

Dear Parents and Carers, Students, Staff and Governors,

Our first half term is now over and our Year 9 students have made a fantastic start to their time at County Upper. It has been a pleasure to witness the year group grow in confidence and spirit over the last seven weeks. New friendships have formed and students seem to be feeling at home in our school community. I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support during this half term; it is wonderful to be building such strong partnerships between home and school.

In this first edition of The Accolade this year, it is an absolute joy to be able to see the exciting world of opportunities restarting for students despite the challenges our community has faced with the continuing management of COVID. As well as continuing to access events remotely, our students have once again been able to participate in school trips and interact with each other in activities that enrich our curriculum. I have quickly grown to recognise the huge commitment the staff of County Upper have

## Engineering Scholarship Success

**Rona French** in year twelve has been awarded an **Arkwright Engineering Scholarship**.



These scholarships are the most esteemed scholarship of its type in the UK, designed to inspire students to pursue their dreams and change the world as a future leader in engineering.

As part of her scholarship she will be supported by a company, trade association, professional institution, or similar and receive a personal development programme, a dedicated mentor in engineering, invitations to VIP events in industry and at universities and a £600 financial award to help her achieve her goals in engineering. Well done Rona!

Applications are about to open for next years scholars so if you are in year 11 and interested in engineering as a future career then please get in touch with **Miss Pascoe**.

to ensuring that school life is about having valuable experiences and ensuring that our students are constantly challenged through thought provoking discussion and exposure to new opportunities. I have a huge respect for our wonderful staff who really do make County Upper a very special place: I know that you will agree that the quality of the education they provide is exceptional.

We have finished the half term today with a whole school Awards Assembly, recognising and celebrating the many successes of our students including a prize draw of the names of students in each year group who have achieved the highest number of achievement points issued on our new electronic recording system by teachers. This was a lovely way of sharing successes and ensuring that positivity is the pervasive force in our community.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our staff and students a restful half term break.

*Sherry*  
Ms Kennedy

## Personal Development Achievement Award

We congratulate **William Simmons** in year thirteen who has passed a **BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community**.

Will represented the Wing at a Muster to celebrate eighty years of the RAF and was also picked to attend an adventure camp in the Lake District. Well done Will!



# The Arts get involved

## Design students contributed towards a Guinness World Record

**Design students** have contributed towards a **Guinness World Record** for the largest postage stamp design competition! An incredible 606,049 entries were received from children across the UK, with an amazing 7,479 schools taking part. Congratulations to all those who entered.



## ARTiculation Discovery Day

**Sixth Form Art Students** were invited to take part in a series of workshops developing critical analysis, research and public speaking skills. Students were able to explore art works through personal observation, discussion and primary research. They were encouraged to think independently, analyse information, meet with and interview art world professionals. ARTiculation supports the national Arts Award initiative.

Students had a fantastic day and will pursue follow up activities in school. Thanks to **Mrs Masterman** for taking students to the Redhouse at Aldeburgh for the day .

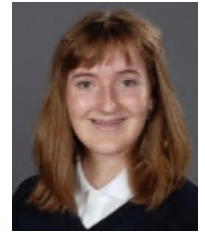


## Music Examinations

We congratulate the following whose grade results were received this month:

<b>Isla Cockerton</b> Grade 6 Flute	Distinction
<b>Emma Robbins</b> Grade 6 Drumming	Merit
<b>Kiki Davis</b> Grade 2 Acoustic Guitar	Distinction

Well done to you all!



## Drama Club Activity

**The Drama Club** are launching the **Shakespeare for Schools' Festival** next half term which will perform at the Apex in February 2022.

They have also been working on a short piece to commemorate one hundred years of the **Royal British Legion**.



