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Medical Day 2017 Inspires ESSA Academy Students

The Essa Academy Medical Day on Wednesday 15th February was a huge success. It was a lovely opportunity to welcome four medical students from The University of Manchester to come and work alongside our students and parents.

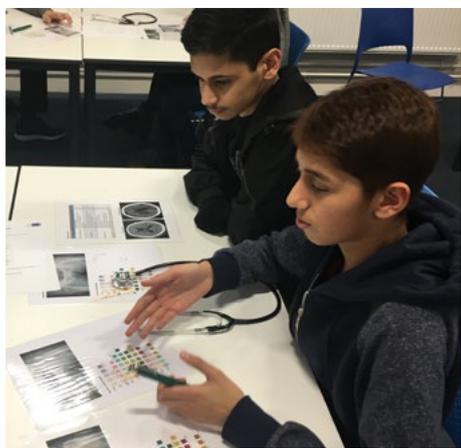
The event gave an insight into the commitments required from medical students, in the preparation for university life itself, and in the real setting of a hospital or GP surgery. The medical students also talked openly about the importance of work experience and volunteer work in preparation for their application to university; to provide skills and opportunities that will equip them in the world of work.

Students had the opportunity to learn CPR, the recovery position and run through diagnostic testing. It was a fantastic

opportunity to learn life skills that will support students in their applications to medical school in the coming years.

Essa Director Mrs Alexander said, "It was fantastic to see the number of students who have aspirations to become doctors. Our students are always a credit to the academy and their parents. It was delightful to work with them through the workshops on the day. I really hope they have learnt a lot from this event, and have made lifelong contacts who will support their future applications."

One student said "I felt the medical day was unique opportunity, we had the chance to talk to students who were going through medical school. They told us of what to expect if we was to choose the Medical path and personally I found the whole event quite invigorating".

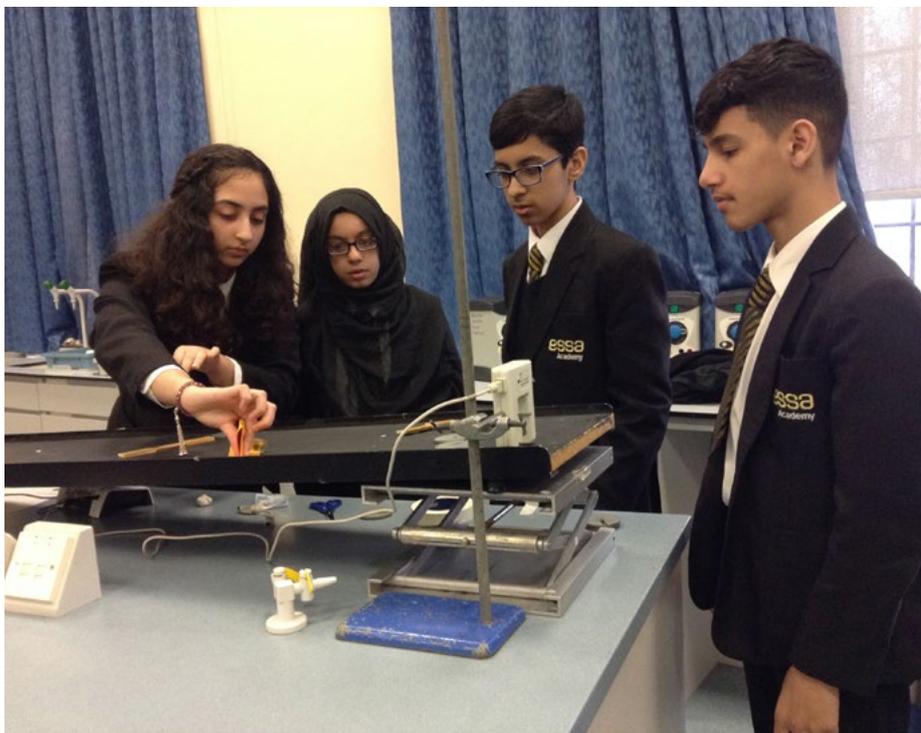


Upcoming dates for the diary

8th May Parent Workshop- eSafety/Computing

22nd May Enterprise Week

3rd July Healthy Week



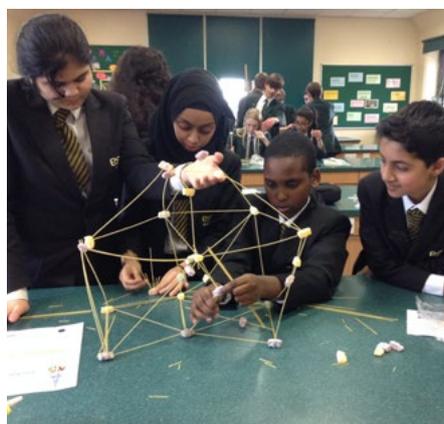
Essa Students take the Physics Olympics Challenge!

> **8 students from year 9 went to Bolton school to compete in the Physics Olympics**

This special event consisted of five challenges that included building a rocket, building a paper boat to hold the most marbles (whilst staying afloat) and building the tallest jelly baby tower that could support the weight of an egg.

We may not have won but the team work, enthusiasm and the application of subject knowledge from all of them was a joy to witness.

Teacher Miss Watson said "We all felt that the trip was very beneficial. We all agreed that it helped to put a lot of the content from their lessons into context and it showed them how key principles can be applied to real world situations. Additionally, the trip helped them to develop key skills including team work, problem solving and time management".



Mosaic Mentoring

Mosaic mentoring is a series of six sessions across the academic year designed to increase motivation and build confidence - boosting grades.

It aims to raise aspirations and self belief while also enhancing skills necessary for school and future careers such as communication and language.

Activities will focus upon improving confidence, employability and belief in ability to succeed. Students enjoyed the first session and are looking forward to working with the mentors in the near future.



Prince's Trust

STEM Careers

Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity during the last week of term to visit Ernst and Young in Manchester, to explore STEM careers and the academic progression routes.

Essa students led the way presenting their ideas and working with students from other schools demonstrating excellent communication, leadership and team working skills. Well done!



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