

Match point

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HITTING OUT: Globe Academy's Emelie Odukwe, 12, takes no prisoners as he fires across a shot 35008HJ09



NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCE: Imran Ali, 12, from overall winners Evelyn School, plays a shot as referee Che Duong, 13, from Globe Academy looks on 35008HJ03

Game, set and match

EVELYN PUPILS WIN TABLE TENNIS EVENT

By **NADIA GILANI**

TABLE tennis-mad pupils from South London battled against kids from across the capital in an action-packed tournament.

And it was pupils from the Evelyn School in Somerleyton Road, Brixton, who took the overall honours at the Boys' Under-13 Central London Table Tennis Finals.

The boys were representing their school, which is part of the Evelyn Grace Academy, together with the Grace School in Shakespeare Road, Herne Hill.

They will now compete at the English Schools Table Tennis Association (ESTTA) regional finals in February.

If they are successful again at next month's competition, they will go on to take part at a national contest later in the year.

Nicole Beckles, who is a PE and sports teacher, said: "We are thrilled

that the students' hard work, endeavour, self-discipline and excellence was shown on this day.

"The boys have been all smiles ever since they picked up the trophy and medals and certificates.

"They will be training and focusing hard to make sure they are prepared for the regional finals."

The table tennis competition was held at Dunraven Secondary School in Leigham Court Road, Streatham, on Monday.

The event was organised by Lambeth School Sports Partnership in Stamford Street, Waterloo.

Schools from the Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, Lambeth, Camden, Islington and Southwark boroughs were all involved.

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OVERALL WINNERS: The team from Evelyn School, part of the Evelyn Grace Academy, which emerged triumphant at the event 35008HJ01



TABLE SERVICE: Action from the tournament at Dunraven Secondary School on Monday