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'I now know' magazine

A message from
Mr Badat



The Future Is Not What It Used To Be

The view of the road from my bedroom window, as a child growing up first on Washington Street and then on High Street in Bolton, was a great influence, on what I thought at the time, was something to aspire to.

The road was full of cars and we in our family didn't have one.

At the time I thought you had to be pretty well off to be able to buy any car. The one I wanted and was going to have when I grew up was the Ford Escort! A car of my dreams! Better still; watching "The Professionals" on TV, with Bodie and Doyle driving a Cortina, I wanted one on those too!

Today, in the 21st Century, nobody would consider The Ford Escort or Cortina as a car of their dreams. Not least, The Ford Motor Company.

The Ford Motor Company, as well as many other motorcar manufacturers, sought to increase their share in the market by continually improving their product. They would improve their model range and specifications, year after year through research and development, trial and error and customer feedback. The latest technology would be added to produce more comfortable, safer, environmentally friendly and reliable cars. The effect of which is seen today; no Ford Escorts or Cortinas!

Continuous improvement is at the heart of commercial success.

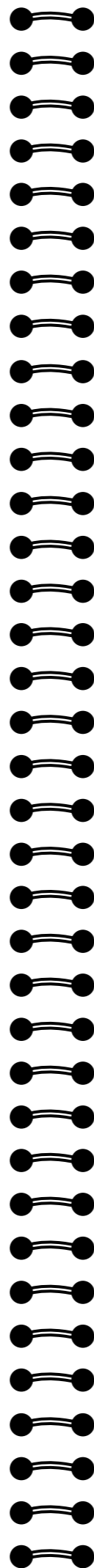
What I thought was an amazing car in the 1970s has been superseded by much better in 2011. At the time I could not have imagined better for the future because I was basing the future on the present.

The education world has seen very little change in what is taught over the last 70 years. It seems that if policy makers for education ran a motor company, we would be driving around in Ford Escorts forever and we would agree that the Ford Escort would always remain the best car for our children because we drove them in the past.

At Essa Academy, we have a different approach. We challenge assumptions made today to secure a better future for tomorrow. We look continuously to remove the barriers to learning and introduce new ways of working to make sure All Will Succeed.

We do this and more, because we understand the future will not be what it used to be.

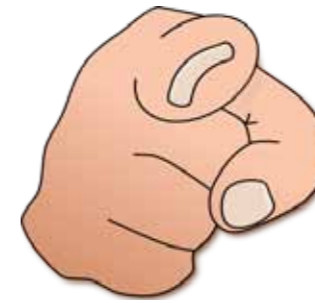
**Best wishes
Showk Badat
Principal**



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'Have
your
articles
and photographs
published in the
next issue of Ink!'



Have your say in the next issue of Ink...

If you would like an article publishing in the Spring issue of Ink then please email them through to me. Whether it be a write up of an event that has taken place, the highlights of this term for you, have you taken part in competitions? Would you like any photographs publishing that you have taken?

Email your typed articles and images/photographs to; dennessd@essaacademy.org (please title your email: Ink - Issue 9)

I look forward to reading your articles, I will apologise in advance for any articles that don't make it into the next issue, as I'll publish as many articles as possible in the order they come through...(first come, first serve) so get those emails sent through to me as soon as you can! **Thank you!**

Pod 2 Conference

Amazingly, students in Pod 2 had a very important task, to arrange and deliver a conference to do with Endangered Species and Deforestation, for our Rich Task. At the conference, each table was represented by an animal. After the hosts gave a warm welcome, we had some members of Pod 2 acting as Keynote Speakers, like; Sir David Attenborough and Steven Fry. However, we weren't just sat there, we did many different activities. It was fantastic! The conference was very informative and extremely good.

Hajra Bhikha - Pod 2 - Year 7

Writing a Song

When Francis came into Pod 2, he played the guitar and helped us to come up with a song about endangered species. Each table had to come up with their own lyrics about endangered species. When Francis told us to stop, we gave him our ideas and then we used most of them in our song. Recording it was the most nerve-racking thing. When we had finished it turned out to be a great success.

Rhys Boulderstone and Gulam Koli - Pod 2 - Year 7



Writing a song



Pod 2 Conference

Primary School Cross Country Festival

Students from Sunning Hill, Clarendon, Lever Edge and Pikes Lane Primary Schools attended the annual Cross Country festival here at Essa Academy on Tuesday 19th October 2010. Our BTEC students listed below were a real credit to us!