# Open Evening

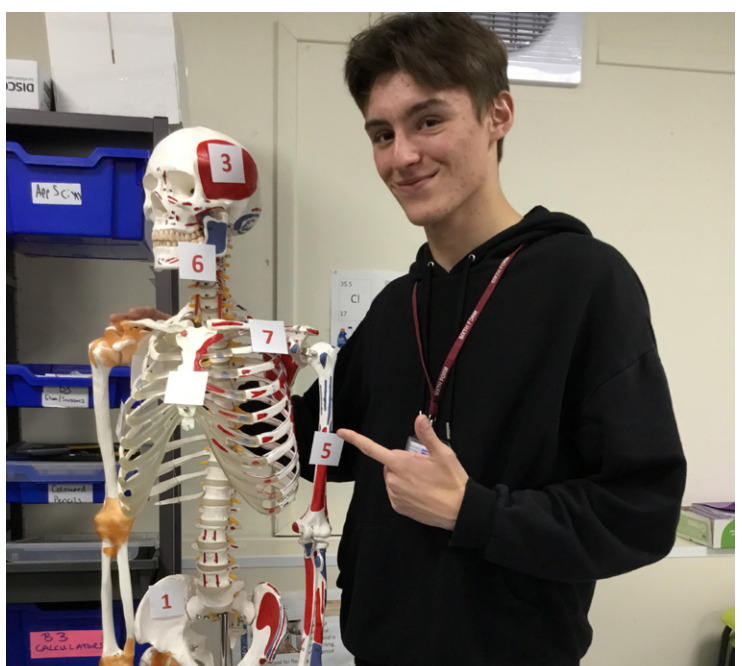
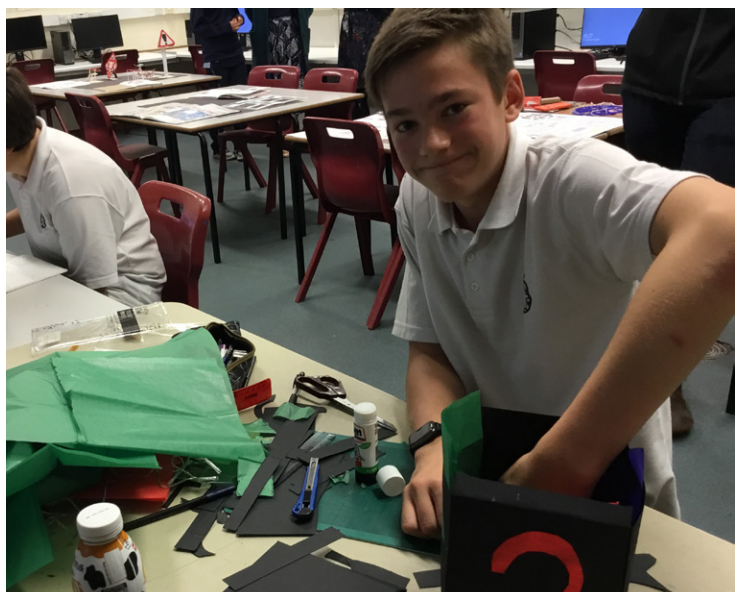
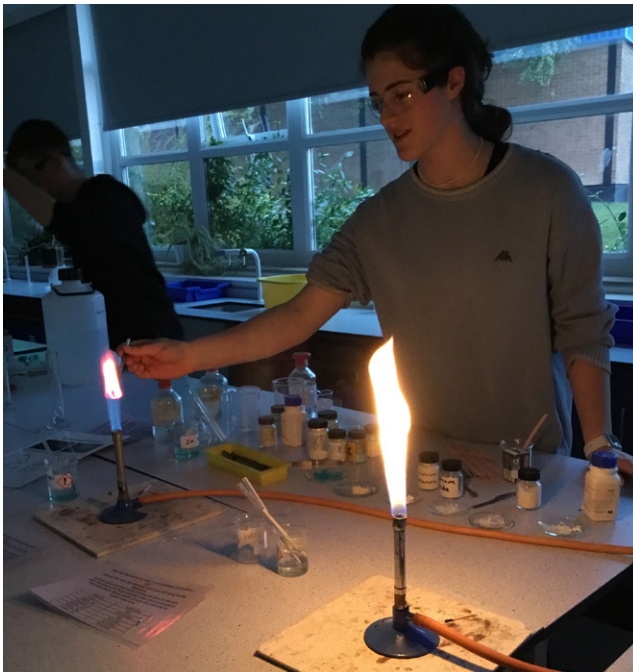
Our 2021 Open Evening was as successful as ever. Here is some feedback which we received:

*Last night, we attended the Open Evening at the school for prospective pupils. We were all very impressed.*

*Throughout, we were led around by two delightful students, Ellie and Isabelle, who were polite, informative, helpful, knowledgeable and engaging. Both were excellent ambassadors for the school and its aims within the school community and beyond. They, along with the other guides, are to be congratulated on their volunteering duties, carried out in such a mature way at the end of a busy school day.*

