

Our Successes



**GEORGE
SALTER
ACADEMY**

To put it simply, at George Salter Academy we are proud of our results exams as they reflect the hopes, aspirations and ambitions of all members of our community.

However, what pleases us most is not the high position in a league table that such results give us or the certificate on the wall, but the fact that such outstanding results help all our students to pursue their dreams. No doors are closed.

Our results help our students go places!

We consider that success involves more than academic achievement. We celebrate all special achievements - these include progress in sport, enterprise challenges and art, for example:

- Sandwell Dodgeball winners
- Sandwell Schools Basketball League winners
- Sandwell Badminton League Winners
- Sandwell Rounders League Winners
- Sandwell Football Champions
- Sandwell Netball Champions
- Black Country Games champions
- West Midlands Netball champions
- National Premier League 4 Sport Champions (Netball)
- Sandwell Book Quiz Winners
- Raising funds for charities, including about £300 for the Jodie Lou Foundation
- GSA coach wins National Young Coach Award
- OAT App Development competition finalist
- Former pupil wins Aspiring Talent Award
- Art Exhibition @ West Bromwich Library

Academic Excellence

George Salter Academy best school in Sandwell

September 2015

George Salter Academy has been named as the best school in Sandwell, according to a new guide commissioned by the Birmingham Mail.

The school came top of the list in schools in the area in the Birmingham Mail's latest Real Schools Guide, which aims to move beyond exam result rankings and examine the true overall impact of a school.

The guide combines a range of different statistics to rate schools based on factors such as attainment, quality of teaching, pupils' progress and attendance. The academy in West Bromwich is the third highest ranking secondary school in Sandwell, with more than 95 per cent of pupils achieving exam results A* to C grades in 2012.

[Read the article in the Birmingham Mail](#)

George Salter Academy one of the best in the country for student progress at GCSE

March 2015

George Salter Academy has received national recognition for the value it adds to students' achievements at GCSE.

SSAT, the Schools, Students and Teachers Network, recently undertook its annual in-depth analysis of official Department for Education data on all state-funded schools in England and identified George Salter Academy's success.

The school has qualified for an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award by being in the top 10% of schools nationally for progress made by pupils between their key stage 2 results at primary school and their GCSE results at age 16.

The school has been invited to receive their award at a regional celebration ceremony hosted by SSAT at Bordesley Green Girls School in Birmingham on 23 April.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said: *"George Salter Academy should be congratulated for their exceptional achievement. They have proved themselves to be leading the field in improving GCSE outcomes for their students. There is so much good practice that this school could share, and I hope they will join us at the celebration evening for the chance to network and share strategies with award-winning schools."*

These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team at George Salter Academy, and show what can be achieved when skilled teachers have high expectations and ambition for every young person. I am proud that this school is a member of the SSAT network."

GSA is finalist for the Pupil Premium Awards 2015

March 2015

We received the great news that our school has been selected as a finalist for the 2015 Pupil Premium Awards.

This means that if we are selected as the national winner on 25 March 2015, our school could win £250,000.

This is an extraordinary achievement. The judges, Sir John Dunford, Sir William Atkinson and Jane Lees found that our school excels in educating disadvantaged pupils and improving their outcomes. It is clear that you, your staff and governors are equipping your disadvantaged pupils with the skills for future success.

In celebration of our school's achievements, our Executive Principal Mr Green was invited to join David Laws MP, Minister of State for Schools, and the Deputy Prime Minister at the Awards ceremony at the Drapers Hall in London on 25 March 2015.

Pupil Premium Awards 2015

February 2015

At the beginning of February we received the exciting news from Rt Hon David Laws, Minister of State for Schools, that our school had won *"£5000 in the Key Stage 4 category of the Pupil Premium Awards 2015. (...)*

The reason you have been selected is that you are one of the most improved schools in the country in terms of the attainment and value-added progress of our disadvantaged pupils since 2011. It is clear that you and your staff have provided your disadvantaged pupils with a good start in life and prepared them well for their futures.

