



## **The Office of the High Sheriff of Norfolk**

### **World Championship Bronze Medallists**

With only four weeks preparation as a late invitee to the World Championships Mock Trials, a team of seven V1 form students from Springwood High School in Kings Lynn, Norfolk were placed third ahead of twenty eight other US High School teams and five other international teams.

Recognising that the rules of the competition are based on US law practice and none of the other international participants came in the top fifteen, this represents a huge intellectual and forensic achievement.

This stellar performance by Rachel Ampomah, Sam Mount, Abigail Peters, Isabel Russen, Elliot Simpson, Sophie Ward and Adam White is in no small part due to the skill and enthusiasm of their coach Hayley Roberts and is the outcome of four years hard work over and above all their other school and extra-curricular activities.

As The High Sheriff of Norfolk , I accompanied them to New York as a former barrister myself and can wholeheartedly say that the maturity and intellectual agility of these students cannot be overstated.

Judges in the competition described them as ‘awesome’ and ‘they would happily have them sit with them as junior counsel any day’.

**On 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in the Norwich Crown Court** before Mr Justice Garnham and other local dignitaries, the team will present their case and show us all why they did so well.

**James Bagge**

**High Sheriff of Norfolk**

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