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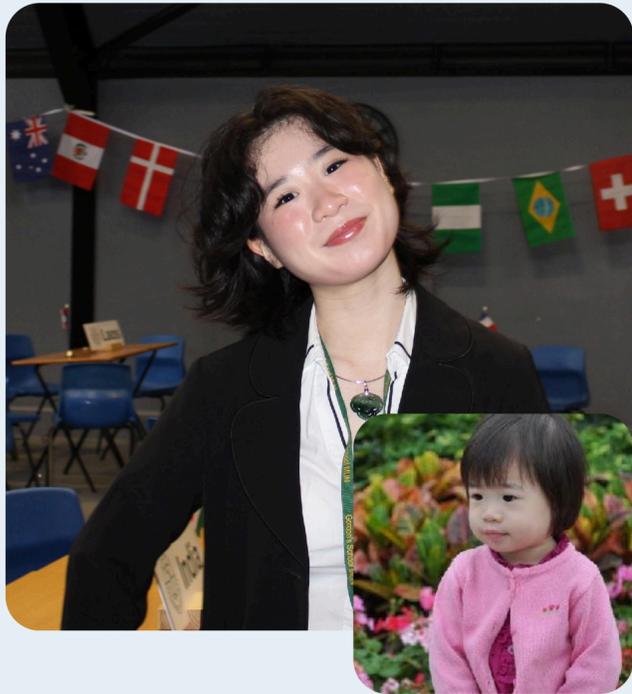
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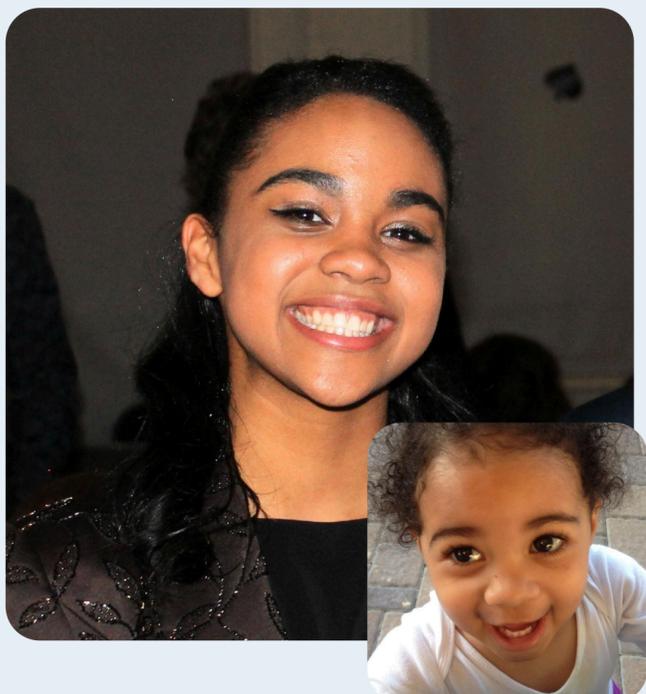
MEET THE PRESS TEAM!



Hi I'm Danielle! I am currently the editor for The Quarterly Gazette, our school newspaper, and have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Press & Media Team for GMUN. I am an avid reader and I love to write all sorts of things from stories to opinion articles. Even though I'm not an A-level history prodigy, I do love the subject and I'm a sucker for a good historical drama.

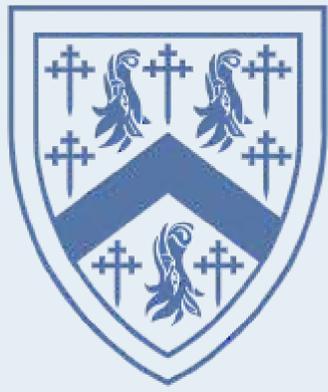


Hi I'm Kate! I am a keen writer publishing articles for The Quarterly Gazette and writing plays in my spare time and have loved my time on the Press & Media Team. I am also a Musical Theatre scholar and love getting involved in school productions, such as playing the title role in the musical 'Amelie' last half term.