In addition, your school has proven to be in one of the top 90 in England showing the greatest sustained improvement in the percentage of pupils achieving five or more A-C grade GCSEs (or equivalent), including English and mathematics GCSEs.*

I would like to congratulate your staff, governors, parents and pupils for their hard work and success, and thank you for your leadership in making such a difference to the future success of your pupils. Finally, I would also encourage you to share your achievements with other schools so that they can learn from your strengths and experience."

As our school had nine or more Year 11 pupils who attracted the pupil premium in 2013 and 2014, we are also being invited to apply for one of the larger prizes, including the national award of £250,000.

Click here to [download the letter from David Laws \[pdf, 679 KB\]](#)

Key Stage 4 Value Added Score

June 2013

We have recently received a certificate to acknowledge our achievement in being in the top 20% of schools and academies nationally based on our Key Stage 4 "Value Added Score".

The "Value Added Score" is essentially the term used to measure a student's achievement from when they start in Year 7 to the when they leave at the end of Year 11. It is therefore an excellent indicator of how good the Academy is at getting students to achieve success, regardless of their starting point.

The certificate was issued by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT), a not-for-profit membership organization which aims to raise achievement in schools in England and internationally. It has a membership of more than 5,000 schools in England and around the world through its iNet international network.

BBC Secondary School League table

January 2013

As reported in the [2011/12 League table on Thursday 24th January 2013](#), we are the top school in the categories "Value Added" and "English Bacc" (A*-C GCSE in maths, English, two science subjects, a language and either history or geography).

Overall, George Salter Academy was the 3rd highest performing school in Sandwell, and the 2nd highest was Bristnall Hall Technology College, which is our partner in The Post 16 Consortium!

These are fantastic results which show we have a track record of producing outstanding results year on year.

Sportive Achievements

We are the champions of the Black Country!!!

March 2017

Yesterday the year 9 boys and the year 9 girls Athletics teams took part in the Black Country Games.

This is the final tier of the indoor championships in which 170+ schools from the whole of the black country are invited to attend in the early stages. After both teams stormed through the Sandwell stages over the previous months, they went into today looking to capitalise on that success.

Both teams took away gold medals and have become champions of the Black Country.

Congratulations from all of us to the team - we can hardly express how proud and impressed we are!

Thank you also to the members of Sixth form supporting at the event!

View the pictures from [the Black Country Championship on Facebook](#) 

Introducing the Football Champions of Sandwell!

July 2016

Last year we got knocked out of the Sandwell cup in the second round and we said following the game we would come back stronger.

You should all be very proud! Well done gents!!!

Honourable mention for Manzoor who picked up the ball and skilled his player in midfield not once but twice and Knowles who made some good runs but just failed to get his first goal despite the crowd cheering him on.

Sandwell Champions for the 5th Year in a row

May 2016

After 4 years of back to back success of being Sandwell Netball Champions the Year 7's felt the pressure to keep this outstanding record going!

On Monday, George Salter Academy hosted 12 schools from across the area to compete for two places into the Black Country Games.

Amongst our Year 7's Netball is so popular that we were able to enter two teams, both of which did exceptionally well. George's B team had a tough group but managed to get one group stage win and a draw but narrowly missed out on progressing further.

George's A team remained unbeaten through all their group matches and advanced into the semi-final against Sandwell Academy. The girls remembered all they had learnt in the training sessions in the run up to the event and put together an excellent performance to beat Sandwell 2-1.

In the final, the girls kept their composure and gained victory against Wood Green 2 – 1 to be crowned Sandwell Champions and earn their place in the Black Country Finals on Friday 17th June.

Sixth Form Basketball Team clinch League Title

March 2016

Yesterday, the Sixth Form Basketball team clinched the Association of Colleges (AoC) basketball league 2B title.

The team bounced back from their only loss of the season, a disappointing ten point loss to Aston Manor Academy, returning the favour to defeat Aston by ten points and claim the league title with one game remaining.

The team are delighted to have clinched the league title following promotion after last seasons runners up campaign.

Next week the team play Halesowen College, hoping to finish their successful season with a win.

West Midlands Champions!