*We loved the variety and quality of curricular and extra-curricular activities available to students (my sister and I wished these were available to us in the 1970s!). Staff and pupils were enthusiastic as they talked about learning opportunities throughout the school in different years.*

*We heard mention of positive safeguarding training, and saw evidence for members of the school to feel included and gender neutral. Our young person left the school feeling very hopeful and enthusiastic about joining you. A very worthwhile evening with lots to feel optimistic about.*



# Student Officers for 2021/2022



## Head Students:

Eliza Hayden and William Holton

## Deputy Head Students:

Kabita Amroota and William Simmons

We ensure that all our students have a wide range of opportunities to develop their leadership skills and to serve County and the wider community. The pinnacle of this is the **leadership given by our sixth formers** who gain so much from inspiring the younger students and acting as excellent role models. We congratulate and thank those who have been selected to serve as school officers for 2021/22.



### Captains of Art:

Alicia Doel, J-Naya Fairley, Aedan Finlayson and Lucy Keating



### Captains of Business

Esme Crichton, Emily Gower, Matt Jones, Antonia Kidd, Connor Lewis and Will Simmons



### Captains of Computing

Peter Lillistone and Jacob White



### Captains of the Debating Society:

Alex Bolton, Aedan Finlayson and Emily Jones



### Captains of Drama:

Lily-Beau Burgess, Jess Goodridge, Malaika Nembaware, Holly Pryke and Shannen Russan



### Captains of Economics:

Emily Gower, Harry Hammond and Toby Shea



### Captains of English Language

Emily Jones, Antonia Kidds, Maisie Ring and Emily Thomas



### Captains of Equestrian:

Zara Barber and Sasha Welbourn



### Captains of Geography:

Harry Hammond, Kaitlin Hillard, Erin Laws, Frankie Smith-Pitt, Emily Stanton and Maddie Whitelaw



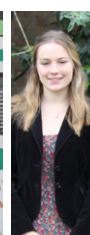
### Captains of Health and Social Care

Phoebe Blackburn, Holly Colton, Logan Malpass, Faith Ennis-Bugg and Aimee Myers



### Captains of History:

Alicia Doel, Eliza Hayden, Rosie Howes and Maddie Whitelaw



### Captains of Japanese

Stella Wilkinson and Aedan Finlayson



**Captains of Languages**  
Nathan Greening, Emily Thomas and Lauren Wake



**Captains of Mathematics and Further Mathematics**  
Lauren Cocksedge and Josh Witcherley



**Captains of Media**  
Lily-Beau Burgess and Samantha Hudson



**Captains of Music**  
Jessica Goodridge, Louis Michigan and Emma Robbins



**Captains of Photography**  
Lucy Keating, Maddie Stuart and Reuben Witcherley



**Captains of Politics:**  
Aedan Finlayson and Harry Hammond



**Captains of Psychology:**  
J-Naya Fairley and Lexie Gedge



**Captains of Religious Studies**  
Alicia Doel, Rosie Howes and Maddison Whitelaw



**Captains of Science:**  
Myrah Ahmed, Daisy Alfred-Allen, Lauren Cocksedge, Felicity Ellis, Wahida Hasan, Erin Laws, Reuben Leveson-Eburne, Sian Lewis, Dominic Smith, Frankie Smith-Pitt, Anna Mavroghenis, Izzy Turner, Stella Wilkinson and Josh Witcherley



**Captains of Sociology:**  
Samantha Hudson and Daphna Shalev



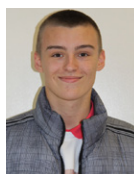
**Captains of Sport:**  
Esme Crichton, Oliver McKenzie-Vince and Emily Stanton



**Student Council:**  
William Simmons

**Charity Team**

Myrah Ahmed, Kabita Amrota, Layla Bray, Jacob Broom, Sam Ferguson, Emily Gower, Harry Hammond, Eliza Hayden, TJ Holton, William Holton, Reuben Leveson-Eburne, Ethan Masson, Anna Mavroghenis, Emily Stanton, Maddie Stuart and Emily Thomas.



# The Sport Report

## Football

Well done to our **U15 boys' football team** who have beaten Claydon 4-0 and Culford 5-0 this term.



