



## HAYLEY WILL BE DANCING QUEEN AT TOP SCHOOL

A Rutherglen girl has landed a place at one of Europe's most prestigious dance schools. Sixteen year-old Hayley Johnson, of Berwick Drive, secured a fully funded Dance and Drama Award at London's Bird College of Performing Arts.

Hayley started dancing at the age of three where she attended the Lesley Miller School of Dance and at the age of 10 she became a Junior Associate of Scottish Ballet. A successful audition then gained

her a place at the Dance School of Scotland. Now the former Calderwood Primary pupil is a big step closer to her dream as she goes to study at one of the top schools in dance.

Hayley said "I am thrilled. I've wanted to perform since I can remember and to get to my dream college at the age of 16 is just amazing. I will have three years training in London and I know that my destiny is in my own hands now. At the moment I am rehearsing along with my fellow students for our end of year performance at the Theatre Royal Glasgow. I'm sure I will feel very emotional when the curtain comes down as I've had a fantastic five years at the Dance School of Scotland, it's prepared me for what lies ahead."

The Dance and Drama award goes to the people who the college feel have the best chance of progressing in the industry. The £16,000 yearly school fees are covered by the award and Hayley will also get some funds to go towards living costs.

Although she will be severely missed when she ventures off down south, mum Jacqueline and dad Cameron will be safe in the knowledge that the dance school have provided accommodation to make sure she settles down to life in London. Jacqueline said: "She will be staying with a host family, because she's only 16. Normally they don't go to the school until they're 18 but she was accepted earlier."

During the audition for Bird College, Hayley performed a dance she had choreographed herself, as well as a song and acting piece.



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Overall Winner at  
Festival time.