

Pattenmakers' scholarship students from the City of London School for Girls have been excelling in their studies and extracurricular activities

The two students receiving Pattenmakers' scholarships have been doing exceptionally well at school. Year 12 student Maria Amoah, a future doctor, has been fully engaged in the school's medical society, participated in international competitions and set up an ethical science debate club this year, in addition to excelling in her studies. She reported:

My time this year at City has been eventful and exciting. I am still part of an iGEM (international genetic engineering competition) team that is composed of students at both CLS and CLSG. We have narrowed down our project to an early Pre eclampsia detection kit which we will hopefully be making in a wetlab in the next couple of weeks! The competition has provided me with so many opportunities, such as talking to professors of genetic engineering, and helped me gain a multitude of skills. I am very grateful to have been able to participate in it and it is an experience I deeply value.

Over Lockdown I set up a science ethics club with two of my friends at school where we discuss science related controversies as well as the ethical frameworks that can be applied to them. The club has members from multiple years and it has been very interesting to explore these topics with people who have a wide range of viewpoints. It has also introduced me to medical ethics which I hope to be useful in the upcoming months.

I have really enjoyed all of my A level subjects, Biology, Chemistry and Maths this year. City provides enrichments at lunchtimes and I have enjoyed attending the biology and chemistry sessions. In biology enrichment we recently looked at epigenetics which inspired me to read The Epigenetics Revolution as it was so intriguing and soon we will be establishing our blood groups by taking a sample of our blood which is exciting.

The next academic year I will be applying to medical school as I am certain that I would like to become a doctor. I have done 3 days of an online work experience course which has been really useful and this summer I hopefully will have some hospital work experience with a consultant which will allow me to gain a real insight into medicine; I am looking forward to it.

The next couple of months I will be focusing on the admission tests for medical school (UKCAT and BMAT). As a member of my school's MedSoc I fortunately feel well supported in the application process and know what to expect from it. Overall I have enjoyed this year greatly and am looking forward to the forthcoming months.

The City of London School for girls has also been very appreciative of our support to Maria, which was expressed in the wonderful post card the Pattenmakers received, with artwork by the school's students:

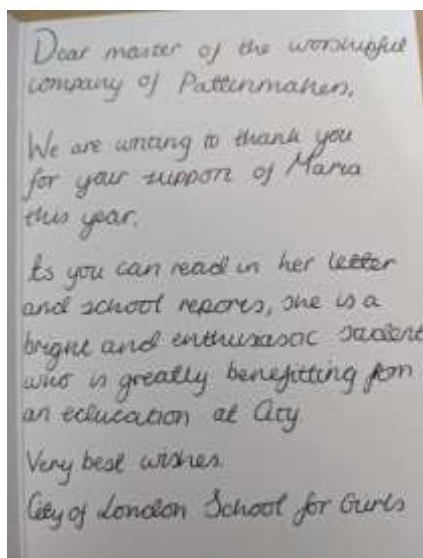


Figure 1 Artwork by Alice Appleton, Year 11

The Pattenmakers also supported Rozerin Halis, a year 7 student, a competitive swimmer and budding designed/artist/architect. Our change to supporting one younger girl with the Pattenmakers Scholarship was made with the intention to build a lasting relationship with the scholarship recipients which we are starting to do. Rozerin also wrote us a letter:

It's an honor to be closed for the WS Pattenmakers award at City.

I am currently a year 7 student and I am enjoying my studies, especially my Art and Design lessons.

Through the year, in primary school and currently at City I have loved Art lessons and found all my lessons very enjoyable thorough finding a way to express myself in my work. We have recently been making a rough model of our house with cardboard and we also used tissue paper to decorate it and add some colour and design. We then decided to draw our model out and colour it in with oil pasters. The paper was full of vibrant and exciting colours!

I have also enjoyed my Design and Technology (DT) lessons! For the first half of the term we made nightlights which I learnt a lot through making. I now know more about LED circuits, resistors and how batteries work. This term we are in the process of making bookends for ourselves. It was interesting to learn about the different machines that we could use to cut the wood for the bookend. IT was also fun to make our own designs for the bookends.

Furthermore in biology we recently dissected a pig's heart and lungs. It was a very new experience for me but I found it educational and I learnt lots about anatomy and the way the body works.

The school's swimming pool recently opened, so we were able to swim in the gym lessons. Swimming is one of my favourite hobbies. It allows me to stay healthy by exercising and is an opportunity where I can enjoy myself. I started to swim when I was three years old and now I compete in competitive swimming competitions outside of school. I hope to progress more and compete for the school.

I am truly grateful for the scholarship support. This scholarship allows me to have better education and a better future. Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

The Pattenmakers received the below post card from the school, thanking us for supporting Rozerin:

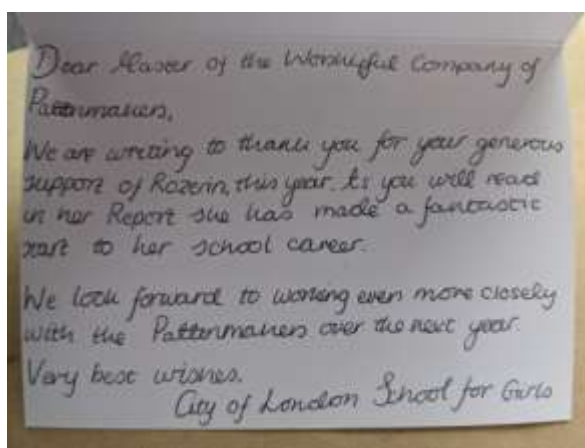


Figure 2 Artwork by Delilah Calodoucas, Year 13

Over the coming year I will be looking to organise sessions where the scholarship recipients can meet more of the Pattenmakers, starting with a careers-oriented session. If you'd like to share your experiences with the girls, particularly if you work in the subject matters that are of interest to Maria and Rozerin, please let me know on ingrida.ker@gmail.com.