- Buleni Sinethemba - Year 9 - S13*
- Algamagedona Piumi - Year 10 - A12*
- Midaya Lam - Year 10 - A13*
- Osman Mohamed - Year 10 - A4*
- Javed Zohaib - Year 10 - A13*

They assisted Mr Purnell (School Sports Coordinator) by marshalling the course, recording finishing positions and above all, encouraging and cheering along the excited and enthusiastic Primary School children despite the heavy wind and rain!

Winners of the Year three/four competition = Pikes Lane
Winners of the Year five/six completion = Sunning Hill
Miss Green

Bolton Wanderers Study Support Centre

Fungula Jordany in E4 has been attending the Bolton Wanderers Study Support Centre on Monday evenings. She writes: "At BWFC, you have fun and you learn new things. At the beginning of each session, before you go to your classroom, you play group games and the winning group gets to choose a prize."

"I have been making my own computer games along with a CD cover. They ask you to write what you think you need to work on in Maths, English and ICT because we only go every Monday, the teacher will mark what we have done at the end of nine weeks. In conclusion, I think Bolton Wanderers Study Support Centre is a fun and enjoyable place to be."

Fungula Jordany - Year 8 - E4

BWFC

These were some of our Year 8 students receiving their awards at BWFC this week for attending the study support centre. Two BWFC players presented the prizes.



BWFC

Barnardo's

We are very proud that Gulwali Passarlay has been asked to speak at a Barnardo's conference for asylum seeking children in primary schools.

I know that Gulwali will be able to reassure the younger children that they will settle in, make friends and be happy in school.

Mrs Chadwick

Essa v St James

Players 1

*Faith Isbellar - GD (Captain),
Nicole Shields - GA, Tendai Karuwo - C,
Kulsum Dalal - WA, Farhiya Isak - WD,
Hani Kadir - GS, Piumi Algamagedona - GK,*

Usual Team Members

*Faith Isbellar - GD, Rebecca Lunn - GA,
Nicole Shields - C, Kulsum Dalal - WA,
Amna Khan - WD, Hani Kadir - GS,
Piumi Algamagedona - GK*

On Wednesday 6th October 2010, the Year 10 netball team went down to St James for their third match of this season.

Not having two members of the team that evening (Rebecca Lunn, Amna Khan), we were very lucky as Farhiya Isak Year 10 and Tendai Karuwo Year 9, who both gratefully offered to help us out. With great ambition and determination to do the best that we can, we made our way to St James.

What an evening! Although we lost the game, we were very pleased with our performance as a team and we knew Miss Green was also impressed with the performance because we all knew what we were doing and we didn't give up.

So well done to everyone!

Faith Isbellar - Year 10 - A4

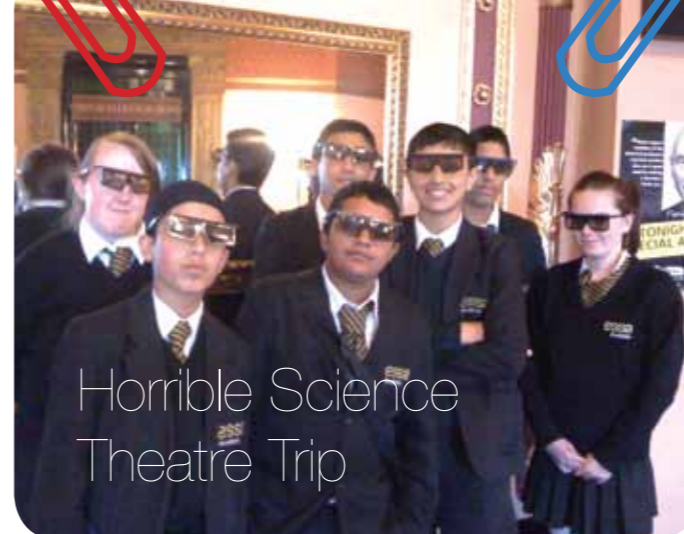
Liverpool Trip

What an experience! On 30th November 2010 a mixed year group travelled to Liverpool the 'City of Culture', to learn about how different faiths live and work together.

We visited a large Mosque and the Cathedral where we had the chance to ask questions about how Islam works together with other faiths.

