



The entrepreneurs of tomorrow

A 15-year-old Belgravia resident has launched her own business with friends, selling candles, canvas pencil cases and bath bombs.

Catarina Hanna-Amodio, who attends Francis Holland School on Bourne Street, set up Haku with a group of classmates as part of a Young Enterprise business competition.

"The good thing about the candles is that we reuse the wax," she said. "We've also created a range of pencil cases that we've dyed ourselves in lots of different colours."

Catarina and her friends are planning to sell the products at Camden and Portobello

markets, and also hope to organise an event at their school. Any profit they make will be divided among themselves.

The girls were also set to make a presentation in front of a panel of Young Enterprise judges as *Belgravia* went to press. If successful, they will be entered into the European final of the competition.

Catarina said the process has inspired several of the girls to set up their own businesses in the future. She said: "I've learnt so much from taking part in the competition – including business skills and team work."