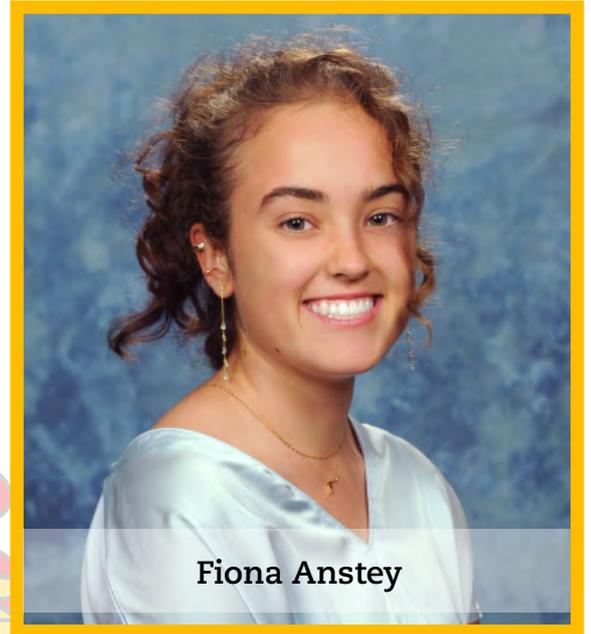


# FIONA ANSTEY

## BST Alumna 2020

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Having studied at BST for ten years, Fiona Anstey has learned the importance of determination in reaching her goals. As if being accepted into the distinguished Amherst College was not accomplishment enough, with a hard work ethic and animated character, Fiona Anstey embodies the attributes that BST tries to cultivate most in students. Her academic track record is second to none. Having taken Geography in A-level, her interest and fierce passion for the science of the natural world has led her to further explore geology alongside maths as possible majors at university.



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This desire to learn more of the principles of how the Earth as we know it came to be, and the dilemmas of the human impact on the natural world, no doubt reflects firmly on the legacy she has left behind.

Joining the crew team was only one of the many hobbies Fiona has taken on since joining Amherst, proving to the world that even through the complications of starting life at university during times as perplexing as these, life can still be experienced with equal measures of pride and gusto. Impressive as it is, however, Anstey reveals that the reason behind her new-found love of rowing is not only due to how fun it is (although I'm sure that's a factor), but also because of its special connection with nature that she truly relishes.

But that's not all. Reminding us yet again of her driven character, she is currently working hard as a docent for the natural history museum on campus, and has become a valued member of the Sustainable Ocean Alliance, a club at Amherst designed to empower students in leading to help preserve the health of the oceans.

When it comes to looking back at her time at BST, Anstey reveals that 'it hardly seems real' how fast time can 'creep up on you'. So for current students at BST, she offers some guidance, saying, 'Try and soak it all up. As even all of those mundane little things will one day become nostalgia, and much sooner than you think'.

For now though, Anstey is setting her sights on the future. Her exciting plans of a summer research trip to Minnesota spent contributing to the development of a new carbon sequestration technology and a possible junior year spent abroad sound truly inspiring.

Anstey ultimately confesses her sincere admiration for her teachers at BST. Without the support of many of her teachers, her time at BST would have undeniably been different. She expresses that through all circumstances they heartily supported her by not only helping to ‘foster her interests in geology, language studies, literature and math’ but also by standing by her throughout the college application process. They were even kind enough to ‘take the time to just spend a few extra minutes at the end of classes to chat with [her],’ she says.

So let us join her in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the teachers and staff at BST, and we at BST wish Anstey the best of luck on her future endeavors!

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