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Girls' passion for fashion pays dividends for charity

Teenagers take to the catwalk for colourful fundraiser

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A prestigious all-girls school has raised more than £700 with a lunchtime fashion show to support children at a Swiss Cottage special school.

Girls at Francis Holland School, in Ivor Place, Regent's Park, paraded up and down a make-shift catwalk set up in the school's main hall on Friday at the fundraiser to support Swiss Cottage School Development and Research Centre.

Decades

The fashion show, organised by Year 10 pupils, was watched by all 464 pupils at the school and featured teams of girls from every year group – each modelling styles from different decades.

A teachers' team, representing the 1980s, strutted their stuff to the sound of 1981 hit *Don't You Want Me* by The Human League.

French and Spanish teacher Marjorie Gustave, head of Year 10, said: "It was very well-organised and everyone said how much they enjoyed it. "The girls did a very



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good job. The performers took it seriously and it went well."

Francis Holland pupils were inspired to raise money for the special school during a recent visit to meet teachers and pupils at its site in Avenue Road, Swiss Cottage.

Guests at the fashion show were required to pay an entrance fee to watch the show, with all the proceeds going to the Pigs4Kids campaign set up to support the special school and launched in partnership with the *Ham&High*. Cake sales at Francis Hol-

land on Friday and Monday also raised money for Pigs4Kids.

In total, the school raised £710 which will go towards buying new iPads for pupils at the special school.

The *Ham&High* is asking readers to help raise £60,000 for the Pigs4Kids campaign, to support the £24million school which opened in October 2012.

To donate or find out how to pick up a Pigs4Kids piggy bank, call the *Ham&High* on 020 7433 0000 or visit www.pigs4kids.org



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■ From left to right: Jessie Clayton, 15, Nicole Chretien, 15 and Lucy Minderides, 15 Picture: Dieter Perry

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