February 2016

On Sunday, George Salter's Under 16 Netball team took part in the West Midlands Regional Schools tournament which was held at Bromsgrove School.

The competition involved the best 19 qualifying schools from across the region with teams battling out for two places in the National Schools finals. George Salter went into the tournament as one of the favourites after building a great reputation for Netball in the region and qualifying the last two years to National finals; but never as winners, always runners-up.

The players, parents, coaches and staff were delighted with the victory and accolade as the best U16 school in the West Midlands; a title that the girls have worked so hard for the last few years.

The National finals will take place in Brighton on Saturday 19th March.

County champions 3 years in a row!

September 2015

On Saturday 21st November three George's Netball teams qualified to the County Schools Netball tournament at Oldbury Academy.

This sees the best teams from across South Staffordshire battle it out to be named county champions.

George Salter have a great reputation in Netball and have won at various age groups the last two years. This year was no change. The Under 16's, captained by Grace Porter-Deleon remained unbeaten 3 years in a row and conceded very few goals on the day impressing the parent supporters and the teachers that turned out on the bitterly cold day to cheer the girls on.

The Under 19's came up against very tough competition with a very young squad. However they worked well as a team and put together some very good squad performances, finishing the day in 5th position.

The Under 14's made up of a mixture of Year 8 and 9's, captained by Kimran Bajwa, had some tight games, with the highlight being a 9-0 win over Wood Green. They learnt a lot from their first county schools experience and will be raring to go for next years competition.

Watch the [netball highlights on the PE YouTube channel](#) 

Sandwell Badminton Winners!

September 2015

These guys are officially the best badminton players for their age group in Sandwell!

Well done to all participants this evening! ALL three teams progressed through to the next round to represent Sandwell against the rest of the Black Country! A very convincing victory with only one loss out of 30 matches .

Check out our Badminton highlight video on YouTube 

Sandwell Dodgeball Winners!

April 2015

Jaiden, Lamar, Robert, Manpreet, Ismail and Andrew represented George Salter at the annual Dodgeball competition hosted at Phoenix Academy.

Georges were placed in a group with Ormiston, Woodgreen, Oldbury, Stuart Bathurst and the hosts Phoenix. No team really posed a problem for Georges with some exceptional catches from Lamar and Ismail and a real show of athleticism from all of the lads.

George Salter advanced through the group stages unbeaten and met Wodensborough in the semi-finals and whitewashed their opponents with none out.

They met a 4 man Woodgreen in the final which caused some tension early on but with a some blistering shots the numbers game caught up and George Salter were crowned champions of Year 7 Dodgeball in Sandwell.

Winners of the Netball Regional!

April 2015

On April 4th, the GSA netball team won the Premier League 4 Sport regional competition.

The Premier League 4 Sport Project began on the 1st September 2009 by all 20 Premier League Football Clubs.

The project is aimed at young people aged 14-24, offering them the opportunity to play more sport for free.

Our partner, the Albion Foundation acts as a "hub" for these sessions; linked to community sports facilities and secondary schools to create satellite sports centres.

Sandwell Schools Basketball League Winners!

February 2015

Last weekend proved to be very successful for George Salter Basketball teams.

In the Sandwell Schools Basketball League, our teams have won three of the four tournaments: Boys Under 14s, Girls Under 14s, Girls Under 16s (the Boys Under 16s competition is still under way - and after 8 games the George Salter team holds the second place).

The winners of the Sandwell competition at each age group will go on to represent Sandwell in the Level 3 Black Country Schools Competition.

Congratulations all around for well deserved wins!

See [more Sandwell School Basketball Winners pictures on Facebook](#) 

South Staffordshire County School Netball Tournament Double Winners

November 2014

In November both the Under 14 and Under 16 George Salter Netball teams took part in the South Staffordshire County School Netball Tournament. The event saw the best schools from across the area compete for the title of County champions; including teams from Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Walsall and Dudley. The squads have been working extremely hard in the run up to the competition with many hours of extra training; both on the court and in the gym.

The Under 14 and Under 16 squads remained unbeaten all day and therefore qualified for the Regional Round of the National schools competition. This will take place at Bromsgrove school at the end of January 2015.

