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Teen's joy at fashion accolade

A FOREST GATE schoolgirl cried tears of joy after winning one of the categories in a London Fashion Week contest.

Karmen-Marie Parker, in her second year at St Angela's and St Bonaventures sixth form, collected her award for Commercial Innovation at the Fashion Awareness Direct ceremony.

The 17-year-old was also named overall runner-up in the competition after designing a denim jumpsuit.

Karmen-Marie, pictured, left, with a model, said: "I was ecstatic. I couldn't believe it."

NewVIc student Gurmeet Kaur, 18, also saw her designs on display in front of leading fashion figures, including designer Zandra Rhodes.

