



■ SMART: The winning team of Kabir Joshi, 12, Chaitali Soni, 12, Samyak Pandey, 11 and Rajvir Nag, 12.

Big buzz as local kids take spelling bee

BRIGHT sparks from Langley have won their heat of a national spelling competition.

More than 1,000 schools from across the UK have entered a team for the Times Spelling Bee 2011 competition and the team from Langley Grammar School faced off against seven other teams from the area on Tuesday, April 26.

The team successfully spelt challenging words including metaphor and finesse correctly and Kabir Joshi, 12, was the last competitor standing to give Langley Grammar victory. Second place went to Waldegrave School for Girls, from Twickenham with Ranelagh School from Bracknell, coming third.

Team member Samyak Pandey said: "It has been an amazing experience! We hoped we would win and we're really looking forward to the semi finals."

Teacher Camilla Jordan added: "The Times Spelling Bee is great because it encourages the students to learn and improve their literacy whilst having fun. Our team have been great; they have worked so hard and I'm incredibly proud of them."

Langley Grammar School will go forward to The Times Spelling Bee semi-finals in May. The eleven winning teams from the semi-finals will then travel to London to compete in the Grand Final at Indigo2 in the O2 Arena on Thursday, June 23.

