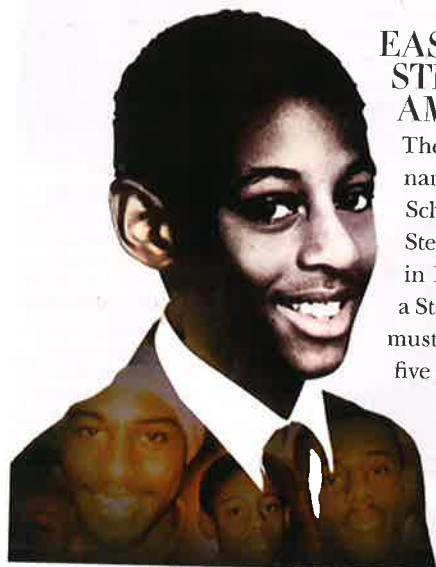


SENIOR SCHOOLS

Equality, royalty and lockdown resilience



EAST ANGLIA'S STEPHEN LAWRENCE AMBASSADOR'S SCHOOL

The **Royal Hospital School (RHS)**, Suffolk, has been named East Anglia's Stephen Lawrence Ambassador's School, just one of 11 such institutions in the UK. Stephen Lawrence was only 18 when he was murdered in 1993 in an unprovoked racist attack. To qualify as a Stephen Lawrence Ambassador School, the school must demonstrate a community commitment to five key behaviours that challenge racism and support diversity and inclusion. Kellyanne O'Callaghan, head of religious studies at RHS, commented, 'At RHS we want to be instrumental in a movement of schools working to create positive change and support pupils to live their best life.'

ABINGDON SCHOOL

Six Nations Training

Before the Six Nations rugby tournament was called off due to COVID-19, the competing teams were in rigorous training sessions, one of which was witnessed by the boys at **Abingdon School**, Oxfordshire, when they hosted the England Rugby team at the school. Abingdon sixth-former and England U18 fly half, Charlie Atkinson, spoke of how he was inspired and motivated, saying 'it showed me the step up required in skills and game management to reach a similar level'.



Fly halves, George Ford and Charlie Atkinson

MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVISM AWARDED

Life hasn't been easy for Lottie Leach, 18, of **Wellington College** in Berkshire. But after years of depression, eating disorders and an attempt on her own life, she has become a mental health activist and has been awarded with the highest honour for social action and humanitarian efforts – The Diana Award, in memory of the late Princess of Wales. Lottie, who talks openly about her experiences, also organised a 24-hour-Danceathon, raising £3,200 for the mental health charity MIND.



HRH The Earl of Wessex at Cobham Hall, Kent

ROYAL VISITS

Pupils from **Cobham Hall**, Kent, who are on the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award scheme, welcomed HRH The Earl of Wessex, and demonstrated some of their skills, including CPR and orienteering. HRH The Duchess of Gloucester attended an evening of dance to mark the 200-year anniversary of **Princess Helena College**, where she is president.

A Microsoft Showcase School

Yorkshire's **Giggleswick School** was this year named a Microsoft Showcase School – one of only 18 in the UK and 241 internationally. As a Microsoft Showcase School, Giggleswick is part of a global community of teachers, and the director of digital strategy at the school, John Hamilton, will take part in discussions and provide advice, blogs and other resources.

JUMPING FOR GOLD

Becca Scott, 14, of **Bedford Modern School**, is to join the GB Para Athletics Programme, which prepares athletes for Paris' 2024 Paralympic Games. She was scouted at the National Junior Disability Games for the long jump.

