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■ **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Ahmed Siddiqui receives his award from Councillor David Simmonds, deputy leader of the council

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Ahmed sets a fine example

A MEMBER of Hillingdon Youth Council has been presented with the prestigious Diana Award.

Ahmed Siddiqui, 17, was honoured for his 'outstanding, sustained and selfless contribution to the community'.

The Diana Award was founded in 1999 by the Diana Memorial Committee to act as a legacy to the late princess's belief in the power of young people to change the world.

The deputy leader of Hillingdon Council, Councillor David

Simmonds, presented Ahmed with a certificate and badge.

The teenager and a family member have also been invited for a visit to Althorp, Diana's childhood home.

"Following her inspirational example, I can only hope that, as my family and the community have supported me to push myself, I can do the same for as many people as possible," said Ahmed.

"I believe that it's due to the many mentors and coaches I've had the pleasure of working with

that I've been able to attain my potential in every arena of life, be it debating in the House of Commons with my peers, or being interviewed on BBC News, or a part of the 2012 Olympics Young Leaders."

Councillor Simmonds added: "Ahmed is a great representative for young people in Hillingdon and I am very pleased that his hard work and effort has been recognised by the Diana Award."

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