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**PRINCIPAL & SOUTHWARK CHILDREN'S SERVICES YOUNG LEADERS  
OF TOMORROW CELEBRATE 1 YEAR WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITH  
TRIP TO AMERICA**

Staff at Principal's London office and Southwark's Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) programme have been celebrating their one-year working partnership.

During the course of the last year some of Principal's employees have been working very closely with the LOT by running interactive sessions on topics such as bank accounts, mortgages, credit cards, student loans and different types of investments, to help educate and motivate black 14-19 year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds in Peckham.

Over the last few months LOT have been working hard to fundraise money for an international Business Education Young Leaders Conference which recently took place in Washington DC, from 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008. LOT raised an impressive £12,000, including donations from Principal, enabling ten children on the Southwark programme to venture out to the States. During the trip the children were lucky enough to see Colin Powell, former Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff and US Foreign Secretary. Powell has been a great inspiration to many people over the years and made a huge impression on the ten visiting Young leaders.

Vallin Miller, Head of the LOT programme in Southwark, comments: "The kids absolutely loved the trip out to America, in particular the visits to Capitol Hill,

the White House, and of course seeing Colin Powell. The conference was a huge success, and I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank Principal for all their support.”

Michael Williams of Kingsdale Foundation School, and one of LOT’s students adds: “On a personal note, the programme has been fantastic for me. I can now take my experiences and share them with friends and family, which can also help them to overcome this so called stereotypical image of black people who are not interested in ‘theatres and business conferences.’ This programme has given me that extra push forward that I needed to succeed. To have the opportunity to go out to America and expand my learning has been an amazing finish to the year.”

Michael is one of LOT’s rising stars, who, thanks to the LOT programme and Principal, is now looking to further his education at either Oxford or Cambridge.

Anne Gilbert, Principal’s Managing Director, concludes: “The LOT programme is a great scheme and we’re happy we can help. It’s great to see children like Michael doing so well. It’s been very rewarding for our staff working with the LOT; they have a fantastic programme. Congratulations to all who have been involved over the last year.”

With a new academic year just beginning the Principal team at the London offices are planning to continue their work with the 2008/09 intake.

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**Leaders Of Tomorrow Programme**

The Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) programme is a small part of the National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA) that was founded in America. The aim of the programme is to identify young deprived ethnic minority students in local schools who possess leadership potential and need additional support to develop that potential.

