



WINNERS: The Thornleigh Salesian College spelling team Josie Cleary, Jessie Predko, Cameron Barlow and reserve Ryan Hartnup with their medals for winning their heat

Schools spell out success in bid for national title

TWO schools in Bolton are spelling out success in their bid to become 2011 Spelling Bee Champions after winning their heat.

Thornleigh Salesian College in Astley Bridge and Bolton School Boys' Division are through to The Times Spelling Bee semi-finals.

Pupils had to spell out words such as kamikaze and sphinx, as well as polemic and

oxymoron during the heat held at Bolton Cineworld.

Teacher Richard Griffiths, of Bolton School, said: "It was a great team performance. The second round was gripping."

Bolton School pupil Max Hartle, aged 12, said: "It's a great achievement to have won the competition. It was really close, with only two points in it — a great performance."

Thornleigh Salesian College

teacher Maria Howarth added: "I'm absolutely delighted. They have practised really hard. I'm really proud of them."

Thornleigh pupil Cameron Barlow, aged 11, said: "I'm over the moon. I can't wait to go to the semi-finals."

The 11 winning teams from the semi-finals will compete in the Grand Final in London at IndigO2 in the O2 Arena on Thursday, June 23.