We toured the Mosque and the Cathedral; learnt how both religions try to serve the communities and how well they work together. We explored the Liverpool Museum and learnt the History of the port. Despite the weather I am sure I speak on behalf of all the students when I say we had wonderful day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and Miss Booker for organising the trip, and all their hard work.

Gulwali Passarlay - Year 11 - C3



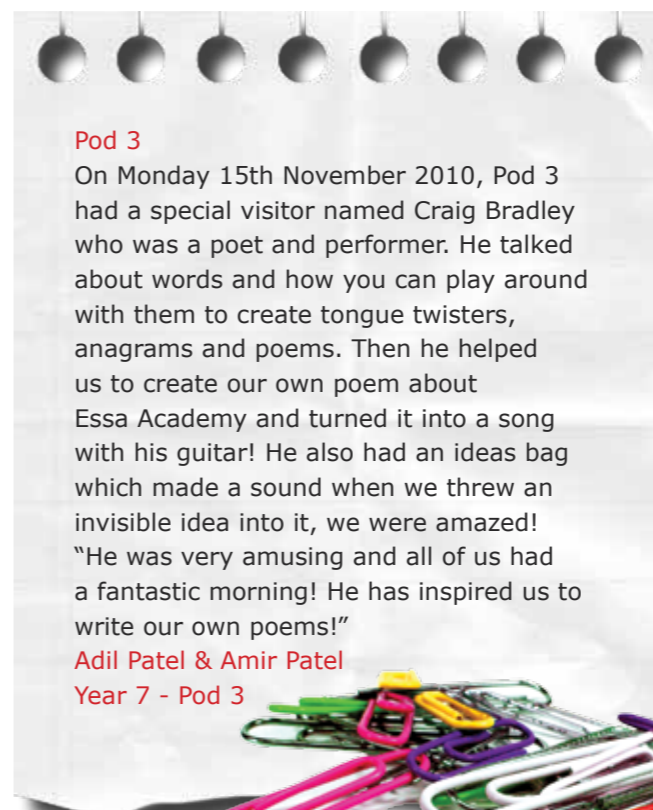
Bolton Hospice
caring from the heart

Bolton Hospice

Essa supported Bolton Hospice again this Christmas! The Academy has once again supported Bolton Hospice with their 'Donations not Cards' appeal. Essa staff raised £75.00 by donating money, and writing their Christmas message on one big card, instead of sending individual Christmas cards.

Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause!

Jeanette Wilson LTA - New Basics Pod 1



Pod 3

On Monday 15th November 2010, Pod 3 had a special visitor named Craig Bradley who was a poet and performer. He talked about words and how you can play around with them to create tongue twisters, anagrams and poems. Then he helped us to create our own poem about Essa Academy and turned it into a song with his guitar! He also had an ideas bag which made a sound when we threw an invisible idea into it, we were amazed! "He was very amusing and all of us had a fantastic morning! He has inspired us to write our own poems!"

Adil Patel & Amir Patel
Year 7 - Pod 3

Horrible Science Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 20th October 2010 a selection of forty-four students from Years 9 and 10 had the opportunity to visit the Palace Theatre in Manchester to watch a production, alongside many other schools across the Greater Manchester area, about science.

There were 4 main categories:

1. Microscopic Monsters
2. Shocking Electricity
3. Blood Bones and Body Bits
4. Fatal Forces

There were many interesting facts such as: a single bolt of lightning can be up to five times hotter than the sun!

After the short interval, everyone was given a pair of 'boggle goggles' which allowed bacteria and other flying articles to appear out of the screen and attack people, luckily there were no severe injuries, other than the actors falling to the floor and people turning deaf thanks to screaming kids.

Overall it was a very enjoyable experience.

Carrie Knight A1 and Katie Crompton A2 - Year 10

Manchester Art Gallery

Manchester Art Gallery is an amazing entertaining educational trip, which Pod 1 experienced on 4th November 2010. It was related to our rich task topic 'Away with words.' We had a privilege to work with a Librarian who gave us an insight on how to write a story and make our characters alive.

This helped us to write our own story once we returned back to Essa Academy. We all had an unbelievable time including the staff members. "If I had one wish it would be another trip to the Manchester Art Gallery" quotes Hassan.

