

# North Staffordshire LearnMore Awards 2010

*Three former Sixth Form College students shortlisted as finalists for the Young Learner of the Year Award.*

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, saw the inaugural LearnMore Awards event at the Kings Hall in Stoke, a celebratory evening for North Staffordshire, recognising outstanding local individuals and organisations.

A judging panel had the unenviable task of selecting the worthy finalists and winners for ten different award categories. There were hundreds of nominations from different organisations throughout North Staffordshire, each with a different story to tell.



Four of our former students were nominated for the 'Young Learner of the Year Award' awarded to the most impressive young learner between the ages of 18 & 25

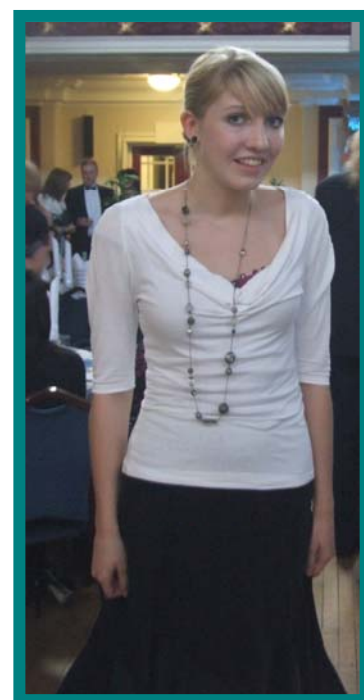
Three of them - Tom Neat, Heather Bennett and Catherine Trinder were chosen as finalists in this category and were presented with framed certificates.

Tom Neat, formerly of Endon High School, is currently reading Engineering at Cambridge University, Sidney Sussex College. Tom was shortlisted due to the motivation, dedication and self discipline he has demonstrated which has enabled him to achieve consistent success in studying.





Heather Bennett, formerly of Blythe Bridge High School, is currently studying Chemistry at Manchester University. Heather was selected as a finalist for her tenacious approach to studying and overcoming problems with creativity, along with her commitment to college fund-raising.



Catherine Trinder, formerly of Clayton Hall Business and Language College, is currently on a gap year. Catherine has just completed a volunteer project in Tanzania and is now preparing to start her degree in Education with English and Drama at Cambridge University, Homerton College this September. Catherine was nominated as the highest scoring student for the International Baccalaureate at the college - 39 out of a maximum of 45, performing outstandingly in all of the subjects that she had chosen to study.

Charles Freeman, Vice Chair of Corporation, was delighted to be invited to join Helen Pegg and the Sixth Form College table at the event, and share in the celebration with the students and their families.

It was fantastic to see the college so well represented throughout such a high profile event in the city. Martin Tideswell compered the event, he currently works at the Sentinel as Head of Community Contacts and when presenting the awards in the young person's category, proudly declared that he too was a former Sixth Form College student.

James Beeston, won the award for 'Apprentice of the Year', yet another former student from the college

The Sentinel newspaper were sponsored the event and they took pictures throughout the evening and printed an article the following day.