

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Over 100 young people across the Wakefield District will receive their Duke of Edinburgh awards at a ceremony next week.

Certificates and badges are being presented to the young people from across Wakefield, who achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold level awards with support from Wakefield Council's

Youth Development and Support Service. Awards are achieved by completing a personal programme of activities in four or five sections including volunteering, physical skills, expedition and residential (Gold Award only).

Wakefield Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Cllr Olivia Rowley, who will be at the ceremony on Tuesday 9th July, said: "We are really proud of all the young people who have achieved these awards - it is a testament to their hard work and commitment. They really deserve to have their achievements celebrated."

## Ravenscliffe specialist sixth form

Plans for a brand new, state-of-the-art sixth form centre for students at Ravenscliffe High School could move a step closer next week.

On Monday 8 July 2013, Calderdale Council's Cabinet will consider the proposal to move Ravenscliffe sixth form to a new build in the Spring Hall area, just

minutes from Halifax town centre. Ravenscliffe High School is Calderdale's only secondary special school. The school caters for pupils with a wide range of special educational needs, providing support for up to 140 young people. Currently, 50 of these students are aged between 16 and 19.

Demand for places at Ravenscliffe is growing. Calderdale Council has recognised the need for an additional sixth form centre to ensure that pupils with more complex needs continue to receive the best possible support, in top class facilities.

A Leeds School has won a regional competition with their film celebrating Yorkshire's status as the UK's first Fairtrade region.

Children from Ireland Wood Primary school came top with their film entitled "Fabulous Fairtrade Yorkshire!"

"The children from Year 4 researched how Fairtrade enables farmers in the developing world get a fairer price for their products, before they created the film" said class teacher Jen Lansdowne.

"The children absolutely loved making the film and the school is so proud of their achievement!"

Yorkshire became the UK's first Fairtrade region in January. The status recognises the support given by people in Yorkshire to help producers in the developing world to lift themselves out of poverty by ensuring they get a fair price for the products they sell.

"Raising awareness of how Fairtrade can help children access their rights globally, really strengthens the Leeds Child Friendly City initiative too," said competition organiser Hannah Langdana from Leeds DEC.

Greg Mulholland MP presented a cheque for £200 for the school "I am proud of the Year 4 class at Ireland Wood Primary School for winning the Yorkshire Fairtrade film competition."

"I enjoyed watching their short video which makes a strong case for supporting Fairtrade products and the positive effects that Fairtrade has had on farmers and communities around the world."

"The civic engagement of the Year 4 class on an issue as important as this is an encouraging reflection of our future leaders. The Yorkshire region has led the way on the push for Fairtrade products as the first Fairtrade Region in the UK and I commend all those involved for their successful efforts."

"As Fairtrade continues to flourish, the video produced by Year 4 is an important reminder that we all have a responsibility to support responsible business practices that lead to the growth of communities from Yorkshire to Nairobi. I congratulate Ireland Wood's Year 4 on their huge achievement."



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# Film

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