Hassan Ali - Year 7 - Pod 1

VLE Prize

Umayr Zahid E9 won a set of ipod speakers presented to him in assembly by Ms Barber for being the Year 8 pupil who has made the most use of the VLE. This is how he uses it:

"I go on the VLE everyday either to chat to my friends or to ask for help with homework. I also use it to note down key dates on the planner, for example, home works, tests, school council meetings, birthdays. Not only can you use it for school purposes but you can customise your home page for fun and sort out important times for the weekend so you don't forget.

Miss Casey is always on the look out for other uses and how to improve it."

Mrs Webster

This future isn't too far away...



Look how our Academy is taking shape



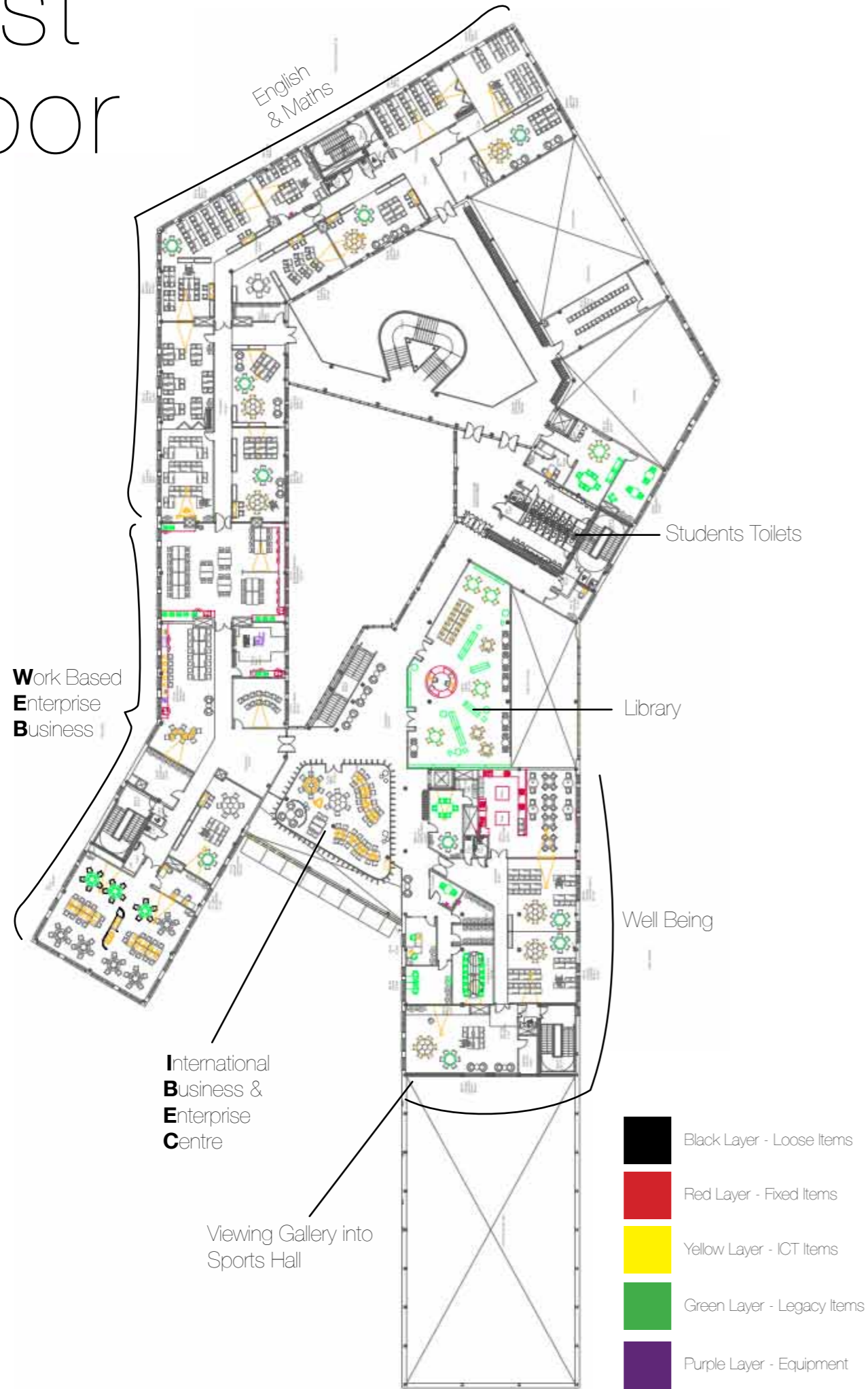
3D Model of our State of the Art Academy

