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CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL FROM BRENT HONOURED FOR IT'S COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING THE ENTREPRENEURS OF THE FUTURE

Young Enterprise London's Centres of Excellence Award Ceremony

On Wednesday, 2 February, Claremont High School was honoured for its outstanding commitment to supporting enterprise education by as part of the *Young Enterprise London Centres of Excellence Award Ceremony*. *Over 80 London schools were commended for this outstanding achievement at the Guildhall.*

Young Enterprise, the UK's leading enterprise education charity, works with students from thousands of schools and colleges throughout the UK. Yet there are a special number of these schools who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to the promotion of enterprise and entrepreneurship education for their young people. These schools have worked very hard over the years to provide on-going enterprise experiences to their young people in order to develop their employability and entrepreneurship skills. Young Enterprise places great value on these partnerships and initiated this **new national award scheme** to honour and showcase these schools as well as to present them as exemplars to other schools. All schools that were honoured have participated in more than one Young Enterprise Programme per year for at least the past three years.

"A strong partnership with education is essential to Young Enterprise's work. We are delighted to recognise and thank these inspirational schools for their dedication and commitment to bringing enterprise alive for their young people and helping to inspire the next generation with the skills and attitudes to succeed," says John May, Chief Executive, Young Enterprise.

As a business-led organisation supported by the private sector, Young Enterprise highlighted these Centres of Excellence to the business community as places where the students have been prepared to go out into the workplace and could potentially be excellent places to recruit their future employees.

Brian Wall Director of Teaching and Learning for Business and ICT at Claremont High School said "We are really honoured to be accepting this award which is due to the hard work and commitment of our students and staff towards enterprise activities in the school"

The event featured several Young Enterprise supporters, including Mark Boleat, the Deputy Chairman, City of London Corporation and Mark Elborne, President and CEO, GE UK and Ireland. All of the speakers highlighted the benefits enterprise education has both for schools and for businesses. From the willingness of businesses to develop relationships with schools in order to help encourage young people prepare for their future in the work place to the support these schools give to their students – future employees of businesses around the world – it is important that all parties involved in Young Enterprise receive appropriate recognition for their commitment to the future workforce.



John Hayes, Minister of State for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, endorsed the event. He said “I believe Young Enterprise to be an excellent example of education and business working together at all levels to provide young people with the skills and expertise they will need to succeed as the entrepreneurs and enterprising employees of the future. It gives students the chance to express and develop their ideas with the help of business volunteers who actively support them through their learning, and help them make the most of the opportunities they come across. I believe one of the most important factors in terms of unleashing a young person's potential is inspiration, and the achievements of pupils who have participated in Young Enterprise, offers this inspiration in abundance.”

The City of London Corporation supported and hosted this event, demonstrating its commitment to bringing schools and businesses together. Young Enterprise London is one of its selected charities and has received a grant from the City Bridge Trust to help fund our Young Enterprise Team Programme over the next three years.

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Notes to editor:

For further information on **Young Enterprise London**, please contact: Debbie Berger on 07738628126 or Debbie.berger@gmail.com **Event details:**

City of London, Guildhall
The City Marketing Suite
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5.30p -7.30p

Young Enterprise is the UK's leading enterprise education charity, creating a connected world of young people, business volunteers and educators, inspiring each other to succeed through enterprise. Each year, our business volunteers inspire over 300,000 young people aged 4 to 25. Our programmes empower the next generation with the confidence, ability and ambition to succeed in a rapidly changing global economy.

With the support of more than 3,500 businesses and over 5,000 schools, colleges, universities and local communities, we are the UK's leading enterprise education charity. With almost 50 years' experience, we are an active member of Junior Achievement Worldwide and a founding member of JA-YE Europe. For more information visit www.young-enterprise.org.uk