Sandwell Rounders League Winners!

July 2014

The Sandwell Rounders league began in April for both the U14 and U16 girls. The league was split in half into north and south divisions, with six teams in each division and GSA placed in the north division.

Both U14 and U16 were undefeated in the division having won all their matches. This led to a final between us (the winners of the north division) and Sandwell Academy, who were the winners of the south division, which took place on Wednesday 16th July at GSA.

The girls showed excellent commitment by attending extra training sessions to prepare for the final, which paid off with both teams being crowned Sandwell champions. The scores were U16 14.5-7.5 and U14 15-7. A huge congratulations to both teams on a fantastic achievement.

West Bromwich Albion Smash Their Way To Second Place

May 2014

On Saturday, 8 pupils from George Salter embarked on their very first Premier League 4 Sport regional badminton competition hosted by Aston Villa FC.

Aston Villa F.C, Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C and West Bromwich Albion F.C each bought a selection of male and female participants to take part in the Premier League 4 Sport regional competition.

The Premier League 4 Sport (PL4S) project aims to target all young people to get involved within sport in their local community all free of charge. It is funded through the Premier League and Sport England and runs in partnership with National Governing Bodies and local community sports groups.

The Albion Foundation currently delivers 24 satellite sessions spanning 6 different sports across Sandwell and Dudley.

The Tournament consisted of singles and doubles matches, so all players took part in each type of game and played each individual once, and the team with the most points to be crowned the winner of the competition.

All of the matches were umpired by badminton coaches from Aston Villa F.C.

The matches were nail biting and extremely tight and well fought by each participant. The level of badminton being played was outstanding to see.

At the end of the day, Aston Villa was victorious in both KS3 and KS4, closely followed by West Bromwich Albion in 2nd and Wolverhampton Wanderers in 3rd.

Each team was awarded with a trophy and medal for partaking in the tournament and making the tournament such a success.

WBA participant said *"I felt that today was really good, even though I didn't win a game it has made me want to practice more and come back better next year."*

WBA participant said *"It was a really good day, and I am glad to know that there are more clubs and possible matches that I can play in, and not just play with my friends."*

National Premier League 4 Sport Champions

May 2013

GSA U12s and u14s were crowned national champion of schools netball in the premier league for sport competition yesterday in London.

On Thursday 23rd May a group of 20 George Salter Students competed in a National Netball Competition on behalf of West Bromwich Albion FC. The tournament took place in London and consisted of 7 other Premier League teams, hosts Arsenal and other clubs from around the country.

The Under 12 team captained by Tumba Katanda were undefeated throughout the competition beating the likes of Hull City FC and Liverpool FC with only a few goals scored against them. England Player Sasha Corbin watched their final and commented on their *"mature style of play and incredible talent at such a young age"*.

The Under 14 team were up against some stiff competition and had closely contested matches throughout the tournament. They showed their passion and determination by beating Sunderland 3 – 2 in the Final to whom they drew with in the group stages.

Finally the Under 16 team, who had a mix of Under 14 and Under 16 players again had some very close matches and showed some excellent team work within a team who hadn't played together often before. They reached the final against Sunderland and narrowly missed out on the victory finishing Runners-Up.

George Salter Basketball success

March 2013

At George Salter Basketball has really taken off over the Winter with this weeks successes highlighting excellence.

The U14's Girls team finished runners up at the West Midlands tournament on Wednesday 20th March held at Perry Barr. This had the representative winners from Birmingham, Warwickshire, Telford and Wrekin, Staffordshire and Worcestershire in attendance. The girls last week won the Black Country School Games Level 3 competition to be able to represent the Black Country at this event.

Similarly the Boys U16's team won the Sandwell league against Sandwell Academy and then in the Black Country Games semi final beat Ellows hall who were Dudley representatives. The boys then narrowly lost out in a thrilling game to Pool Hayes to become Black Country champions 66-70 on Tuesday.

Basketball really is flourishing at George Salter and following the footsteps of other Salter Sports successes with County Netball success and former student Callam Jones call up to the WBA first team in recent months.

