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Enterprising Success for Year 7 Students at Essa Academy

On the 8th February The Prince's Trust delivered an enterprise day for our Year 7 students. Students had to design their own business; deciding on products to sell and watching their profits increase as they traded throughout the day.

"It was a really great opportunity to connect students with professional people and get them networking" - **Melissa**

"I've enjoyed learning different things about business" - **Kinjal**

Students loved the experience and learned a lot about business in the process. Some students saw over a million pounds profit - watch out Lord Sugar!

Teacher Ms Battersby was very pleased with how the day went. She said "Enterprise day was a big success. I'm so impressed by how the students engaged with the professionals. Essa Academy is preparing young people for future success and I can tell that lots of our students have what it takes to be successful business people in the future. We will continue to offer enterprise opportunities so that students can develop their skills even further".

We asked several students for their thoughts on the day;

"We learned today at enterprise day how a business works and I've really enjoyed it ... its been fun" - **Humzer**

"My favorite part was when we played the simulator because we understood how we could develop a business" - **Sima**

You can watch video highlights of Enterprise Day at www.essaacademy.org



Upcoming dates for the diary

17th February International Week

27th February School Re-Opens (Following Half Term)

8th May Parent Workshop- eSafety/Computing



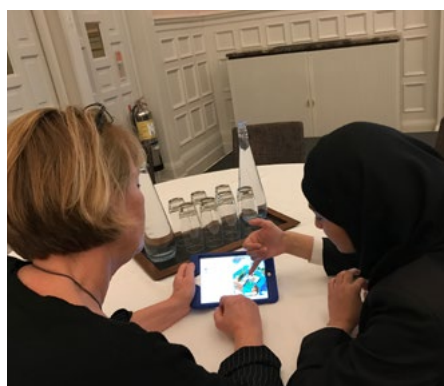
Computer Science Students Become Teachers

> Year 8 Students take their Coding Skills to BETT – the UK’s largest trade event

Year 8 students traveled to the BETT show in Westminster, London to run two workshops on how to code using the iPad. The BETT Show is the UK’s largest trade event that showcases the use of technology in education.

Our students were involved in teaching teachers how to code using Swift Playgrounds. Swift is the language used to build iOS apps. Students demonstrated core programming skills like functions, conditions, loops and commands. The workshop was a great success.

Teacher Mr Carney said “I was impressed with how confident the year 8 students were when sharing their knowledge. We had some time to spare in the afternoon for a bit of sight-seeing. We managed to visit Leicester Square, Downing Street, The London Eye, Big Ben and got a glimpse of Buckingham Palace.”



King Lear Live!

On Thursday 9th February our Year 10 students had the privilege of watching a spectacular live broadcast of King Lear, courtesy of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The broadcast started with a live studio introduction that included activities for students to help them engage with the production and get the most from the experience. There was even an opportunity for a live Q&A session with the actors and director.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were fully engaged with the range of learning activities provided. This experience will go a long way towards helping the students with their English GCSE preparations.



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