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■ Gresham's student Toby Little gets in some practice on the rifle range.  
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# Sharp-shooter has Canada in his sights

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A sixth-form student from north Norfolk is flying high after being selected to represent his country on the rifle range.

Seventeen-year-old Toby Little, who attends Gresham's in Holt, has enjoyed a cracking start to 2017 after being selected as a member of the Great Britain Cadet Rifle Team, The Athelings – meaning 'young noble'.

He was one of 18 cadets selected from the best cadet forces across the country and has now secured his place on the team for a month-long tour to Canada in August.

The teenager has enjoyed an exceptional 12 months in the small-bore range. He has recently been a member of the Gresham's team which

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defended the British School Leagues for the eighth consecutive term.

Toby was involved with the Gresham's team that won the British Schools Team of VIII competition and is also into the final, with his team mates, in the National Team Handicap Competition, which they hope to defend for the third consecutive year.

He is also the current British Under 16 Small-Bore Champion.

A delighted Toby, who was selected from more than 1000 competitors at the National Rifle Association's Imperial Meeting, said: "I am really pleased with my selection and I am really happy to have made my family proud.

"I am looking forward to meeting the team and spending the time in Canada."

Toby follows in the footsteps of an impressive number of former pupils who have been selected to join the prestigious team – 18 in the last 10 years.

Gresham's master of shooting, Freddie Grounds, said: "This is a wonderful achievement for Toby and it is a deserving reward for the dedication and the many hours of training he has put in since he first joined the rifle club in 2013."