Sandwell Basketball League u16s winners

March 2013

Congratulations to the team - they beat Sandwell Academy 26 - 20 in the final after the whole season unbeaten in 7 games.

The team will now go to the "Black Country Youth Games" to represent Sandwell.

Enterprise Success

Inaugural National Youth Market Winners

May 2013

Kavita Kaur and Erika Grinkeviciute from George Salter Academy won the inaugural National Youth Market held in Manchester 11 May, where young people from all over the UK were pitching up in Albert Square to trade on the country's first ever National Youth Market.

From 11am to 4pm, over 80 young people aged 11 to 21 stood 44 stalls, punting their wares and "flashing up their gear" for Manchester's shopping public.

Joe Harrison, chief executive of the National Market Traders Federation (NMTF), said:

"This is the first time young people from all over the country have gathered together to trade on one market. I hope by trading on the market they will gain skills for life, boost their self-confidence and consider enterprise as a career option.

It is widely recognised within the industry that new blood is needed on our nation's markets. New traders add to the diversity and the appeal of markets and attract new customers. Simply, if you've got the hunger, a market stall is the ideal way to turn your passion into a profit."

[Download the "Market Times" article \[pdf, 789 KB\]](#)

The Black Country Challenge Enterprise Final Winners

January 2013

Every day in George Salter Academy our students talk about making a change in their life and how they can make an impact. On Wednesday, 30th January, eight of our students did just that, when they took part in The Black Country Challenge final.

This event was a culmination of winning the Regional Sandwell Heat where they beat eight other schools. It involved them battling head to head with the other schools in a high intensity enterprise challenge. In this event they had to produce and develop a business strategy that encompasses the redevelopment of West Bromwich's Market place. They had to prepare and present their ideas to a panel of "Dragons". After a brief and frantic effort by our students they were ready to deliver their idea. Out of the panel of five dragons they received a unanimous winning verdict beating Sandwell Academy amongst other schools.

In the final the students were put under the same intense pressure and similar project guidelines. The project was to produce, cost and market a Pop-up-Shop that would make money and provide a service to the local community. The range of ideas was vast; from a mobile store to supplying a service giving young people an opportunity to visit areas and events they would otherwise not been able to do. Our students worked very hard displaying all the right characteristics of an entrepreneurial team (Teamwork, Risk taking, Financial and Market Awareness, etc). culminating in them presenting their idea to a panel of judges who graded them on originality, financial acumen, market ability and overall profit. Our students (Simran, Haytham, Kyle, Joshua, Luke, Anisa (at the back), Aneeqah and Darren) once again did not disappoint with

winning the whole Black Country Competition, beating 15 other schools from Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Walsall.

Their idea was to produce a Pop-up-Shop for Valentine's Day with a view to reinvesting profits back into it in order to supply discounted trips and visits to under-privileged young people in the West Bromwich Region.

After the event, the students all agreed that it was an amazing experience!

The students showed a determined effort in their preparation and commitment throughout the event and were a credit to the George Salter Academy.

Art Exhibitions

Post-16 Photography Exhibition opened in West Bromwich Library

March 2014

The exhibition is a culmination of the coursework projects that have been created both A2 Fine Art and A2 Photography.

As the exhibition is at West Bromwich Library, everyone is welcome to come and see the collection of work, anytime of the day. The library will host the exhibition for several weeks for all to enjoy.

Art exhibition opened at Wednesbury Art Gallery

March 2013

George Salter Academy photography students Abdul Awal and Abedha Thanzin prepare for their first exhibition at Wednesbury Art Gallery.

George Salter Academy Art and Photography students work will be on display in the gallery from Saturday 30 March to Saturday 13 April.

Art Gallery manager Stuart Lane said: *"This is a great opportunity for students to show their work. It is the first time we have exhibited work from George Salter Academy, the exhibition is well worth a visit."*

Abdul Awal said: *"I am so proud that my still life photographs with negative space are being exhibited in a gallery."*

And Abedha Thanzin adds: *"My photographs are a study of the hand, based on the work by John Coplans. I would like to thank the gallery on behalf of all students for the opportunity to exhibit our work."*

Photo - Stuart Lane (Left), Abedha Thanzin (Centre), Abdul Awal (Right)

Team Triumphs

George Salter Academy retains the title!