Well done to:

**Louis Austin, Ollie Barnes, Joe Cocksedge, Will Hollands, Tyler Hood-Mourao, James Howard, Freddie Keeble, Luke Keyworth, Isaac Lewis, Redford Lorking, Bailey Matthews, Harry Mills, Josh Sanders, Jake Stiles, Alex Stokes and Zac Tuvey.**

The **U16 boys'** have competed in three fixtures this half term. They have played Ormoston Denes (away) in the **Suffolk Cup winning 2-1**, and they have also played two West Suffolk Cup league fixtures against KES (losing 2:6) and TGS (losing 0:3).

In all three fixtures the squad acquitted themselves extremely well, showing continued improvement and a high degree of sportsmanship.



Well done to:

**Sam Abberley, Charlie Burrows, Oliver Cooper, William Hannah, Jacob Manton, Tom Marks, Rhys Morgans, Ben Palmer, Reece Ranson, Magic Smalls, Reuben Sorooshian, Freddie Stewart, Teddy Stamp and Callum Woods.**

The **U18's** played really well, but lost to Thurston 4-2.



A great effort from:

**Sam Abberley, Harry Hammond, Max Harrison, TJ Holton, Matt Jones, Connor Lewis, Ollie McKenzie Vince, Ben Palmer, Mydas Smalls, Rueben Sorooshian, Teddy Stamp and Callum Woods.**

## Cross Country

The following students were selected to run in this year's first cross-country event at **RHS** this month.

### Year 9

**Esther Almond  
Mason Blake  
Luke Brownhill  
Lorna Ferguson  
Theo Kettle  
Eloise Manton  
Philippa Meyers  
Dana Pitt Roche**

### Year 11

**Freya De'Ath  
Sophie Gathorne-Hardy**

### Sixth Form

**Oscar Siebke  
Eliza Hayden**

### Year 10

**Adrian Hoggett-Price**

The students gave a valiant effort at the Cross Country as some students ran the course for the first time! Several students will now have an the opportunity to run in the next round.

Special congratulations go to **Eliza Hayden** for **winning the senior girls event** - Super performance! Well done!



## Juniors

Esther Almond 51st  
Mason Blake 82nd  
Luke Brownhill 6th  
Theo Kettle 81st  
Eloise Manton 29th  
Philippa Meyers 34th  
Dana Pitt Roche 41st

## Inters

Freya De'Ath 7th  
Sophie Gathorne-Hardy 13th  
Adrian Hoggett-Price 33rd

## Seniors

Eliza Hayden 1st  
Oscar Siebke 41st



## Netball

The **U14 and U15 Netball teams** have competed well in tournaments including the Western Area Tournament and various league fixtures against King Edwards, Sybil Andrews, Mildenhall and Stowmarket.



Well done to you all:

**U14:** Lily Edwards, Lorna Ferguson, Eloise Manton, Izzie Meredith, Philippa Meyers, Dana Pitt-Roche, Annabel Ransome and Millie Sowerby.

**U15:** Sophia Chorlton, Francesca Clow-Wilson, Shelby Coffman, Kiki Davis, Zoe Eden, Natasha Fairs, Lottie Harriman, Alana Harris, Grace Kirby, Phoebe Mallen, Carmen Merell-Smith, Sharna Narayan, Charlotte Ogden, Abi O'Shea, Grace Rawingtong, Eva Ripley-Jones, Anna Simmons and Lathifa Sasikaran.



The **U16's** experienced tough competition at the Western Area Tournament but have enjoyed success in league fixtures against Stowupland and King Edwards.



**U16:** Anna Cartwright, Olivia Chandler, Maisie Furnell, Grace Gower, Lois Kerr, Lily Ring, Freya Underhill and Amelia Wake.

Our **U19 Netball squad** finished **runners-up** to Culford in the Western Area Netball Tournament this year and now qualify for the County Final round on Saturday 13th November in Ipswich.



**U19:** Faith Ennis-Bugg, Beth Green, Evie Pyle, Sammie Hudson, Emma Ironside, Anna Mavroghenis, Emma Robbins, Lizzie Sanders and Daphna Shalev.