ground floor

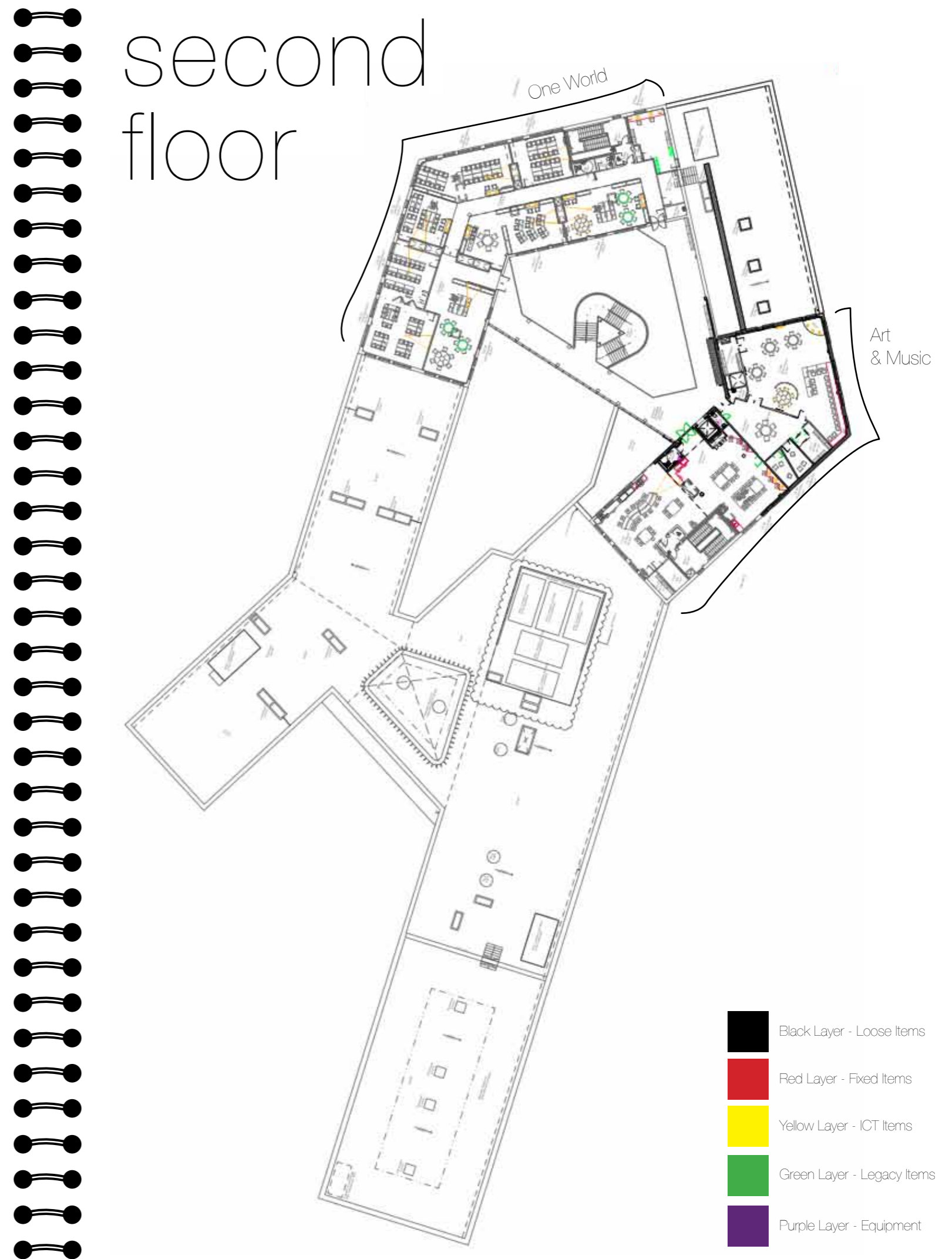


- Black Layer - Loose Items
- Red Layer - Fixed Items
- Yellow Layer - ICT Items
- Green Layer - Legacy Items
- Purple Layer - Equipment

first floor



second floor





BTEC
Hospitality
students

**BTEC Hospitality students support
Essa Science Conference!**

The Year 11 BTEC Hospitality group were asked to provide refreshments for the Why Science? Conference held at Essa Academy. Part of our Unit 4 includes running a hospitality event, hence this proved to be the perfect opportunity. After much consideration and planning we made a range of biscuits and cakes including Gingerbread, Chocolate cake, Madeira cake, Mince Pies and Fruit cake. On the morning we served our guests and students and this proved to be a lot of fun for the Hospitality group. We learnt new skills and experienced the delivery of customer service for the first time. Our customers enjoyed the refreshments and feedback said that they were "excellent". The entire BTEC Hospitality group had an awesome time and so did our customers. We look forward to our next event later this academic year!

