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Food academy is a taste of things to come

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STUDENTS at E-ACT's Crest Girls' Academy are enjoying a new £300,000 'food academy' after the facility was opened by award-winning entrepreneur Lopa Patel.

The girls' academy in Brent held an international day - featuring food from around the world - to mark the opening of the high-tech building.

Special guest, Lopa Patel, MBE, founder of the leading south Asian lifestyle and shopping portal Redhotcurry.com, inspired students with her experience in the food industry.

The Food Academy is a state-of-the-art facility that supports students who study food and cooking at both Key Stage 3 and GCSE. The Crest Girls' and Boys' Academies are both set to be rebuilt, with work starting on the new multi-million-pound facilities in 2011.



⌘ Food for thought: Crest Girls' Academy student Kubra Shah

It is the latest in a series of developments which include the transformation of education and facilities offered by both Crest Girls' and Boys' Academies.

Detailed plans for new multi-million bound academy buildings will be announced in 2011.

Both academies recently celebrated their best GCSE exam results ever and are among the most improved schools nationally for English and maths.

Crest Girls' Academy Principal Bev Bell said: "We are very pleased to open the Food Academy, the girls have been asking for this for three years.

"Our specialisms are technology and languages so an international day to mark the opening of a new high-tech facility is a great way of combining them."

Lopa Patel said: "Crest Girls' Food Academy is a fantastic, modern facility for learning about cooking. It was great to meet such enthusiastic staff and pupils. Who knows, perhaps some of the young people could go on to be the master chefs of the future.

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