of learning and adventure. A big thank you to all the staff and students who made this trip so memorable!

Mr M Islam



"Half-Term Sports Highlights: Celebrating Team Spirit and Athletic Achievements"

A great start to the season with the newly formed Year 7 team winning 2-0 against Waterside Academy. The Year 7s faced St. John's Prep Enfield in the next round. The Year 8s followed this excellent win with an extra-time victory also against Waterside Academy. Mahib brought us level with the Waterside Team at 2-2 and then Shakib sealed the win at 4-3 to move into Round 2.

The Year 9s and 10s had harder fixtures against their opposition from West London and put up a great fight. Amin Ali scored goals for the Year 10s and Abdirahman Ali also scored for the Year 9 team.

Mr M Gransden



Tower Hamlets Cross Country Championship 2024 at Victoria Park

Thursday 10th October saw a team of 35 students participate in the annual cross country at Victoria Park some really good performances. Salim in Year 11 finishing 3rd in the under 17 race and Subeer winning the U16 race. Maryam finished 5th in the under 17 girls race. Bilal came 17th in the under 13 boys race and Mohamed Abdu came in at 23rd place. Jasmine was our best finisher in the under 13 girls' race. Ibrahim Hussain came in 19th place and Fahim was 22nd place in the under 15 boys' race. Well done to everyone who competed and the top 10 finishers go onto the London Cross country in Hampstead Heath.

Mr J Rahman



"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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