



Youngsters get a buzz for spelling

CHESTER Catholic High School students cast a spell on judges to win their heat in a competition.

A Year 7 team of Will Lannin, 12, Ahana Banerjee and Grace Tierney, both 11, won the local heat of *The Times Spelling Bee* 2011, the national spelling competition for schools.

The trio travelled to Didsbury Cineworld with reserves Matthew Hicks and Tom Campbell where they competed against six other teams.

Teacher Adam Wilson said: "I'm so proud of how well they've done; all the hard work has been worth it."

Team member Will Lannin added: "I'm amazed! I didn't think we'd get that many points in the quick-fire. I'm really looking forward to the semis now."

Grace was the last competitor standing in the competition and the team will now go forward to the semi-finals in May. The 11 winning teams from the semi-finals will then travel to London to compete in the final at the O2 Arena on Thursday, June 23.

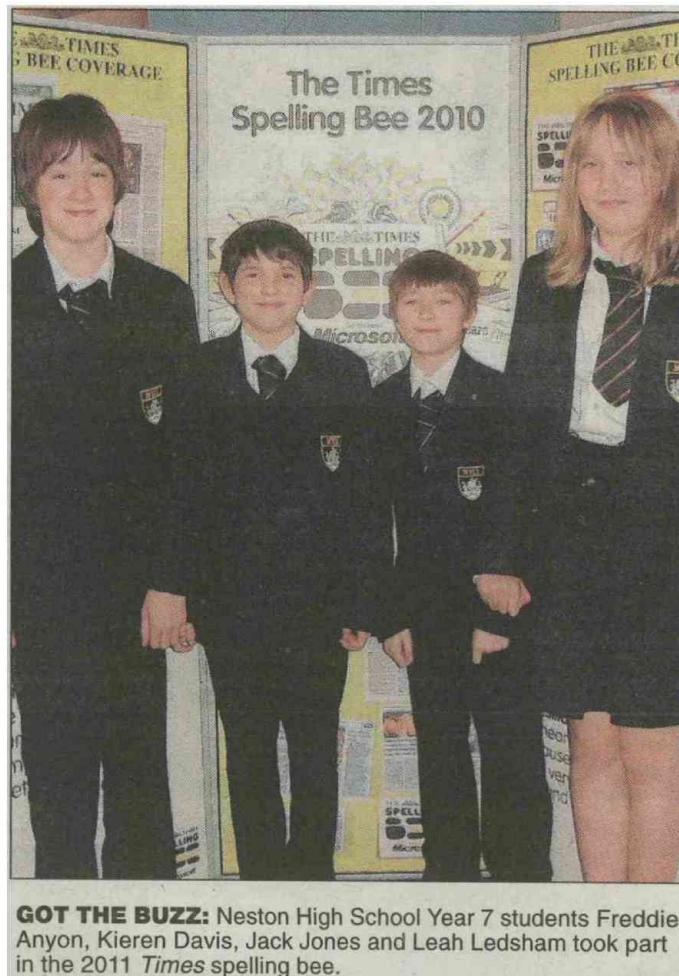
Bishop's Bluecoat CE High School, Neston High School and The Queen's School also took part in the competition.

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SPELLBOUND: Chester Catholic High School's victorious spelling team of Ahana Banerjee, Grace Tierney and Will Lannin with reserves Matthew Hicks and Tom Campbell.





GOT THE BUZZ: Neston High School Year 7 students Freddie Anyon, Kieren Davis, Jack Jones and Leah Ledsham took part in the 2011 *Times* spelling bee.