



Students in 3 Sutton schools formed their Young Enterprise companies in the autumn term and set about raising funds, deciding on a product and planning how to produce and sell it.

The teams' ideas reflected their goals to provide sustainable products with long term impact that contribute to positive mental health: "Elysium Enterprise" from Nonsuch High with their element themed decorated scented candles; Carshalton High School for Girls' "Lockbox" featured a lockdown box filled with helpful items, and St Philomena's "Mariposa" produced a self-care relaxing box.

All 3 teams entered the Sutton YE Company of the Year Competition on 26 April. The week before teams submitted a Business Plan and 4-minute presentation. On the day, they had a 10-minute online interview with the judges: Councillors Jenny Batt and Annie Moral; Jess Bellehewe, Environmental & Community Coordinator for Hammerson Plc and Liz James, Project & Operations Director at Subsea 7.

Madam Mayor opened the virtual event with an audience who met the teams and viewed their pre-recorded presentations prior to the judges announcing their decisions. **Elysium Enterprise won Best Company, Digital Presence and Sustainability Awards; Mariposa was Runner-Up and best Team Journey; Lockbox won the Best Presentation Award.** Elysium Enterprise and Mariposa went on to the South London Final in May where Mariposa was awarded the Team Journey Award. Congratulations to all three.

When asked by potential employers and universities "What did you do in lockdown?" these students' planned response of "increased self-confidence from the success of running our business and improved organization, teamwork, communication, problem-solving skills and resilience" will have impact. This year any students participating in the

Company Programme also had the opportunity to be considered for work experience with the London Stock Exchange Group.

[Young Enterprise](#) is a national charity. We equip students with knowledge and confidence for future success, empowering them to develop their skills and potential. Our [Company Programme Educators Guide](#) explains how this real-life learning programme, for students aged 15-19, works. Teams have a Business Adviser for virtual/in-person meetings, supported by YE online resources and virtual workshops led by industry experts. For this year's Programmes and Services brochure, click [here](#).

Thanks to Sutton Council and Subsea 7 sponsorship, we offer a substantial discount on standard prices.

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