

World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM)

WCSQM Virtual Symposium 2021 - Press Release

On 1st July 2021, World Class primary and secondary school leaders, staff and students came together from across the UK and internationally for WCSQM's Symposium, sponsored by the award-winning interactive learning platform [Performance Learning](#). In light of the ongoing social distancing measures, WCSQM's annual Symposium took place virtually, hosted by [EdTech Demonstrator](#) and World Class [Sandringham School](#) in St Albans.

This year's Symposium offered a range of presentations and interactive sessions from World Class schools, students and partners, centred around the theme of 'World Class futures'. Careers organisations including [LinkedIn](#), [Education for Employers](#) and [Accenture](#) joined careers education providers like [Positive Footprints](#) and [CEC](#) partners, to deliver insightful and educational sessions around careers pathways and supporting the transition from school through to Higher Education and the workplace.

The Symposium was delivered exclusively to accredited [World Class schools](#), who over the course of a busy day across two virtual 'rooms' enjoyed

- A keynote presentation from [Performance Learning](#) CEO Tej Samani, who delivered new, previously unpublished data on the (so called) Covid learning gap.
- The launch of the [2021 WCSQM essay competition](#) by Jamie Johnson author [Dan Freedman](#), revealing the secrets of his success to students Prisha (Year 6) [Berkeley Academy](#), and Gracie (Year 9), [President Kennedy School](#), who interviewed him on everything from football to making writing cool.
- A speech competition - 'The Talk-Off', hosted by the students of Sandringham School
- An exciting update from the student committee of our [WCSQM Alumni Association](#), on how to get involved and the benefits of joining
- Up to the minute careers advice from professional networking platform [LinkedIn](#) and global employer and apprenticeship experts [Accenture](#)
- Presentations on careers education case studies and research for both primary and secondary schools, from [Education and Employers](#), [TF Careers Network](#), local CEC partner [Hertfordshire LEP](#), [Positive Footprints](#), [St Albans Girls' School](#) and [Whitefield Primary School](#).
- An eye-opening presentation from Premier Advisory Group on the very real benefits for schools offered by the DWP's [Kickstart Scheme](#).
- An inspirational presentation from public speaker and mental health advocate [Daniel Wilsher](#)
- Advice and resources from [The Life Skills Network](#) on the transition from school to the workplace
- Presentations from our lead school [St Mary's College Hull](#), on their World Class classroom practice, and cutting edge [Medical, Health and Social Care Academy](#)
- A session on what makes a World Class undergraduate student by [Trinity College Cambridge](#)

A celebration of World Class students

Most importantly, the Symposium featured our Awards Ceremony celebrating the World Class achievements of students from primary, secondary and special schools across the country, and internationally. Following another difficult school year, over 200 World Class schools and delegates streamed the ceremony in their classrooms, to celebrate the inspirational achievements of their students, who overcame the obstacles presented by school closures and isolation to win awards in categories including the World Class Student Character Award, World Class accrediting school 2020/21, World Class re-accrediting school 2021, School of the Year and Qualifying WCSQM Assessor. (See a full list of categories and winners below).

“We have a lot to celebrate at WCSQM. The challenges of the last few months have proved that the World Class skills and competencies of our students, the recognition of which is the point of our organisation, are what really matter. World Class students have the skills and competencies not only to survive in times of trial, but to flourish. We are celebrating our confidence in the fact that our World Class students will win at life, no matter what.” Miranda Perry, Director, WCSQM

Information on WCSQM

WCSQM is a UK charity working to accredit the best non-selective state schools across the UK with the World Class quality mark accreditation. In order to achieve accreditation primary and secondary schools can subscribe to the [WCSQM application](#), giving their entire cohort of students access to the WCSQM framework designed to help students develop and demonstrate World Class skills and characteristics across areas including learning, leadership, community and the workplace.

Notes

Media contact: Miranda Perry

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Supporting information: A recording of selected Symposium sessions can be requested

Further information on the Symposium can be found on the [WCSQM website](#).