Faatima Pandor - Year 11 - C6

Why Science? Conference

On the 3rd December 2010 Miss Gudojc organised our very first Why Science? Conference. The purpose of this conference was to show how important Science is in our lives, and to understand how knowledge of the subject can help when choosing a career.

Guest speakers from different walks of life were invited for example former MP Dr Brian Iddon, Fire Officer Mr Garry Charnock, PhD Student Miss Graham, Medical students Mr and Mrs Ismail and Pharmacist Mr Mike Kilsby.

Workshops were held and students were able to learn more about each career. For some one like me who has little interest in Science, it was such a useful day. I came away thinking I should focus more on Science. I think we should have annual conferences like this. Feedback from all the students was very positive; the conference could not be improved upon, thank you Miss Gudojc.

Gulwali Passarlay - Year 11 - C3



Why Science?
Conference



FAB

Together as a team we have worked extremely hard to develop our FAB (Fanatical about Business) group. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our business. The FAB group

is a diploma group made by Year 10 students. We will be selling unique products such as Personalised mugs, iPod/iPad cases, various iPod accessories and UGG boots, personalised with an Essa Logo. We are hoping to sell 'man bags' soon, but not as yet. We will be selling these products online via ebay using a paypal account, which you can access from the Essa website. We will also be launching on the 26th January 2011 in Hall A3 where students and staff will be able to purchase our products. We hope to see you there.

Mubasshera Patel - Year 10 - A12.

FAB Team Members

Adil China, Bilal Ahmed, Hussain Chanchweila, Sufian Intawala, Micheal Knight, Mubasshera Patel, Irum Khan, Izma Kabir, Iqra Rashid, Faith Issabella

**Maths GCSE
Examstutor App**

This is a very useful app to use if you have a Maths GCSE exam as it will let you revise topics e.g. Algebra, Indices etc. After you have revised one topic you have a choice to take a small test or you can choose another topic to revise. Also on this app you can pick a topic for a test or you can take a random test. On this app you can also see your report card to see your progress.

Ibrahim Adam - Year 8 - E6

Oscar's Ceremony

As Part of the British National Identity rich task, we held our very own "Oscar's Ceremony" on Wednesday 8th of December 2010 in the Visitor Admin conference area. When we arrived, it was amazing to see everyone dressed in posh and formal outfits. The room was decorated beautifully with balloons, tablecloths, flowers and even a red carpet! The movies we had created in our groups were put into categories such as 'Best creative content' or 'Best title' and were then judged by the guest judges; Mr Badat, Mr Ellis, Ms Barber, Mr Patel, Mrs Murray, Mrs Sansome and three Year 8 students, Hamzah Vaid, Ano Chabata and Aamir Kazeem. My group was nominated for 'Best Evaluation' which we won and received an Oscar trophy and certificate from Mrs Murray. We felt really special and felt like all our hard work had paid off. I even made a speech! I had a brilliant morning and felt very proud!

Raess Musa - Year 7 - Pod 3



Key103

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World-famous radio station key103 came in last Friday to create some super-fun maths revision podcasts with a group of Year 11 and Year 10 students. From Dizzee to Humza productions to Alexis Jordan, the diversity and personality of the podcasts was simply amazing (as was the Maths!) Many thanks to Tony and Rick from key103 and Mr Moore for making this happen. Listen out for these brilliant resources around the Academy on students' iPods or teachers' iPads.



Oscar's
Ceremony

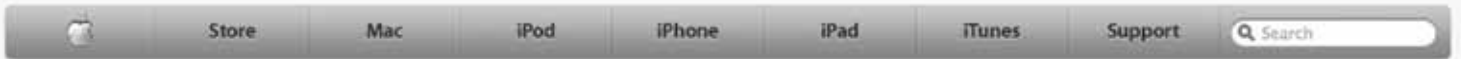


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Showk Badat, Principal, Essa Academy, Bolton



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