

# Pupils perfect the science of winning

YOUNG Einsteins at Herts and Essex High in Bishop's Stortford have won prizes in two science competitions.

Year 9 girls Ffion Jones, Lauren Nelson, Katherine Terris and Lucy Wainman won the bronze section of the BA CREST regional event at the University of Hertfordshire with their project 'Oust it Out', investigating the effectiveness of air fresheners.

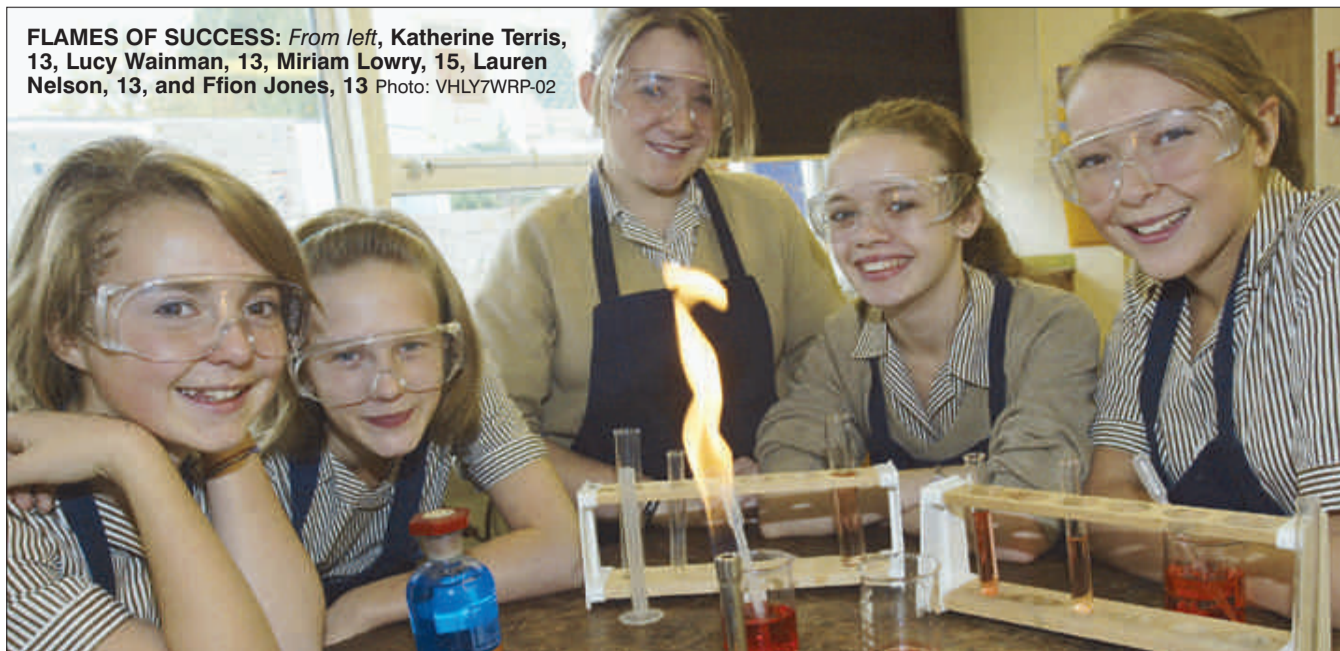
They will now represent the South East at the national final at the Royal

Institution of Great Britain in February.

Meanwhile, Year 10 student Miriam Lowry achieved success when she entered national competition Express Yourself 2007.

Entrants were asked to come up with a question for the science minister, and the judges were impressed with her poser, 'If you could sum up science in three words, what words would you choose?' She won a visit to the House of Commons for up to 10 of her fellow students.

FLAMES OF SUCCESS: From left, Katherine Terris, 13, Lucy Wainman, 13, Miriam Lowry, 15, Lauren Nelson, 13, and Ffion Jones, 13 Photo: VHLY7WRP-02



# Charity ball for Rose is on a roll

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THE organisers of a ball in aid of Bishop's Stortford disabled youngster Rose Willcocks are appealing for help after all 130 tickets sold out in just two days.

Rose's parents, Esme and Dave, are looking for someone to donate a marquee so that more people can attend the black-tie event in January and help send their daughter swimming with dolphins.

Esme said they were astounded when tickets for the fund-raiser at Great Hadham Golf Club were snapped up so quickly and that there were even people on a waiting list.

On the evening there will be a champagne reception followed by a three-course meal, auction, raffle and dancing.

"The response has been phenomenal," said Esme. "If we had a marquee we could easily double the numbers because so many people still want tickets."

The family, who live in The Ridings, Thorley Park, are trying to raise £15,000 to send Rose, who has a unique genetic condition, to a specialist treatment centre in Florida.

The four-year-old, who is unable to talk, featured in the *Observer* in July after she started to display an affinity with animals, and has been dubbed 'Miss Doolittle'.

So far almost £5,000 has been raised and the ball is just one of many events planned for the coming months.

The appeal fund was recently bolstered by family friend Clare Shepherd, who raised £1,434.50 after doing a sponsored 10-hour silence on Monday last week.

Other upcoming events include a family quiz night and disco at Hillmead Primary School on Saturday, a coffee morning on November 2 and a race night in March.

If you are able to donate a marquee, call Sharon Ellaway on 07940 851676. For details of the other events or to make a donation, visit [www.rose-willcocks-appeal.org](http://www.rose-willcocks-appeal.org).



HAVING A BALL: Rose, right, with her parents, Esme and Dave, and sister, Ruby Photo: GF9J2CWM-02; inset, the *Observer's* headline in July

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