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Fashion student better by design...

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A TEENAGER with designs on success was hailed at London Fashion Week.

Miriam Mwangi, 18, of NewVic sixth form college, scooped one of three runner-up prizes at the FAD Junior Awards, organised by creative charity FAD.

Executive director Maria Alvarez presented the student with a special accolade for Creativity.

Theme of the show was 'Arts & Crafts for a Modern Age'. Miriam, of Cotswold Gardens, East Ham, impressed judges with the originality of her design – a multi-coloured organza dress, with sculptural corsage details inspired by the glass gallery at the V&A.

Two other local students were also finalists – Newham College's Thoffa Khanom, 17, of Dagenham, and Prash Muralatharan, 17, of Boundary Road, Plaistow, who attends St Angela's and St Bonaventure's, Forest Gate.

Prash's tribute to the 'King of Pop' – a black, leatherette hooded jacket with Michael Jackson cross-stitch detail – impressed so much that he was offered a two-week placement in the menswear design team at River Island.

Now in its fifth year, the awards took place at Vauxhall Fashion Scout, Freemasons' Hall.

Originally selected from 130 young people, the 23 finalists spent a week at FAD's Summer School at Central Saint Martins.



● Putting on the style...Miriam, right, with Ashley Azariah Hancox-Smith, who modelled Miriam's outfit

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