Hi there! I'm Daniella, one of the Heads of Press & Media, and I'm elated to be able to continue my writing journey with Gordon's MUN. I love writing, especially along the creative lines, and love getting to keep others interested via both journalism and the mystery of storytelling. When my pen is resting, you can find me wearing out my piano keyboard or using my camera to capture the beauty of nature.

SCHOOLS ATTENDING



Reading Blue Coat



Blenheim High



Beaconsfield



Gordon's School



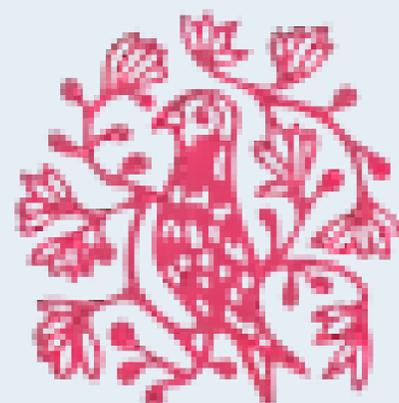
Ibstock Place School



The Marist School



Hurstpierpoint College



Prior's Field

INTERVIEWS

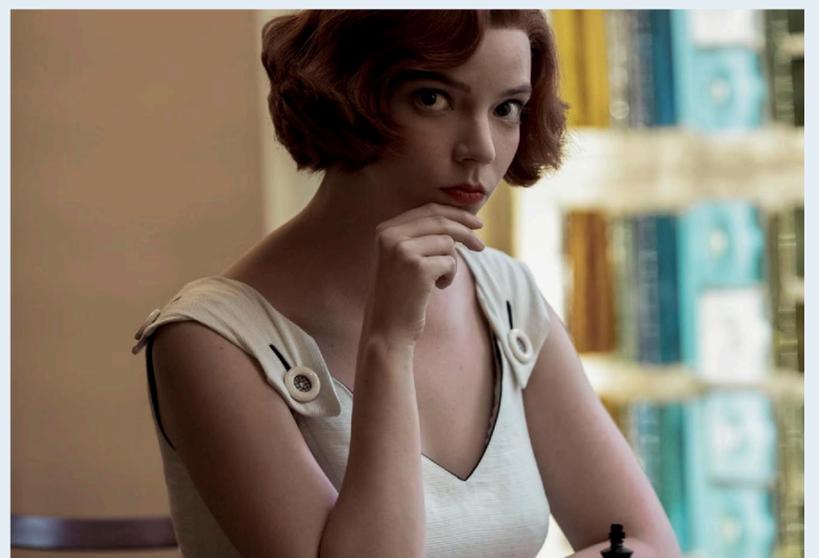
Beth Bailey – Secretary General

Do you have any advice for people starting their MUN journey?

I think from all of my personal experience, my best advice is to be confident. There's a bit of a false illusion that you have to have been doing MUN since year 7 to be good at it and to sign up and go to conferences but this really isn't the case. I joined in year 10 and after much struggle and sessions of not speaking, I finally gained my confidence and was able to start winning awards in conferences. MUN isn't always about the awards but about experiencing the fight and the debate for world issues, it's about putting yourselves in the shoes of an entire nation and speaking on behalf of world leaders about issues you may not have known about. And it is this process that is truly transformative and makes MUN so special. So my biggest advice is to get involved, be confident and really exude your passion because it will almost certainly pay off.

If you were a TV show character who would you be and why?

Absolutely 1000% Beth Harmon from the Queen's Gambit. And no, it's not just because she's also called Beth. Beth is my spirit animal, she resonates so deeply within me because seeing a woman walk into a male-dominated world, dominate it without theatrics, and do it with this calm, almost bored confidence, it awakens something very powerful and very feminine in me. There's something so iconic about succeeding without asking for permission, which is arguably exactly what I try to do with my role as sec gen :)



What are your pet peeves?

My biggest pet peeve is when people have strong opinions for no reason but have absolutely no evidence to back themselves up. Maybe this is just the debater in me speaking but this is the behaviour that drives me up the wall. What do you mean you are so passionate about this topic for absolutely no reason and can't even defend yourself when anyone voices their opposing opinion? Stay away.

