

## News release

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### **A right royal opening for City of London Academy**

This morning (18 October) marked the formal opening of the City of London Academy. Students, parents, teachers and guests were joined by His Royal Highness the Earl of Wessex, KG GCVO who unveiled a plaque to mark the formal opening of the Academy.

The Earl of Wessex met a group of Year 11 students who take part in The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He was introduced to a group of 20 year 8 students engaged in a business enterprise activity and met a group of year 7 students who were conducting a chemistry experiment in the science laboratory and another group of year 7 students who were completing a fact-finding challenge in the library. He also met students who were playing basketball and netball at the sports hall.

His Royal Highness and other guests also enjoyed poetry and dance performances from pupils and a solo singing show by student Alexandra Barrett.

Although the Academy has been up and running since 2008, its new building - equipped with new enhanced technologies - was completed in April 2010. Since last month, the academy has also shared facilities with its neighbouring day special school - the Richard Cloudesley School.

Richard Regan, Chair of Governors of City of London Academy Islington said:  
“We are delighted with the official opening which signals a new beginning of the journey ahead. We are excited to work with the Richard Cloudesley School. Our children deserve the best and the City of London Academy Islington is where our student’s success story begins.”

The City of London Academy Islington is a mixed Academy for students aged 11-18 years and has a student population rich in cultural and linguistic diversity. The Academy specialises in Business and Enterprise which reflects the skills that the sponsors - the City of London Corporation and City University – bring to the table.

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