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ELEGANT: Maliha Rana, who dreams of becoming an actress, was one of 15 who reached the final of Miss Asiana 2014 (s)

PAGEANT FINAL FOR TEEN BEAUTY

A TEEN beauty from Sawbridgeworth was among those who competed in the final of Miss Asiana 2014 on Saturday.

Maliha Rana, 18, was one of 15 finalists in the international pageant which aims to celebrate the heauty and diversity of young Asian women

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She reached the final by impressing at an audition where 50 were judged on their potential to become international models.

"I'd like to be a role model for young Asian girls who aspire to be a model," said Maliha. "[I'd like to give them] confidence in their

"[I'd like to give them] confidence in their exotic beauty that they've been blessed with and courage to pursue their dreams."

Currently on a gap year, Maliha is learning

French, Spanish and Italian. She is also dabbling in charity work.

Her dream is to become an actress, however, she will begin studying law in September.

In her spare time, the glamorous teen enjoys music and sports.

The final was organised by Asiana, a lifestyle and wedding magazine for Asians in the UK, and sponsored by Vatika, the hair product company.

Up for grabs was a modelling contract valued at £100,000 and a holiday to Mauritius, among other prizes.

Judges of the contest, in the heart of London at The Montcalm Hotel, included actress Amy Jackson and British Asian actor Upen Patel.

