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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write the following letter of recommendation for Emily Newcomb, who studied at Sybil Andrews Academy for five years between 2019-2024. Emily is both a talented young footballer and a fantastic academic student, and I enthusiastically recommend her application to be a student at your esteemed college.

I had the pleasure of being Emily's Head of Year throughout her five years at Sybil Andrews Academy. During my time in the role, I saw Emily grow and flourish into the excellent student and athlete she became by the time she left at the end of Year 11 in June 2024. She was a model student throughout her time at the school, showing respect for the school rules and expectations, as well as her peers and staff at the school. This was commented on to me by many of her teachers, who would all agree she was a pleasure to teach across all five years at the school.

Throughout her time at Sybil Andrews, she was a dedicated and hard-working student, who always gave 100% effort in everything she did, both academically and in any sporting activities she took part in. Her attitude and effort are shown by her impeccable behaviour record whilst at Sybil Andrews. She regularly collected positive points and commendations for her effort and achievement across all subjects. This reflects that as well as a talented sportswoman, her performance academically is also excellent.



Emily's academic performance is underpinned by her GCSE results at the end of Year 11. Emily achieved a grade 7 and 8 in English Language and Literature, a grade 7 in Geography and Science and grade 6's in Maths, Physical Education, and Science (one grade 6 and one grade 7). This fantastic set of results underlines the commitment, effort and attitude outlined above. It also shows how well Emily can balance the importance of her academic studies, alongside her sporting endeavours, further displaying the character and determination she has shown throughout her education journey.

With regard to her sporting ability, during her time at Sybil Andrews, Emily has represented the school in various school teams. This has shown her dedication to sport and representing the school, but also her versatility as an athletic performer and her commitment to physical fitness and competitive sport. Her involvement in our school sports teams has been complemented by her elite football development outside of our school setting, and for which we have taken a keen interest. We are aware of her performances in the Junior Premier League, where she has proven herself as a talented forward. Additionally, we were delighted to see that Emily was successfully trialled and recruited into the English FA Lionesses Football pathway, through the Emerging Talent Centre at Ipswich Town FC, further highlighting her exceptional skills and potential.

Emily has also represented Suffolk FA, as part of their Suffolk County representative Football team to compete against other English Counties such as Norfolk, Essex, Hertfordshire etc. This was a great achievement for Emily and a testament to her hard work and determination to excel in football. I was also thrilled to hear that Emily, at the age of only 16, has already broken into the AFC Sudbury Women's first team and competing in the FA Women's National League, where she continues to thrive and develop as an athlete.

Her ability to balance the demands of competitive football with her academic responsibilities is commendable and highlights the dedication and desire spoken of in this recommendation letter.

I have no doubt that Emily will bring the same level of commitment, enthusiasm, and excellence to your college community as she has shown here at Sybil Andrews Academy. She is not only an outstanding athlete but also an inspiring individual who will contribute positively to any environment.



It is with great confidence that I recommend Emily for a scholarship at your college. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information or specific examples of her achievements.

Thank you for considering this outstanding candidate. I hope this can be the start of an exciting journey for Emily.

Yours sincerely,

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