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Symposium contributors

Performance Learning - Event Sponsors	LinkedIn
TF Careers Network	Accenture
Sandringham School	Education and Employers
Trinity College, Cambridge	Dan Freedman
St Mary's College, Hull	WCSQM Alumni Association
President Kennedy School	Berkeley Academy
St Albans Girls' School	Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Premier Advisory Group	Positive Footprints
Whitefield Primary School	Daniel Wilsher
The Life Skills Network	

2021 World Class winners

Accredited schools

World Class accredited secondary schools	World Class accredited primary schools
Babington Academy	Kentmere Academy
Feversham Academy	Marshfield Primary School
Five Acres High School	Sacred Heart Primary School
Higham Lane School	Seething and Mundham Primary School
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	St Michael's C of E Primary School
Kingswood Academy	Three Bridges Primary School
Lymm High School	Whitefield Primary School
Sacred Heart Catholic High School	Yerbury Primary School
Southfield School	
St Anne's Catholic School for Girls	
Trinity Academy Grammar	
Yate Academy	

Re-accredited schools

World Class re-accrediting secondary schools	
Alexandra Park School	Balcarras School
Bishop Ramsey CE School	Carlton Bolling College
Cranford Community College	The Ruth Gorse Academy
Darrick Wood School	Seven Kings School
Finham Park School	Weatherhead High School
Harris Academy, Greenwich	Southam College
Harris Academy, Chafford Hundred	Harris City Academy, Crystal Palace
Hayes School	Bosworth Academy, Leicester
Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull	Harris Academy Battersea
Holland Park School	Langley Park School for Boys
Rushcliffe School	Cardinal Hume Catholic School
	Carmel College

World Class re-accrediting primary schools	
St Stephen's Catholic Primary School	Wyndham Academy
Thomas Jones' Primary	Sneinton St Stephen's C of E Primary
Berkeley Academy	

Qualifying Student Assessors - secondary			
Name	School	Name	School
Ali Rehman	Bluecoat Wollaton Academy	Charlie James Potts	Sedgefield Community College
Reuben Hallsworth-Woods	Hitchin Girls' School	Eesha Gupta	President Kennedy School
Amelia Woollass		Harry Gilsean	
Bibi Winter		Mya Birdee	
Amitojpreet Kaur Aulak	Featherstone High School	Lucy Freudemann	Moor End Academy
		Xena Pape	
Anna McKee	Sandringham School	Nicola Rice	Salesian School

Henry Nurse Jess McElroy Logan Hewitt Nabrissa Badu		Olivia Woods	
Anoosha Ashfaq Piyusha Avvula Zainab Ali	Seven Kings High School	Polly Knapton	Weatherhead High School
Antonio Seminara Sarah-Jane Clayton	St Mary's College, Hull	Shifaa Rashid	Greenhead College

<u>Qualifying Student Assessors -primary</u>	
<u>From Morley Newlands Academy in Leeds</u>	<u>From Sneinton Primary School in Nottingham</u>
Ananya Baidyaroy	Adam
Carla Snape	Ahmad
Cerys Davies	Anagha
Charlotte Byrne	Amna
Esme Smith	Antonia
Harper Fellows	Brooklyn
Jessica Turner	Eltaf
Joe Grayson	Ezrah
Mitchell Davies	Gabriela
Nicole Getka	Jemima
Ryan Pallapati	Joel
Shreyasi Gupta	Joshua
	Natalie
	Taylon

Commendations go to our team of

current Qualified Student Assessors for successfully overseeing the 2021 assessment process...

Ayse Karanis - Chelsea Academy	Clarissa Aju - Seven Kings High School
Ellie Louise Newsome - Notre Dame 6th Form	Lara Hall - Sheffield University
Mya Adkin - Tolworth Girls' School	Saarah Ali - Seven Kings School

Student Advisers at St Cuthbert's High School for Boys for successfully overseeing the 2021 assessment centre process...

Matthew Weddle	Ciaran Moscrop
William Turnbull	Nathaniel Makarimayi
Ken Sio	Daniel Ghanash
Alexander Baxter	Albert Allan



Student of the Year Awards - secondary

WINNER _____ Cole Panyades, Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull

RUNNERS UP _____ Amaan Ul-Hasan, Sherbourne Fields School
Ibraheem Azum, Carlton Bolling Academy
Myella Rye-Holland, Bosworth Academy

