Playing with the stars

'LA here we come!'

Two talented young music students have been mixing with musical royalty after being chosen to take part in this year's Grammy Camp.

Quinn Oulton, 17, and 18-year-old Isaac Duribe, who attend the World Heart Beat Music Academy in Kimber Road, Southfields, flew to LA for ten days of intensive music training. The academy has teamed up with Gucci Timepieces and Jewellery to enabled two students each year to attend, and a further 10 to get a year's musical training. One of the ten, Baker Mukasa, is a previous winner of the council's Wandsworth Young Performer contest. Neil Portnow, Head of the Recording Academy LA, visited World Heart Beat to meet scholarship students.

Quinn plays the saxophone and is learning how to improvise and play jazz. Quinn said: "I honestly don't know what I would do without music, and no matter what the future holds, I know it will always stay that way. I plan to apply to all of the London conservatoires to study jazz. I am also looking at colleges in Europe and America."

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The World Heart Beat Music Academy was set up in 2012 to help break down social and cultural barriers and give a music education to young people who may never have otherwise had a chance to learn an instrument. Top musicians from around the world have performed with students, including pianist Julian Joseph, jazz vocalist Cleveland Watkiss, Bangladeshi performer Rezwana Choudhury Bannya and top Russian rocker Boris Grebenshikov. Visit www.worldheartbeat.org.

The pictures show Baker Mukasa rehearsing at the academy with Renato Paris, scholarship students Katy Morrish, Baker Mukasa, Kwabena Boateng and Sian Kelly with pop star Emeli Sande and Quinn and Isaac in LA.