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● Prash Muraleetharan works on his outfit

Designer pays own tribute to King of Pop

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TALENTED teenager Prash Muraleetharan saw an outfit he created in tribute to Michael Jackson showcased on the London Fashion Week catwalk.

His 'King of Pop'—inspired outfit joined designs by Miriam Mwangi, 18, and Thoffa Khanom, 17, in representing the borough in the final of 2009 Fashion Awareness Direct (FAD) Junior Awards.

In all 23 young designers from eight different London boroughs made it to the finals, chosen from an original selection of 130 young people who took part in workshops.

The Newham trio spent a week at FAD's Summer School held at Central Saint Martins in July with a team of tutors, technicians and student mentors. They had just five days in which to develop and construct their finished designs for the London catwalk.

"Michael Jackson was a pioneer in music and fashion. As my work was a tribute to him, I wanted to keep in mind the clothing he wore in the 80's, taking similar elements used in his clothes then and twisting them to fit a modern garment," explained Prash, a student of St Angela's and St Bonaventure's Sixth Form.

Miriam studies at NewVIC while Thoffa is a student of Newham College.

Last night finalists were competing for the top prize – a placement in industry. In addition to the show, the teenagers will be taken on a fashion tour of London.



● Prash's Michael Jackson-inspired design impressed judges

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