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## PUPILS OPEN 2022 TCS LONDON MARATHON RUNNING SHOW

- **'Huge honour' for children from Newham's Lister Community School who will cut the tape with teacher Faris Muhammed**

Pupils from Lister Community School in Newham, who are taking part in the 2022 TCS Mini London Marathon, will officially open the TCS London Marathon Running Show at 10:00 tomorrow (Wednesday 28 September) at ExCeL London.

The children, aged between 12 and 14, will be accompanied by their teacher Faris Muhammed, who will be participating in the TCS London Marathon on Sunday 2 October.

This year is a landmark one for the TCS Mini London Marathon. The first edition of the new mass participation TCS Mini London Marathon will take place on Saturday 1 October when thousands of children and young people of all abilities, aged from four to 17, will take part in either 2.6K or one-mile events and cross the world-famous Finish Line on The Mall.

In a unique new initiative, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) will be providing the schools of every child who finishes the 2022 TCS Mini London Marathon with £10 per participant to spend on PE or IT equipment.

In addition to the new TCS Mini London Marathon, the virtual TCS Mini London Marathon in schools is also taking place from now until Friday 21 October. This event sees children across the UK running, walking, jogging or wheeling 2.6 miles in their schools – with 600,000 schoolchildren across the UK, expected to take part this year – including pupils from Lister Community School. It is free for schools to enter and every child who completes the 2.6 miles will receive a free pin badge.

**Muhammed said:** *"It's a huge honour for the school to be invited to open the 2022 TCS London Marathon Running Show. The whole school loves the TCS Mini London Marathon. It's really inspired the children to be more active."*

Marina Rapti, a volunteer from TCS's Charity of the Year, [City Year UK](#) – a youth and education charity that empowers diverse 18 to 25-year-olds to tackle educational inequality through a year of full-time volunteering in schools – will join Chandrasekaran Ramkumar, TCS UK&I HR Director, to assist the children holding the tape at the opening of the show.

TCS is working with City Year UK to engage City Year schools to participate in the TCS Mini London Marathon as part of its goal to help inspire healthy choices among young people.

The TCS London Marathon Running Show is where 2022 participants must go prior to Marathon Day to collect their all-important Event Pack, which includes their bib number.

The event also gives people the chance to find out all the key information for Marathon Day, learn more about the TCS London Marathon and listen to guest speakers – including some of the athletes competing at this year's event. There are also opportunities to shop and book a massage ahead of the big day.

The opening times of the 2022 TCS London Marathon Running Show are:

- **Wednesday 28 September:** 10:00-20:00
- **Thursday 29 September:** 10:00-20:00
- **Friday 30 September:** 10:00-20:00
- **Saturday 1 October:** 08:30-17:30

For more information on the 2022 TCS London Marathon, see our [media resources](#).

The 2022 TCS Mini London Marathon takes place on Saturday 1 October. The 2022 TCS London Marathon takes place on Sunday 2 October, with live coverage across the BBC.

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**About the London Marathon**

- The 2022 TCS London Marathon will take place on Sunday 2 October.
- The London Marathon was first held on 29 March 1981 and the millionth finisher in the history of the event crossed the line in 2016.
- Since the first London Marathon in 1981, the event has raised more than £1 billion for charity.
- British Heart Foundation is the Charity of the Year of the 2022 TCS London Marathon
- London Marathon Events gifts its surplus each year to The London Marathon Charitable Trust.
- Since 1981, [The London Marathon Charitable Trust](#) has awarded grants totalling in excess of £97 million to more than 1,500 projects in London and across the UK.
- For more information, visit [tcslondonmarathon.com](https://www.tcslondonmarathon.com)

**About TCS**

Tata Consultancy Services is an IT services, consulting and business solutions organisation that has been partnering with many of the world's largest businesses in their transformation journeys for over 50 years. TCS is one of the biggest software and services companies in the UK, and is at the heart of technological innovation within some of the UK's best-known brands. TCS has operated in the UK for more than 45 years and has over 200 customers in the UK today. TCS currently employs over 20,000 in the UK and Ireland.

TCS engages in a number of sports sponsorships in the UK, including being title partner of the TCS London Marathon and the official technology partner of the Jaguar TCS Formula E Racing Team. TCS is also the official title partner of distance running events including the TCS New York City Marathon, the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon, the TCS Amsterdam Marathon and the TCS Lidingöloppet.

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