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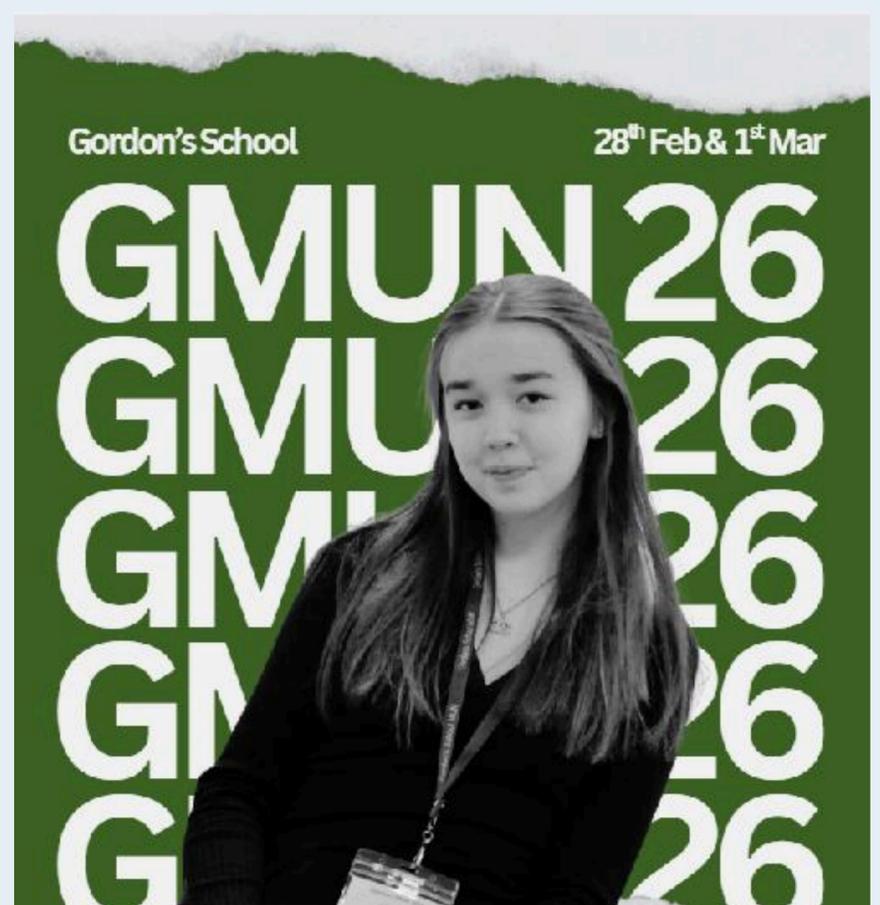
How did you get into MUN?

I was always fascinated by debating in my previous school and so when I joined Gordon's in Year 10, the first thing I did was sign up to the debating P7. When Ms Weeks recommended that I try MUN, I was intrigued. However, this isn't to say that I was fantastic because for the first many months of my MUN journey I promise I did not utter a single word. I think the biggest takeaway from my own experience is that you don't have to be the best in the room to grow and improve. Sometimes being the most nervous, anxious person can drive you into being more and more motivated and driven to better yourself.

Before you know it, I had done 4+ years in MUN and was starting to win awards in conferences; conferences were the main thing that cemented my love for MUN because you're put in a room with some of the brightest people across loads of different schools and you debate on global issues and really fight for what you (or your country) are truly passionate about. It's not just about personal opinions, it's about learning to adapt and to change your mindset through research to formulate an opinion and write resolutions and truly put yourself in the shoes of diplomats that fight on an international scale to change international law.

What is your favourite aspect of being SecGen and why?

My favourite part of being sec gen is probably being given the honour to run and organise GMUN. It's been such a great experience so far being part of such a wonderful supportive team, building up this fantastic conference and I'm so lucky to even play a part in it let alone be a leader. I'm very grateful for everyone in the press and secretariat team, all the teachers, all the chairs and all the participants for making my time as Secretary General so unforgettable.



INTERVIEWS

Grace Gerrish and James Taplin– Presidents of GA

Do you have any advice for people starting their MUN journey?

GG: My biggest piece of advice for someone getting into MUN is just get stuck in. The hardest part is definitely doing your first speech or POI but after the first one it becomes so much easier and you enjoy MUN even more by getting involved!