March 2014

For the third year running our Year 7 book quiz team won the Sandwell Book Quiz. The "Raving Readers" breezed through the final beating Holly Lodge and St. Michaels with a massive eleven point lead.

Team members, Mohammed, Rohit, Zoya, Danielle and reserves Julia and Michael worked really hard to retain this title. Comments from our team:

*"It was fun taking part and a privilege to represent our school."
"It was a team effort, we all tried our best and all the effort paid off."*

Sandwell Book Quiz Winners

March 2013

Speed Readers, that was the name of our year 7 winning team and they certainly lived up to their name reading eight books to win the Sandwell Book Quiz final for the second year running. Preparation for the quiz started in the autumn term with three teams within school battling it out to choose the one which would go against other schools in Sandwell.

Eight Secondary schools took part but no one could catch or match us. In both the semi-final and the final our team lead from the first round never slipping back beating Holly Lodge & Wodensborough by seven & half points in the final. This is our third win in five years.

After the semi-final they had just six weeks to read four different books for the final but they rose to the challenge. The all-girl team of four plus one reserve worked really hard to gain this award spending lunchtimes revising the books and being fired with questions.

The eight books they had to read were:

- Cirque Du Freak by Darren Shan
- Point Blanc by Anthony Horowitz
- Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Dear Olly by Michael Morpurgo
- London Eye Mystery by Siobhan
- Foul Play by Tom Palmer
- Kiss of Death by Malcolm Rose
- Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy

Individual achievements

Remember the name Demi Marriner!

May 2016

Demi left George Salter in 2015 after studying both GCSE and A Level music. She went on to continue her studies at the University of Gloucestershire where she aims to achieve a BA (Hons) degree in Popular Music.

Her numerous solo and group performances, as well as her taking the leading role of Tracy Turnblad in the Academy's production of "Hairspray" will stay with us for years to come.

At just 19 years of age Demi has achieved more than most can only dream of. The last three years have taken Demi on an immense musical journey. She has featured in numerous residency shows across the UK and ventured out across the waters to play in Ireland, Venice and most recently, Amsterdam where she plans to return later in the year.

Demi released her debut EP "Tracks and Trails" in April; a collection of very personal tracks written during her time as a performer. After only days of its release Demi topped the iTunes UK country music chart then days later appeared with **Adrian Goldberg on BBC Radio WM and performed live on air.**

We at George Salter can proudly say "we saw her here first"!!

To find out more check out –

- www.demimarriner.com
 - www.facebook.com/demimarrinermusic
 - www.twitter.com/dmarrinermusic
 - www.soundcloud.com/demimarriner
 - www.youtube.com/demimarrinermusic
 - www.instagram.com/dmarrinermusic
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App Development competition finalist

September 2014

Following the first round of the App development competition in April, Daeschwarn in year 8 reached the final 6 in the Ormiston App Competition, a national competition between all Ormiston Academies.

His app, "Art How Draw", makes drawing any picture easier. It allows the user to take a photo and overlay it with a 3 x 3 grid, splitting the photo into 9 tiles. Each tile is revealed and drawn one by one until you have a completed picture.

Daeschwarn's inspiration came from his love of art and technology. He said "*I wanted to create an app to allow people to be creative*".

He presented a confident pitch to 3 dragons at Ormiston Victory Academy in Norwich via a video link. His pitch was followed by some intense questioning from the dragons, which Daeschwarn took in his stride. For recognition of his hardwork and creativity he was awarded an iTunes voucher.

GSA pupil auditioned for a BBC TV show

August 2014

"A few months ago I had an audition with an acting agency called "Top Talent Agency" and was accepted, which meant that I can get auditions for film, TV and theatre.

A few weeks ago I went to an audition for a new CBBC programme. It was a workshop audition, which meant that I and other teenagers of my age played acting games and did other acting activities.

