

## Interview with the dame of Burlington Danes Academy

The Principal of Burlington Danes Academy, Madame Coates, was awarded a DBE, by the queen. Three students interviewed her.

Fatma: "Did you expect this to happen?"

The dame: "No, not really. I found out a month ago on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November before it was publicly announced on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December."

Marwa: "What's next in your career?"

The dame: "Staying at Burlington Danes and I have no plans after that."

Emmy: "How did you feel when you were announced in the queens New Year's honours?"

The dame: "I got really excited. I got lots of emails and texts from lots of people. It was really overwhelming."

Fatma: "What are you aiming to do next?"

The dame: "The school to be outstanding, even better exam results. The school means a lot to me."

Emmy: "Was there any hints that you would be a dame?"

The dame: "There was a hint, yes. Somebody nominated me about a year ago. Lots of people get nominated then the queen decides what you will receive. Some people don't receive anything."

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February I will be going to go to Buckingham Palace to receive my medal from the queen."

A dame will be called by her first name and her second or just her first name. Madame Coates shall be called Dame Sally.

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