

Dancing queen Holly reaches Teen Star final



Congratulations to Holly Martin-Bell who has danced herself in to the final of a nationwide competition.

The talented 14-year-old auditioned for Teen Star and tip-toed her way through the initial rounds, which were held in Liverpool.

Holly successfully strutted her way in to the area final in Manchester on June 4. She wowed the judges there to book her place in the competition's grand final.

Holly has been dancing since the age of two, starting off at the Shine Theatre School in Bootle, before attending Aspirations Theatre School in Crosby.

Among the venues she has performed at

are the Liverpool Empire Theatre and the Echo Arena, although her dream is one day perform at the West End.

Proud mum, Marie, said; "Holly competes in ballet, rap, modern, lyrical, musical comedy and character. She has many trophies and hundreds of medals.

"She is an extremely academic student, who is making her family and friends so proud, achieving the very best she can.

"The competition on Sunday (June 3) was fierce and everyone did themselves proud. The talent was tremendous. Holly had an amazing time and is still on cloud nine."

Speaking after the event, Holly said: "I am delighted to have reached the final. It

was a great experience and I can't wait for the next stage."

The final takes place in London on July 14. Good luck Holly.

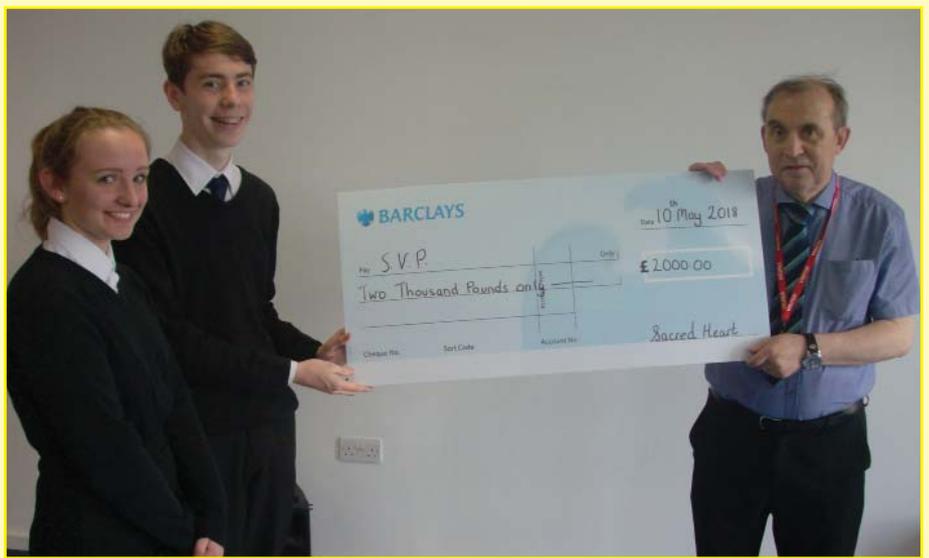
Holly is pictured at the College's recent Gym & Dance display.

News in brief

Year 11 GCSE exams continue this week. Year 9 & 10 will also be taking their exams. Silver Surfers, computer lessons for the over 60s, started last week and will continue every Wednesday at 3.30pm. For details, contact Mrs Laybourne on 931 2971.

Cheque out

Fundraising efforts throughout the year have seen staff and students raise an impressive £2,000 for SVP. Students partied and perspired their way to help raise the money, which was done at the Christmas Fayre and a sponsored rowing event. SVP's Tom McHale said: "This is an incredible amount of money which will help six or seven young people enjoy activities and holidays they may not normally be able to. Elspeth McCauley and Carl Parry (both 12D) are pictured presenting the cheque to Mr McHale.



Students at one with MMA

Our Lower Site students took in art with a difference recently. Not art with paint brushes and pencils but Mixed Martial Arts. Director of Lower School, Mrs Campbell, said: "We had Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) instructors visit our Year 7s and 8s They talked about discipline and the focus of peace. Students then looked at the history of the different aspects of MMA before taking part in demonstrations. It was a fascinating session, one which the students thoroughly enjoyed."