

This year, the Anglian School regional Cross country Regional final was held in Suffolk at the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook. The Suffolk teams were up against teams from schools in the counties of Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Northampton. It was a tough competition but a terrific performance from Suffolk schools meant that they triumphed in 4 of the 8 age groups.

The minor girls set the pace with a winning one-two from Nella Walters and Lottie Summers and top ten finishes from Georgina Erhardt, Megan Newton, Polly Peate and Mikayeala Selby enabling the team to take first place. Alex Baxter won the Minor Boys event with Jolyon Summers the next Suffolk runner home in 6th that helped the team to 2nd place.

In the Junior Girls, Sophie Tooley held off girls from Cambridge and Norfolk to win an exciting finish. Holly Davies was the second Suffolk runner home in 4th with the team getting 3rd. The Junior boys won their section with Sam Allen the highest placed Suffolk runner in 3rd with good support from Ben Eames, J Finch, Theo Passmore, Stanley Collins and Alfie Foster.

The Intermediate Boys team of Dominic Oliver, Ross Tenant, Cameron Mckie, Micheal Bartrum, Connor Whiting and Ted Oldham won the team prize with Oliver, Tenant and Mckie all coming in 3rd, 4th and 5th place. Despite excellent efforts from Megan Soames and Alice Cheverton the Inter girls had to settle for 2nd place.

The Senior boys team of Keiran Clements, James Powley, David Willet, Patrick Gravett-Curl, Simon Dawson and Harry Steele won their age group with Clements winning in style in a time of 21:24. Powley was the second Suffolk runner home in 4th place. Hannah Petterson was the top senior girl in 5th place with Claire Caiger the second from Suffolk home as the team finished 3rd.