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LEEDS ROTARY AWARDS FOR WHITE ROSE ACADEMIES STUDENTS

Lord Mayor of Leeds commends students for outstanding community service

On Monday 25th January 2016, students from **Leeds West Academy**, **Leeds City Academy** and **Leeds East Academy** were awarded the prestigious **Leeds Rotary Citizenship Award**.

The **Young Citizen Award** is an annual award ceremony which celebrates the achievements of young people who have shown care and commitment to others. Students were invited to the **Leeds Rotary Young Citizen Awards** following nominations by school staff for exceptional citizenship and community service.

Leeds West Academy's **Sophie Downham** and **Carter Ambler** were commended for outstanding community service in a ceremony held in the Banqueting Suite of Leeds Civic Hall, in the presence of the **Lord Mayor of Leeds**. Carter has been a regular volunteer within BUPA care homes since February 2015 and is a Communication Leader at the Academy, dedicated to helping students with their learning. Sophie, who is fundraising to go to India to assist in an aid project, has worked within the Academy to further **STEM** and has been developing award-winning wearable technologies.

Ms Ward and Ms Banks nominated students for the awards. Ms Ward, who attended the event, said: "Sophie and Carter represented the Academy in an outstanding manner, demonstrating to our wider community that they are indeed inspiring role models, both in and outside the classroom."

Sam Harris and **Kodey Dickinson** from Leeds East Academy were rewarded for their exceptional attitudes and positive outlook on life, inspiring all around them. Both students were accompanied by Mr Reynolds, Miss Reeder and their proud families.

Mohammed Raheem and **Matthew Winship** from Leeds City Academy were also commended. Mohammed has been assisting within the library and helping students. Matthew is Head Boy at the Academy and has been a resilient and committed student, assisting the school community each day.

The Lord Mayor, who presented the awards, commented that the students were not only a credit to White Rose Academies Trust, but to the Leeds community.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Rotary Leeds offers a number of schemes to develop and celebrate the achievements of young people. They aim to offer rich opportunities to promote community service, facilitate greater international understanding, identify and develop the leaders of tomorrow, and recognise and celebrate the work of young people.

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More details about Rotary International can be found online at www.rotary-ribi.org

White Rose Academies Trust is a local trust dedicated to raising the ambitions and aspirations of young people. It is currently comprised of three academies which occupy sites in the centre, east and west of the city. The Trust is sponsored by **Leeds City College**, one of the largest further education providers in the country which encompasses **Leeds College of Music** within its organisation.

The White Rose Academies Trust is the only truly local Leeds partnership of schools that share the same ethos and that have pathways into Further Education through a special relationship with Leeds City College. The Trust shares a mission with the college to ensure that all students attending the academies have very well-developed employability skills. All WRAT Academies also work in conjunction with local businesses in formal relationships which commit employers to supporting young people to understand and prepare for the demands of the world of work.

The CEO of White Rose Academies Trust is Annette Hall, who is also Executive Principal of Leeds West Academy, Leeds East Academy and Leeds City Academy.

More details about White Rose Academies can be found online at www.whiteroseacademies.org

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