SHORTLISTED

Eleanor Lellis-Ferreira Josie Hesketh Ollie Villiers Annika Brockdorff-Kennedy Leila England Kezia Osborne Alec Roberts	Alexandra Park School	Elliot Tole Eve Westman Emma Creaton	Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull
Amanjot Grewal Gurshaan Ghattoray Sharanjit Kaur	Cranford Community College	Amalia Mitrovici Amy Tchaha	Harris Academy Greenwich
Alvi Abraham	Finham Park School	Martha Thompson	Rushcliffe School
Claire McGeoghegan	Weatherhead High School	Isabelle Wall Evie Brett	Darrick Wood School
Zechariah Babalola Luke Merrigan	Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	Rhianna Pop Alessia Pop	Seven Kings School
Pemba Nuru Sherpa Abdiamiin Ali	Harris Academy Battersea	Aymaan Hussain	The Ruth Gorse Academy
Eleanor Mann	Carmel College	Meggie Moses	Southam College
Greta Zordan	Holland Park School	Lora Stamatova	St Mary's College, Hull
Myella Rye-Holland	Bosworth Academy		



WINNER _____ Hardeep Uppal, Finham Park School

RUNNERS UP _____ Xena Pape, Moor End Academy
Mia Ainsley, Carmel College
Bibi Winter, Hitchin Girls' School

SHORTLISTED

Anjali Bhambra	Cranford Community College	Iga Jasinska	Finham Park School
Joshua Smith Siobhan Horrey Kirsty Frey	Rushcliffe School	Daniella Fisher Frances McCallion Oliva Biddell	Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull
Attia Hayee	The Ruth Gorse Academy	Jess Lawlor	Weatherhead High School
Reme Osbourne Shakille Cank	Bosworth Academy	Mya Adkin	Tolworth Girls' School
Harry Gilsenan	President Kennedy School	Tommy Velvick	Darrick Wood School

Imogen Angell	Southam College	Alisha Khatun	Carlton Bolling Academy
Muhammed Desai Piyusha Avvula Clarissa Aju	Seven Kings School	Tarun Singh Cyrus Amadasun Danny Nghiem	Harris Academy Battersea
Alisha Khatun	Carlton Bolling Academy	Milla Kahl-el Gabry	Holland Park School
Reuben Hallsworth-Woods	Bluecoat Wollaton Academy	Olivia Woods	Salesian School



WINNER _____ Prem Pun, Cranford Community College

RUNNERS-UP _____ Darryl Ombang, The Ruth Gorse Academy
Rhea Rafferty, Bishop Ramsey C of E School
Jacob Byfield, Langley Park School for Boys

SHORTLISTED

Izzy King Libby Evans Tyler Price	Weatherhead High School	Abigail Wilkinson Holly Timms	Southam College
Enya Kanabar	Bosworth Academy	Thomas Curran	Carmel College
Isla Atkins	Finham Park School	Kate Trendell	Harris Academy Chafford Hundred
Henry Pawson	Rushcliffe School	Niamh Christie	Darrick Wood School
Tajkirah Islam Naren Nagarajen	Seven Kings School	Mapalo Chikumbi	Sir Jonathan North Community College
Hassan Mirza Or Souvannavong	Harris Academy Battersea	Anisha Ahmed	Carlton Bolling Academy
Shabum Omarzai	Holland Park School	Tanishaa Tilak Holly O'Brien Claudia Perryman Apphia Lewis Elinor O'Brien Annabella James Emily Bicknell Poppy Murray	Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull



WINNER _____ Bobby Hughes, Harris Academy Greenwich

RUNNERS-UP _____ Kelsey Rorison, Harris Academy Battersea
Amina Hersi, Harris Academy Battersea
Laiba Kazmi, Carlton Bolling Academy

SHORTLISTED

Stephanie Cesesriu	Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	Samreet Kaur	Bosworth Academy
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Lauren Farnsworth Joanne Rowney Grace Littlejones Esme Davis	Rushcliffe School	Holly Palsler Harry Clarke	Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull
Bobby Hughes	Harris Academy Greenwich	Lily Whitaker	The Ruth Gorse Academy
Aimee Morrison	Weatherhead High School	Jonathan Wilson-Downs	Carmel College
Oscar Seal	Darrick Wood School	Evie du Bois	Southam College
Leah Virdee Emmanuel Bawa-Anipah	Seven Kings School	Laiba Kazmi	Carlton Bolling Academy
Xavier Bosch	Holland Park School		



WINNER

Lavinya Edwards, Rushcliffe School

RUNNERS UP

Polly Knapton, Weatherhead High School
Bea Clarin, Darrick Wood School
Kazewah Hassan, The Ruth Gorse Academy