JT: The biggest hurdle is always the first time you speak each conference. As soon as you make your first point, you will always want to make more and more.

What are your pet peeves?

JT: When people leave their space in a mess. It is not hard to stay organised and maintain a clean desk!

GG: My pet peeve is people who walk outrageously slow and they take up the whole path. It's torture!

If you were a TV show character, who would you be and why?

GG: If I was to be a character in a TV show, I would be Amy Santiago from Brooklyn 99. I am a bit of a perfectionist like her, but I am kind-hearted and want to help people.

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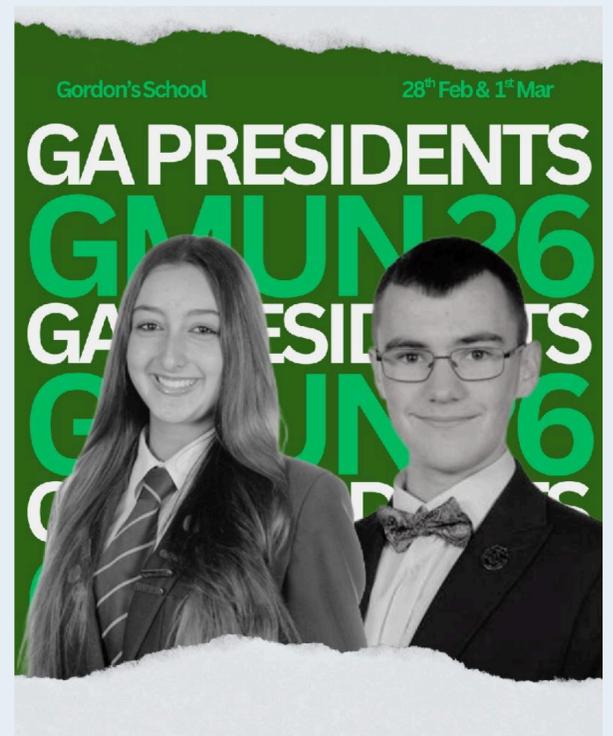
GG: I got into MUN when I was Press Team for GMUN in 2022. I saw all the delegates debating, and it seemed so fun so I started doing it in school after that!

JT: I joined MUN in Year 8 because that was the only option for a mandatory club that wasn't sports on a Thursday.

What is your favourite aspect of being a chair and why?

GG: My favourite aspect of being a chair would be being able to help people understand MUN and helping them get involved. It's great to see so many young MUNers and older ones getting started, and I love being able to help them grow as a debater.

JT: I most enjoy letting the delegates debate between themselves. The role of the chair is to ensure smooth debate, and I feel like I'm chairing at my best when I don't need to say anything apart from the standard debating procedures. Chairs are guiding figures, not controlling ones.



MUN 101

Daniella Tinegate

Get ready to dive into an eye-opening adventure!

I can distinctly recall one of my first experiences at Model United Nations: a nearby one-day conference, widely encouraged for both beginners and advanced to attend. With the event being my first official venture into the topic, I was beyond thrilled to witness what I'd seen older years doing for so long. In the space of a few hours, I learnt so many tactics- such as debating techniques, pinpointing a resolution's benefits and flaws, and even how to use the enormous opportunities to connect with others across schools. It was truly an awesome experience!



I've taken part in many conferences since, and I continue to learn so much more as my journey flourishes. Whether Gordons' MUN is your first delve into the debating world or you're a seasoned pro wanting to sharpen your skills, there's so much on offer for your enjoyment. Here's some advice to help your future endeavors!

