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# Skinner's' girls are cut above the rest

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**FOUR** Hackney students have been short-listed for a top design award.

The sixth formers from Skinner's Company's Girls' School in Stamford Hill and the Grammar College in Park Wood, Barnet, are competing against 11 other hopefuls from around London in the Fashion Futures 2 competition.

The winner's designs will be sold in selected Asda stores throughout Britain as part of the fashion label, George.

The winner will be announced at a awards ceremony in October after the students have completed a five-day intensive summer school at the London College of Fashion in Mile Street, Hackney.

Skinner's pupils, Isabelle Adams, 15, and 13-year-old Alexandra Murga were short-listed after taking design classes run by Fashion Awareness Direct as part of school.

Alexandra, from Murray Grove in Haringey, hopes to start her own fashion label and is off to study at Chelsea College of Art and Design in Millbank this September.

Isabelle and Alexandra are named in the final by The British and Benjamin Quares, from the Grammar College.

"I'd love to be a designer and I think this competition will be a good way of showing my designs," said 15-year-old



France girl - Alexandra Murga (right), 13, with fellow Skinner's pupils, Jesse Calverley (left), 15, and Uche Ekele, 14, who are off to the US. Tim, who lives in Springfield, Upper Clapton.

Benjamin, 20, of Bessington Road, has used the college campus as an inspiration for his work, which is based on lines and planes.

Skinner's girls Jesse Calverley, 15,

Two other Skinner's girls and two other Hackney secondary school pupils are jetting off to America next month to visit the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. Skinner's girls Jesse Calverley, 15, and Uche Ekele, 14, and 15-year-old Tong Shuen Yu and Samsona Kent, from Clapton Girls' Technology College in Lam Plate, Lower Clapton, are going on the week-long trip, which starts on May 23.