



The Prince tried his hand at chiselling during another visit to the Riyadh Technical College to see young Saudis learning vocational skills under the GOTEVOT program.

On her separate engagements, The Duchess was shown around a charity for women. The Al Nadha Philanthropic Society for Women was set up by Princess Sarah Al Faisal to empower and support women within the teachings of Islamic Shariaa.



Above: The Duchess views traditional Saudi women's dress during a visit to the Al Nadha Philanthropic Society for Women.

The Duchess chatted to the women behind their sewing machines, as they worked in the female only environment. She was presented with a beautifully embroidered abaya based on designs from the conservative Najd region.

The Duchess spoke briefly in Arabic as she bade farewell to the Princess Sarah Al Faisal, the charity's founder, and Princess Moudi bint Khalid, the director general, saying "inshallah" she would like to return again.

On the 26th, the Duchess paid a visit to the Multinational School in Riyadh accompanied by Lady

Cowper-Coles and a veritable posse of reporters. Her Royal Highness met the senior staff and governors and was taken on a short tour of the classrooms to where she chatted with many of the pupils.

The school caters for over 50 different nationalities of children who greeted the Duchess waving flags of their respective countries.

The school was founded in 1998 by Julia Jefferson, the Principal, after she found that there were no schools in the capital that accepted children with learning difficulties or special needs.

The school now has a well developed special needs unit and operates an internationally accredited curriculum.

Many of the children put on a lively and colourful pageant at the end of a visit which clearly delighted the Royal visitor. More photos of the visit are shown overleaf.



Whilst on her tour, The Duchess received The Oldie's 'Spouse of the Year Award'. Author and friend of The Duchess, Jilly Cooper, kindly accepted the award on her behalf and read out a message from Her Royal Highness:

*"I am lost for words to describe the honour done to me by such an eminent publication as the Oldie Magazine which has espoused so many causes and now roused itself to offer me the "Spouse of the Year" Award. Unfortunately, at the time this Award Lunch takes place I shall be carrying out some overseas spousing duties and therefore trust you will forgive my absence.*

*From some far-flung corner of the globe I shall reflect on the painful fact that I shall be unable to play my part alongside Reporters, Crunchers, Hecklers, Scribblers, Crusty Sea Dogs and Stand-by-your-Man-ners."*