Learn the different modes of debate. Throughout your time at the conference, you'll be moving between three modes of debate for each topic you discuss. To spend your time best as a delegate, note these well:



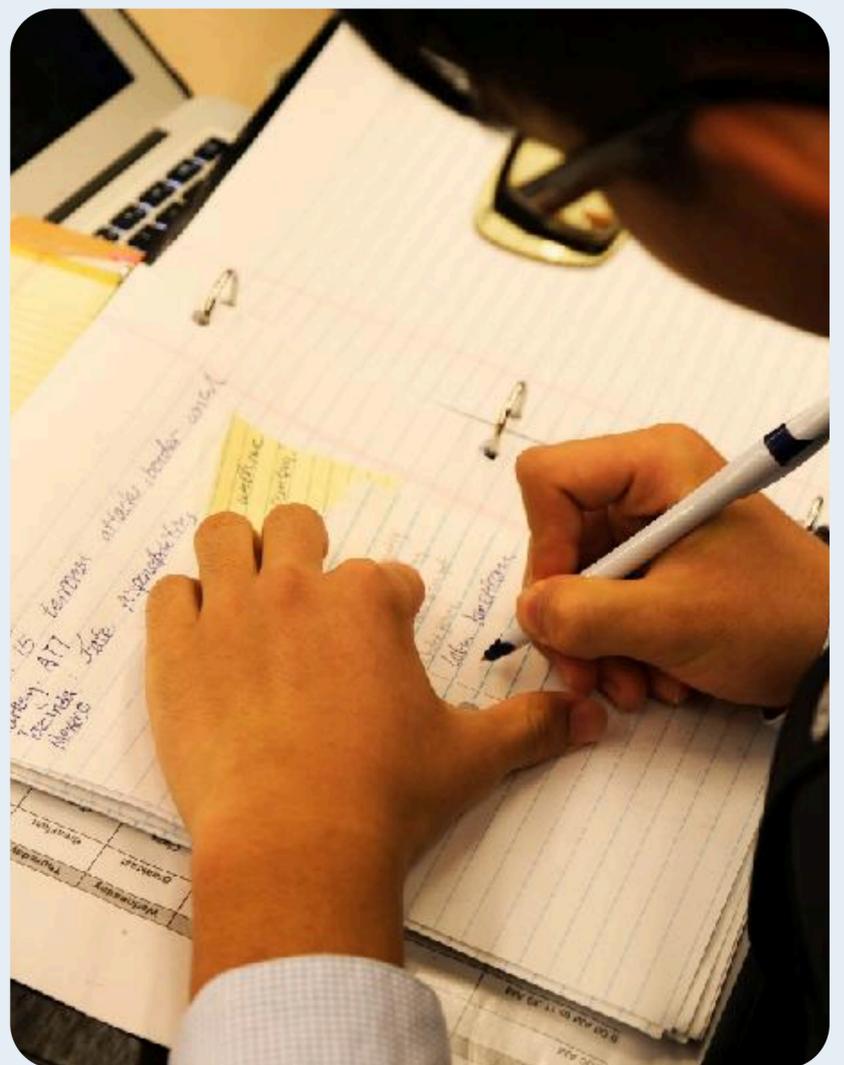
General Speaker's List (Formal): This mode presents the opening of your committee's topics. Here delegates present brief opening speeches, share their country's position on the matter and what they plan to implement. For this, you need to ensure you've prepared a brief speech beforehand that clearly states your goals- it'll deliver a great first impression to others, and allow them to understand your initial views. If you share the same views with a fellow country, this'll benefit you enormously afterwards.

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Moderated Caucus (Formal): This mode takes up the majority of your committee's time. Solving the matter at hand, the committee spends time discussing resolutions- countries can both freely share views about certain aspects to the assembly and enquire questions of others'. One of the more formal sections, your focus here should be to propose topics and ideas you think best solve the problem, directly challenging opposing arguments and persuading others to your views.

Unmoderated Caucus (Informal): During this mode, the formal rules followed through the previous modes are discarded- here delegates are free to leave their seats, lobby resolutions and discuss with others. This section of time is just as important as the other two, if not more! Your focus here should be to find and ally with countries with similar goals, signing others' resolutions (and even presenting your own) and even getting to know the others in the room. The better relationship you have with your fellow delegates during informal time, the easier it is for politeness and camaraderie during formal time rather than disorder.

Preparedness is key. Read through your committee's assigned Topic Guides. Search for research on your country's aims and objectives (bear in mind when reviewing allies and enemies, you'll likely make different friends to your country's preferences!) Whatever information you can gather, it's great to have this prepared beforehand- refresh yourself, and make sure you're up to date on each topic. Statistics and prominent events are especially important to remember: these come in incredibly handy during debate AND make you look more dignified for the rest of the committee. Win, win!



