

## The Clothes Show

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 42 Farlingaye students travelled to the Birmingham Clothes Show. The majority of the group was made up of Y10 and Y11 GCSE Textiles students hoping to find inspiration (and a few bargains!) Leaving at 7am was a push for some but we left for the show in good spirits and only 11 minutes later than originally planned.

The group was particularly excited due to having a student finalist, Della Stiff, for one of the Creative Awards - 'Young Artist of the Year.' The Creative Awards are designed to help students discover creativity, imagination and original thinking within Art and Design and the briefs are based on core criteria, outlined by leading examining bodies.'

The winner of the competition was to be announced during the day at a special presentation ceremony. Della and her friends waited anxiously for the result as models sauntered down a catwalk displaying the finalists' designs. All the student finalists had done a fantastic job and although Della did not win it was such a fantastic achievement to have her work shown in such an influential setting.

The students reconvened for a Creative Careers Seminar just before lunchtime. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to hear from the industry experts and gain valuable insights into the world of fashion, beauty and textiles. The seminar that they participated in was Q&A style session with Deborah Streatfield, a careers consultant who provides personalised support and advice to students. They all gave very positive feedback from this session.

The last activity of the afternoon was the fashion show in the Alcatel Fashion Theatre. The Clothes Show team produced an electric mix of fashion, dance and live music as Creative Director, Andy Turner, challenged a cast of singers, live musicians, models and dancers to ROCK THE RUNWAY for the final Fashion Theatre performance. This was well received by all and gave the students an opportunity to experience a catwalk show.

We left the show in high spirits and with shopping bags in tow. A fabulous day out for all.

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