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Great grammar earns pupils top prize in competition

Four pupils from St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School have been commended for their superb grammar.

Jacky Chan, Jack Brown, Rowen Larsen and Finley Fox were the winning team in last week's Who Wants to be a Grammar Star competition.

It was organised by Deal Learning Alliance and saw a number of the district's primary

schools take part. Head teacher Helen Comfort, said: "Our team were not fazed by having to answer questions about prefixes, suffixes, adverbs and modal verbs."

"After a nail-biting finish that came down to a sudden death tie-breaker to accurately spell 'recommend' our team were victorious and came home with the winner's cup."

MP's plea for new school buildings after flooding

AN MP is campaigning for funding for new buildings for a school. The main building at Dover Grammar School for Girls, which dates back to 1910, had major flooding after a leak earlier this year.

Now Dover and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke is writing to Education Secretary Justine Greening to have it considered under the Priority School Building Programme.

Head teacher Robert Benson showed Mr Elphicke some of the damage caused by the leak.

Mr Elphicke also saw the temporary history block, which dates back to the 1960s and is in a poor condition.

He said: "Year after year, the hard-working students at Dover Grammar School for Girls achieve some of the best results in the country. In recent years they have even got better results than Eton."

"It's clear they need to modernise some facilities."

Mr Benson said: "In the last two months we have struggled with a major water leak, problems with heating and electricity supply."

Mr Elphicke has also been fighting for schools in Dover and Deal to receive immediate sums from the new National Funding Formula. This will be phased

in within two years, with local authorities deciding allocations until then.

Mr Elphicke has asked Kent County Council for it to be adopted immediately, which would give Dover Grammar School for Girls an extra £300,000 next year.

Charlie said: "The old funding system was letting our area down. We were receiving thousands less per pupil than other parts of the country."

"I have raised this with ministers many times, and they were right to take action. Schools across Dover and Deal will now benefit with millions more each September for years to come."

KCC is consulting on local funding formulas for the next two years.

If the new National Funding Formula came into effect this September, Dover Grammar School for Girls would get a cash boost of 10.4%. Astor College would get 11.1% more and Dover Grammar School for Boys 9.4% more.

Meanwhile St Edmund's RC School would get an extra 9.1% and Goodwin Academy in Deal 8.4% more.

Across the constituency the increase would be 7.2%, or £1.54m.



Charlie Elphicke Dover MP and head teacher Robert Benson at Dover Grammar School for Girls

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