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Listen carefully and stay focused. When in the midst of a lengthy debate, listen to everything a delegate has to say- whether it's meticulously explaining a resolution or a passionate for/against speech- because every sentence they utter can be used to help your progress. For example, if your country's views are the same as the speaking delegate, listen for their interesting mentions regarding possible solutions and praise this highly in your next speech. Showing you're actively listening to the conversations around you, even repeating and highlighting phrases others have used, help you perform better overall.



Connect, connect, connect! One of the most revolutionary things you can do as a delegate is make friends with others in your committee- be it during your breaks, lunchtime or pauses in the discussion. These are the people who'll ultimately assist you when stuck in a particularly tense debate, support your views, and most importantly, make your conference time as enjoyable as can be.

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Overall, expect a fantastic array of opportunities to make memories, lasting friendships, and what could just turn out to be a long-lasting career.

SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTEES



Environment

- Definitely Saudi Arabia's repeated speeches about western propaganda and the 100% renewable energy oxygen.
- Plus, we also did karaoke as a punishment for personal pronouns! Most memorable: Sweet Caroline and Call Me Maybe.

Special

- Delegate of Norway giving a speech against a resolution where he proposed so much he believed he was defending his own resolution and ended up voting in favour of the resolution
- Delegate of Norway showing the committee a video of Kratos aura farming



Security Council

- A half hour game of Heads Down Thumbs Up.
- IT'S NOT incredibly funny nor memorable



ECOFIN

- Israel was wearing a cap, and delegates set a petition to kick out Israel
- Some delegates forgot their own country



DISEC

- Male chair threatened to be ejected
- All the points of order against US and all the regretfully retracting statements.

SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTEES

SPECPOL

- Deadpan silence at the start
- Destruction of France... replaced by 'The Republic' coalition (Which was overwhelmingly supported by delegates)
- A questionable performance of 'Let It Go' in recompense for personal pronoun usage
- The 'visiting' delegates taking some... unique attitudes towards seating
- We as chairs have had a very interesting yet thoroughly enjoyable time!



SOCHUM

- One of the most talked-about moments came during the debate on universal access to fair trial procedures. In a surprising turn, the United States and Israel formed a strategic partnership to propose stricter limitations on trial access in cases involving national security. Their joint amendment argued that unrestricted trial rights could expose sensitive intelligence and put civilians at risk.
- Norway kept calling Thailand 'Thigh Land' so now that's what we call Thailand
- A delegate accidentally voted in favour of the amendment they had just passionately argued against and forgot they were against it.



CASINO NIGHT



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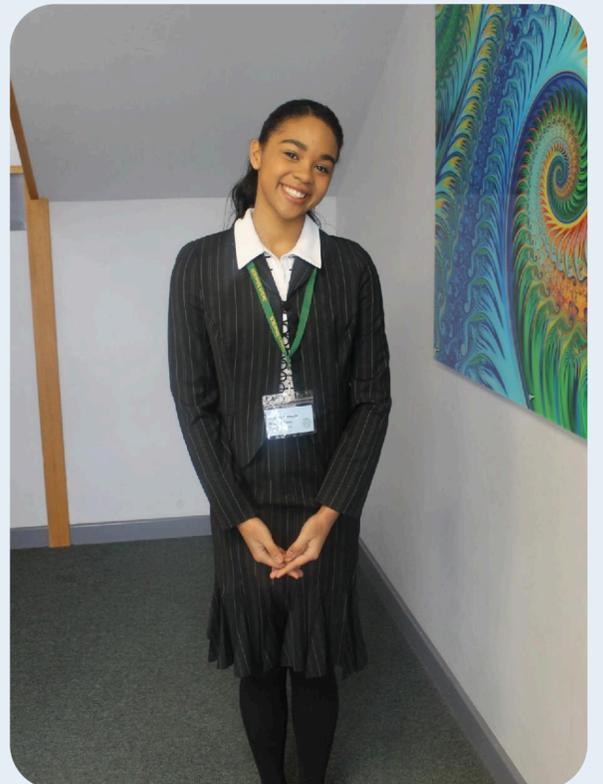
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