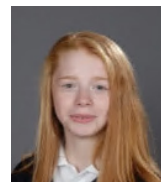
## Cricket

Congratulations to **Ben Palmer** in year eleven who was awarded **U15 Player of the Year at Suffolk Cricket**. Well done Ben!



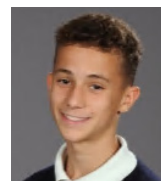
## Half Term Sports Personalities

We congratulate the half term's recipients:



### Year 9

Dana Pitt-Roche  
Luke Brownhill



### Year 10

Isaac Lewis  
Sophia Chorlton



### Year 11

Jacob Manton  
Eliza Bartholomew

# A busy month for Humanities

## Model United Nations

The sixth County Upper Model United Nations Conference was held on 7th October involving seventy students from across all year groups in a day of lively debate over the fate of Afghanistan.

A team of year thirteen students (**Abigail Buitenhuis, Aedan Finlayson, Emily Gower, Harry Hammond, Wahida Hassan, Emily Jones, James Merrett, Toby Shea, Will Simmons, Lauren Wake**) prepared and led the discussions including the plight of refugees, the instability of the Afghan economy, human rights abuses and the potential threats to international security posed by the Taliban.

The following students were highly commended for their contributions throughout the day:

**Sean Gaffney (year 9), Izaak Bitter (year 9), Anna Williams (year 9), Sybil Hoggar (year 9), Jess Lewis (year 10), Alex McMahon (year 11), Stella Godden (year 11), Ralph Greer-Walker (year 11), Holly Winsbury-Cutts (year 11), Isla Cockerton (year 11), Alex Bolton (year 12), Gracie Garza (year 12) and Alex Wangermann (year 12).**



## Politics and Economics Society Speaker

The Politics and Economics Society were delighted to hear **Alexander Fadlon**, current Investment Board member of Phosphor Asset Management and previous Managing Director of Union Bancaire Privee, speak about the nature of money and the future of cryptocurrencies. Mr Fadlon also discussed the causes of the 2008 financial crisis and the impact of regulations on the financial sector during an hour-long seminar with the **A-Level Economics students**.

His advice about careers in finance and tips for job applications were also invaluable.



## Geography Fieldtrip to Spitalfields

**Year thirteen Geography students** spent the day investigating urban change in East London. They began the day in the Docklands area, where they visited the Excel Centre and from the Docklands Light Railway they were able to observe the changing urban landscape. The students then carried out some geographical research in Spitalfields and Brick Lane. We thank **Mr O'Leary, Mrs Hammond and Mr Fisher** for organising the trip.





# Gold and Gold Star Awards

These awards are issued based on grades in the most recent interim reports. **Gold = 70% 'A's** and **Gold Star = 'A's in all subjects.**

## Year 9 Golds

Esther Almond	Wilson	Lucie-Rose Jull	Jonathan Palfrey
Keira Andrews	Preston Devereux	Mia Kerr	Eleanor Paxton
Rozi Aslan	Ben Doyle	Tilly King	Rhys Peachey
Alissa Baker	Ruby Drew	Rosie Kingston	River Perry
Megan Barnes	Tyler Duncan	Owen Lawrence	Keeley Pope
William Berry	Daisy Eaton-Evans	Macy Leeks	Lauren Pugh
Pedro Berto Rego	Lily Edwards	Darcy Linares	Annabel Ransome
Jacob Bettany	Lorna Ferguson	Isabel Lungley	Imogen Ranson
Archie Bird	Bethany Fitzgerald	Samuel Maro	Millie Reading
Rhys Birnie-Parker	Sam Fordham	Mia Mason	Lucy Reeve
Evie Blackford	Mary Francis	Florence Masters	Charlie Riddick
Mason Blake	George French	Carly May	Immy Roberts
Isabelle Bolton	Jasmine Fuller	Ethan Mayer	Lewis Robertson
Harriet Bream	Blake Gardiner	Samuel McNeill	Molly Roques
Ryco Brits	Seth Garza	Taviner	Cassius Rourke
Nancy Butcher	Oliver George	Bethany Merchant	Ollie Salisbury
Miguel Chilenje	Katie Gleave	Ella Mills	Sebastian
Flynn Cockerton	Marley Gordon	Elle Monksfield	Shepherd
Rhianna	Luke Hales	Leo Moore	Thomas Sheppard
Coleman Taylor	Evie Harpur	Jack Moore	Immi Simmons
Amelia Collins	Lexi Harris	Oscar Morgan	Alfie Smith
Benjamin Cook	Olivia Hasler	Carwyn Morgans	Milly Sowerby
Harrison Cooper	Jada-Lilly Hayes	Ronnie Need	Lucy Steggall
William Cox	Sybil Hoggar	Charles Neville	Mikey Stewart
Leo Cox	Benjamin Hooton	Ellie Newton	Liam Stroud
Summer Crichton	Emily Houlder	Louie Ockmore	Alfie Wilson
Jessica Cummings	Will Ironside	Malachi O'Neill-Gallagher	Izabella Wronka
Faith De'Ath	Milo Jones		Illias Zachariou
Lola Densham-			

