



■ Pupils from Thomas Buxton Primary at the Mosaic graduation

Programme helps girls reach their full potential

Girls at Whitechapel's Thomas Buxton Primary have been taking part in a programme helping them to reach their full potential.

Now they have received certificates for their achievements at a graduation near the Tower of London.

The event at the Norton Rose Fulbright international law firm was held by the Mosaic mentoring programme, which aims to give youngsters the skills to link their education at an early age to careers in later life.

The scheme also includes a university visit to give them a taste of further education.

The pupils aged nine to 11 spoke about their experience in front of business leaders, teachers and mentors, including Shazia Saleem, 30, founder of eatfoods and one of BBC World's 2014 Top 100 Women.

Thomas Buxton is one of 60

schools in the country taking part in the programme. It involves 1,200 pupils, some often lacking confidence with limited understanding of further education or career opportunities.

Petrice Angus, one of the mentors, said: "I found the programme inspirational.

"As a mother, I take comfort from those trying to help their daughters become motivated young women."

The mentors - from professional backgrounds including company directors, health professionals, lawyers, accountants and artists - work with pupils and their mothers on issues from education, role models and the role of women in our society.

■ Anyone interested in finding out more or want to enrol a school in the programme should email mosaic@bitc.org.uk.