SHORTLISTED

Isabelle Alexander	Southam College	Faran Zaman	Carlton Bolling Academy
Deborah Rothoff Nasim Ali	Seven Kings School	Dewan Ashfaq Robert Allen	Harris Academy Battersea
Sophie Belonogova	Holland Park School	Jeysa Kapsal	Harris Academy Greenwich
Aroob Sharjeel	Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	Chloe Lubuku Callum Harrison	Carmel College
Nina Watts	Rushcliffe School	Ave Rudkin Boam	Bosworth Academy
Jessica Stanier	Tudor Grange Academy	Bea Clarin	Darrick Wood School



WINNER

Joe Quinney, Southam College

RUNNERS UP

Zaccaria Tamarain, Holland Park School
Cardinal Hume Catholic School - the entire student submission
Tarik Otri, Finham Park School

SHORTLISTED

Osman Macit Vladislav Kolesnikov Gian Huanuco Lazo	Harris Academy Battersea	Archie Harrodine Amrit Matharu Bea Clarin	Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull
Victoria Albu	Cranford Community College	Hafsa Maka Sai Boorgadda	Seven Kings School
Matei Coniac	Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	Emma Baldwin-Quirk Sanjita Akter	Weatherhead High School
Danesh Gardner	Rushcliffe School	Raikundia Sanna	Bosworth Academy
Amin Hussain	Carlton Bolling Academy	Lettie Topping	Finham Park School



Character of the Year Awards -primary

THE WINNERS...

Harper Fellows Shreyasi Gupta Nicola Getka Ananya Baidyaroy Jessica Turner Cerys Davies Ryan Pallapati Esme Smith Charlotte Byrne Mitchell Davies	Morley Newlands Academy	Gabriela Natalie Eltaf Adam Taylon Antonia Joshua Ahmad Jemima Joel	Sneinton St Stephen's C of E School
Juwayriyah Alim	Hillcrest Academy		

Role model students featured in the gallery

Character World Class role models			
Learners		Leaders	
Eleanor Mann	Carmel College	Jeysa Kapsal	Harris Academy Greenwich
Aymaan Hussain	The Ruth Gorse Academy	Chloe Lubuku Callum Harrison	Carmel College
Myella Rye-Holland	Bosworth Academy	Ave Rudkin Boam	Bosworth Academy
Ibraheem Azum	Carlton Bolling Academy		
Cole Panayides	Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull	Mia Ainsley	Carmel College
Prem Pun	Cranford Community College	Attia Hayee	The Ruth Gorse Academy
Rhianna Pop Alessia Pop	Seven Kings High School	Hardeep Uppal	Finham Park
Amanjot Grewal	Cranford Community College	Frances McCallion	Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull
Commitment to achievement		Community	
Thomas Curran	Carmel College	Kelsey Rorison Amina Hersi	Harris Academy, Battersea
Darryl Ombang	The Ruth Gorse Academy	Bobby Hughe	Harris Academy, Greenwich
Abigail Wilson	Southam College	Samreet Kaur	Bosworth Academy
Rhea Rafferty	Bishop Ramsey CofE School	Laiba Kazmi	Carlton Bolling Academy

Henry Pawson	Rushcliffe School	Holly Palser	Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull
Shabnum Omarziay	Holland Park School	Knowledge and understanding	
Workplace		Emma Baldwin-Quirk	Weatherhead High School
Kazewah Hassan	The Ruth Gorse Academy	Albu Victoria	Cranford Community College
Polly Knapton	Weatherhead High School	Joe Quinney	Southam College
Isabelle Alexander	Southam College	Tarek Otri	Finham Park
Olivia Moynihan	Finham Park	Hafsa Maka	Seven Kings School
Nasim Ali Deborah Rothoff	Seven Kings School	Students from	Cardinal Hume School
Lavinia Edwards	Rushcliffe School		
Bea Clarin	Darrick Wood School		

<u>'Unlock your voice' World Class role models from</u>	
The Ashley School Academy Trust	President Kennedy School
Bluecoat Wollaton Academy	Rushcliffe School
Harris Coleraine Primary Academy	St Mary's College Hull
Sandringham School	St Albans Girls' School
Weatherhead High School	

The 'Talk-Off' Competition

<u>WINNER</u>	Anna Wright, King Egbert School
<u>RUNNER UP</u>	Lily David, Sandringham School
<u>SHORT-LISTED</u>	Isabel Moore, St Mary's College Hull
	Josh Schofield, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy
	Alex Hogg, Trinity Academy Halifax

2020 School of the Year Award

<u>WINNER</u>	Forest Gate Community School, London
<u>RUNNERS UP</u>	Sneinton St Stephen's C of E Primary School, Nottingham
	Morley Newlands Academy, Leeds