I got through the first round of auditions, because I was invited to a re-call audition at the BBC Media Centre. I had to perform a small extract from the script, acting in front of the producing and casting director.

Because I was accepted, I will soon be filming a non-broadcasted pilot of the TV show. I am looking forward to acting with professional and experienced actors!"

Harpal, Year 10 Drama student

Former pupil wins Aspiring Talent award

Thursday, 01.05.2014

The highly prestigious Birmingham Young Professionals of the Year awards (BYPY) celebrates and rewards the most talented individuals within Birmingham's burgeoning business community.

Magdalena Tulacz moved to Birmingham from Poland when she was 15 and, despite a limited knowledge of the English language, went on to achieve exemplary GCSE and A-Level results at George Salter Academy before embarking on a business and management degree at Aston University.

Magdalena recently completed a 12 month work placement at Ernst & Young (EY) within the financial services assurance department and during her time there was awarded an EY Value award for her involvement in private equity client work. Following her placement she was offered a graduate position at the firm and has also been recognised as part of Aston University's "Recognising Business Excellence" awards.

Having overcome the language barrier during her studies here in Birmingham, Magdalena has gone on to work with Polish students, and runs an after-school club four days a week to assist other young people who are facing a similar problem. She aims to become a fully qualified chartered accountant in the next five years.

She said: "*This year, BYPY received a record number of applications so I am absolutely thrilled (...). Birmingham has provided me with many great opportunities over the years. I am delighted that I will be able to celebrate my own success as well as the city's.*"

Vanessa wins National Young Coach Award

April 2014

Vanessa Lindo won the National Young Coach of the Year award at the StreetGames Conference and Award Ceremony last week. George Salter Academy nominated her for her voluntary work with West Bromwich Netball Club, where she voluntarily coaches at least 4 hours a week.

She has been involved with StreetGames since they began their sports charity work in deprived areas in 2007 and has worked as a both a Young Advisor and Young Volunteer.

George Salter Academy would like to congratulate Vanessa on her award and thank her for the hard work and commitment to West Bromwich Netball Club.

2011

George Salter Academy pupils win Best Film award

December 2011

The latest film offering by the student at George Salter Academy in West Bromwich has been judged as "Best Film" from a field of over fifty at the recent Oomph! Festival Film Awards.

Written by and starring students from the Academy, the 30 minute thriller, *Beyond the Gates*, is the Academy's latest collaboration with filmmaker Rebecca Hardy of Edge21, a consultant with the Black Country Creative Partnerships (BCCP).

Over 50 films from Creative Partnerships schools across the Black Country, Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire were submitted for selection and screening at the Film Festival element of Oomph! Films were judged by young people at Leighswood School, Hillcrest School and Sheffield Academy. The highest scoring films made it to the shortlisting.

The winners for the Best Story, Best Technical, Best Drama, Best Comedy and Best Documentary were also decided by the students.

However, a judging panel made up of industry professionals came together to choose the winner of the Best Film category. The final selection of films was shown at a red carpet event at the Light House in Wolverhampton on November 23.

Angela Hind, Assistant Director Programmes and Partnerships for the BCCP said: "The Award is a fantastic achievement and recognises the continued talent and creativity of the students at George Salter Academy. We look forward to their next creation!"

<http://www.expressandstar.com/education/2011/12/16/george-salter-academy-pupils-win-best-film-award/>

Teenagers take leading roles in Buggy Malone

August, 2011

Teenagers from the Black Country have spoken of their pride at playing leading roles in a professional production of Buggy Malone.

Dale Phillips, aged 18, from Victoria Street, West Bromwich is Buggy for this week's shows at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.

"It's amazing," said the former George Salter Collegiate Academy pupil. "I was not confident when I went for the part at all. I had never had to go through a professional audition before so it was a massive surprise to get the part of Buggy."

Also starring in the show is 16-year-old former St Dominic's High School for Girls pupil Imogen Wellsbury, from Wolverhampton, who plays Blousey Brown.

Imogen, of Sabrina Road, has been in a number of productions previously including roles in the musical Annie at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2011/08/24/teenagers-take-leading-roles-in-buggy-malone/>