

MAYESBROOK VISIT THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS

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Students try their hand in modelling abstract ideas and concepts

Students and Staff from Mayesbrook Park School (MPS) visited 66 Portland place W1, headquarters of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

Bryony from RIBA welcomed us to experience the brilliant architecture within, which through light, space and textile, led us to their workshop with, introducing them to the significance of architectural history, and through model making, creating a conceptual piece of their own.

We were then greeted by our gallery host Rodrigo Orrautia who presented the Freestyle exhibition, an expression of architecture throughout time. A Valchromat made MDF model

displayed different historical styles of architecture accompanied with VR headsets for an immersive walkthrough of history. However, it was the carpet we were standing on that stole the show. Meticulously stitched icons of memorabilia progressed throughout the room in an illustration of time; Vibrant splashes of colour presented one era to the next.

The much welcomed visit was part of the architectural programme between RIBA, MPS, London Metropolitan University and the POoR collective to provide Mayesbrook Park School students the opportunity to learn about

architecture, create a design of their own and in what is a rare occurrence, have their designs constructed in Regents park.

Mayesbrook Park School is a referral unit. Students can only be admitted by permanent exclusion or GP appointment. The opportunities presented here are infinitely valuable as they broaden the students understanding of their future careers outside the school in the arts, architecture and beyond.

We thank everyone at the RIBA, POoR Collective, MPS and London Metropolitan University for making this programme possible.



RIBA's Headquarters is a beautiful display of architecture

“ I have shared my ideas with my Dad who runs his own Pipe Fitting Company.

POor architects have helped me apply my maths and design so it can become a real live project.

I love this project and want to pursue a career in architecture.
- Nicky, Y10

ESTHER MAHAMUDI is a Student Ambassador for London Metropolitan University

ANDREW RECCHIA is a second year Architecture student at London Metropolitan University

SURESH SINGH is a Senior Leader, Curriculum Lead for mathematics and exams officer at Mayesbrook Park School

RODRIGO ORRAUTIA is the RIBA Gallery Manager hosting the FREESTYLE exhibition





Bryony Abbott, RIBA schools & young learning assistant presents paper modelling techniques to students

The students designs will be built in Regents park



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The students and staff have been superb and what a great opportunity to make all the work we do in school with the students to be real in Regents Park
- Esther, LMU

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I have enjoyed doing the drawing and doing the maths to work out my designs; it has made me understand architecture more.
- Saddiqa, Y10

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Gui immerses himself in virtual reality



Saddiqa makes a paper model



Royal Institute of British Architects Headquarters



MPS Students learn about architecture

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Our motto is “Nurturing and empowering our students to make positive choices” and I believe that our relationship with RIBA Education programme reflects this.

This beautiful architectural project has helped our students to identify possible routes into higher education and even beyond.

They have been bold, fearless and they have just not talked about it they are working towards building it.

- Suresh Singh

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