## Year 9 Gold Stars

Mia Archer	Hardy	Eloise Manton	Thomas Shelley
Zachary Arya	Olivia Grant	Izzie Meredith	Zarha Snelling
Chase Baglow	Beatrice Greer-Walker	Jessica Merrick	Oliver Walker
Hannah Boardman	Walker	Philippa Meyers	Albert Wappett
Jessica Brand	Megan Haynes	Elijah Moye	Anna Williams
Stevie Fayers	Hettie Jones	Umno Newland	
Natalie Fretwell	Ella Lane	Libby Rosten	
Rachel Gathorne-	Lily Lowe	Evie Sear	

## Year 10 Golds

Sophie Ashman	Samuel Everett	Jake Knowles	Joseph Sheldrake
Jemima Baalham	Anna Field	Harrison Lacey	Thomas Shipp
Hollie Bates	Kirsty Gibson	James Ladbrook	Art Siebke
Ruby Beales	Emma Gillard	Noah Leveritt	Anastasia
Lily Beatty	Aeryn Graham	Harry Lovett	Simmons
Hannah Boreham	Rhianna Graham	Louis Lyness	Lily Sinden
Lacey Brackenbury	Nicole Graham	Lucille Lyness	Phoebe Smith
Amy Bradford	Ralph	Ash Marshall	Gabe Sorooshian
Ella Brett	Greer-Walker	Austin Mckenzie-Vince	Chloe Stephens
Jack Callan	Elsie Hagger	Carmen Merrell-Smith	Charlotte Stott
Kieran Canning	Molly Hammond	Harry Mills	Willow Stringer
Evie Cansdale	Sadie-Jayne Hammond	Sophie Moye	Freya Swan
Ben Cargill	Charlotte Harriman	Paddy Nugent	Matt Taeymans
Megan Chandler	Alanna Harris	Charlotte Ogden	Molly Taylor
Maria Charalambous	Wasim Hasan	Amber-Rose Oliver	Jennifer Tsan
James Chukwu	Matilda Heath	Abi O'Shea	Keeley Wallis
Alan Cieslik	William Hollands	Sofia Pacenti	Abigail Wappett
Shelby Coffman	James Howard	Eda Pettit	Paul Warden
Rose Coldwell	Harry Jackson	Tommy-Lee Price	Pixie Watson
Scarlet Cooper	Rowan Johnston-Jackles	Kai Price	Joshua Wiseman
Jared Crack	Samson Jones	Max Pryke	Ellie Woodard
Brooke Croucher	Barnaby Jull	Elise Redit	Taha Yasin
Frederick Daly	Mitchell Karari	Joshua Sanders	
Kiki Davis	Luke Keyworth	Lily Sanders	
Jorge Dawson-Brown	Abigail Klimowicz	Niamh Scarfe	

## Year 10 Gold Stars

Millie Adams	Zoe Hardy	Emily Masson	Holly Shea
Katie Baldwin	Ivor Hedge	Ethan Mckenzie-Vince	Millie Stone
George Campen	Isla Hogg	Nicole Nydam	Yan Tan
Sophie Cartwright	Walter Ind	Lily Owen	William Taylor-Maguire
Sophia Chorlton	Isaac Lewis	Sophie Parnell	Lola Thompson
Francesca Clow-Wilson	Jess Lewis	Grace Rawingtong	Henry Watkins
Zoe Eden	Redford Lorking	Eva Ripley-Jones	Haojun Xiong
Grace Gillard	Eleanor Macmillen	Lathifa Sasikaran	
	Phoebe Mallen		