

## East London Science School wins 2019 SCS Scrub Up On Science competition

Congratulations to East London Science School on winning the 2019 Society of Cosmetic Scientists' Scrub Up On Science competition. Year 10 Team Eclipse's investigation of the effervescence of a bathbomb using different amounts of citric acid and bicarbonate of soda, plus their impressive knowledge and understanding of chemistry, saw off stiff competition from the other finalists at London Zoo on 18 June 2019 in the fifth SUOS annual competition.

### BATHBOMB KNOWHOW

Team Eclipse (left) is a group of four enthusiastic students who get together in the school lab at lunchtime. "I think we all have a feeling of relief and enjoyment at the same time," they said on winning the competition. "It's proof of our achievement over six months' effort since our very first bathbomb, which was awful!"

Looking to their futures, Soraya is certain she wants to do something with chemistry, Sofia wants to be a doctor so definitely plans to pursue science and Maisy is considering chemistry as she loves the reactions, while Ahmet is set on becoming a lawyer

Of course it is crucial to have enthusiastic teachers and it was their teacher Yanni Chatzi and her love of cosmetics and making her own that led them to Scrub Up On Science. "I saw SUOS and thought they would definitely love it," she said. "We're going to need to find their successors for next year as they'll be doing GCSEs."

And of course huge congratulations to all our other finalists. As Robin Parker, former SCS President and architect of SUOS, said: "The judging never gets easier. You're all winners to have got here."

#### About Scrub Up On Science

Scrub Up On Science (SUOS) is a website primarily created by the Society of Cosmetic Scientists for KS3 and KS4 pupils. It is exciting, practical chemistry for secondary students which links the UK curricula to the techniques and processes of the cosmetics industry. An annual competition complements the resource. [www.scrubuponscience.co.uk](http://www.scrubuponscience.co.uk)

#### About the Society of Cosmetic Scientists

The Society of Cosmetic Scientists (SCS) promotes education, research and collaboration to advance the science of cosmetics. It does this by attracting membership among highly qualified individuals with both academic and industrial experience in the field of cosmetics and related sciences, as well as through its activities including publications, educational programmes and scientific meetings. It has around 1000 members and is affiliated to the International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists (IFSCC). [www.scs.org.uk](http://www.scs.org.uk)

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