

Talented foursome take the top spots

▶▶ Four students win at prestigious competition



▶ Stage struck...Olivia Mann (16), Georgia Blyth (14) and Annie Morris (14) of Lutterworth Performing Arts Centre (Theo Spafford is not in photo). (Picture: Andrew Carpenter/001374-83)

FOUR young actors from the Lutterworth area swept the board at a speech and musical competition held at Oundle.

Georgina Blyth (14), from Frolsworth, Annie Morris (14), from Cotesbach and Olivia Mann (16) and Theo Spafford (16), both from Lutterworth, achieved the top places in under-18 acting categories at the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama in March.

Georgina took first place, with Annie runner-up and Olivia and Theo equal third.

All four are students at Lutterworth Youth Theatre Academy, which shares a home with the Lutterworth Future Faces Academy in Hall Lane.

Academy principal Bradley Woodward said: "We have a real wealth of talent at the Academy.

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"We have nearly 40 young people that study acting here and it is a real pleasure to see this talent recognised outside of Lutterworth.

"They study acting at the centre each week, working towards graded examinations.

"The four students who won the competition are part of a team of 20 that competed and it is a valuable experience for them all just to take part."

Georgina's top spot built on her

Talent

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victory in the under-12 category two years ago.

The Oundle Festival of Music and Drama is a prestigious annual competition.

Mr Woodward added: "Performing under competition standards is very different from performing for an exam and as much as the winners certainly deserve their plaudits, we are also very proud of everyone who took part.

"All of the students have taken part in previous productions. Grace is a member of Lutterworth Musical Theatre Company, while Olivia has performed in a professional production at Kilworth House Theatre.

"They have all also appeared in previous Future Faces productions."

For more information about acting phone Lutterworth Youth Theatre Academy on 01455 553878.