

## NEWS

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# Megan is an England star!

**Achievement rewarded at city award ceremony**



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**SCHOOLGIRL** Megan Hunt has done what thousands of football fans dream about – representing their country in the sport.

And at just 13 the talented teenager is hoping to secure a career in as a professional player.

But this week she swapped stadiums for the Victoria Hall where she joined pupils from across the Potteries for a special event aimed at recognising the city's bright young things.

The 10 primary and secondary schools that form part of the City Learning Trust enjoyed an award ceremony in the city centre where more than 200 students were recognised for their achievements.

There were also 10 'prestige award' recipients on the night including footballer Megan.

The Haywood Academy pupil picked up the Sportswoman of the Year accolade after not only turning out for Stoke City's under 15 girls' team but England's under 15 side.

Central midfielder Megan, who lives



**MEDAL WINNERS:**  
Megan Hunt and  
Charlie Rider.

in Burslem, said: "I have enjoyed football since I was about two and could kick a ball. It has been amazing to play for England and I have been out to places like Spain to play.

"I would love to be a professional one day."

Picking up the Writing Champion award was Hillside Primary School pupil Charlie Rider. The 11-year-old, of Endon, said: "I really enjoy writing and it's great to use my imagination."

Fellow prestige winner Gemma Brindley collected the Above and Beyond award for her efforts at Glebe Academy. The 10-year-old, of Fenton, said: "It's great to have been to an event like this."

The Trust is made up of Haywood Academy, Mill Hill Primary Academy, Smallthorne Primary School, Holden Lane Primary, Hillside Primary School, Clarice Cliff Primary School, Glebe Academy, Haywood Sixth Form

Academy, Priory Church of England Primary School and Trentham High School. Each of the schools put youngsters forward in a range of categories.

Carl Ward, who is chief executive of the Trust, said: "They are fantastic role models and should be very proud of themselves."

Glebe principal Suzanne Oakes-Smith added: "It's wonderful to celebrate the children's achievements."

## YOUR VIEW



**DANIEL ADAM**

The Mill Hill Primary Academy pupil received the Expressive Arts prize. Daniel, aged 10, of Tunstall, said: "I really enjoy acting and was Widow Twankey in a pantomime we did at school."



**AMELIA TWEATS**

The 11-year-old, of Norton, who attends Smallthorne Primary School, was handed the Friendship Oak award for her efforts to help other pupils. She said: "I just like to cheer people up."



**LAURA WATSON**

The 16-year-old, of Trentham, who attends Trentham High School, was given the Citizen of the Year award. Laura said: "These awards are great and I am really excited to be here."