



MELISSA Keilloh, 13, from Granville Sports College, won the award for best dessert at a competition to find the student chef of the year. She is pictured with her food technology teacher, Sharon Broadhurst.

Pancakes see schoolgirl named chef of the year

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A SCHOOLGIRL from Hartshorne is looking forward to putting her first trophy on the shelf at home after being named a student chef of the year.

Melissa Keilloh, 13, who attends Granville Sports College in Woodville, won the award for 'best dessert' as part of Derby University Catering College's student chef of the year awards.

The teenager travelled to

Buxton for the competition where she showcased her hunter's chicken recipe for the main course, followed by her very berry pancakes, for which she won the top award.

Melissa said that she was very surprised to be presented with an award, but was very pleased.

She said: "I was very nervous, but when I got there I just focused on what I was doing."

"I was shocked when I won. I didn't go to win, I just went for the experience."

The schoolgirl made the pancakes from scratch with

blueberries, strawberries and raspberries, all accompanied with a rich berry coulis.

Melissa explained that she does lots of cooking at home and was honoured to have been chosen to represent the school at the competition.

She said: "I've always liked cooking because you can learn lots when you are doing it and it teaches you life skills."

"I particularly like cooking Sunday dinner at home."

Melissa was presented with two trophies on the day – one for being chosen by her school to represent it, and

another for being chosen to win best dessert.

Melissa was selected out of hundreds of pupils at Granville Sports College by her food technology teacher Sharon Broadhurst.

Melissa's mum, Mandy Warren, 49, said that it was a pleasant surprise to hear that Melissa had won an award at the competition.

She said: "I cannot say how proud I am of her."

"I was hoping that she was going to win, but it was a lovely surprise when she did."

"Melissa loves cooking at home and will think nothing

of cooking a full roast dinner." The student chef of the year awards were organised by the Derbyshire County Council catering service.

Dishes had to include some seasonal, local produce, reflect cultural diversity and be suitable for serving to 14-year-olds in school.

The competition is in its sixth year and was open to pupils aged 13 to 16 and who are in Year 9, 10 or 11 at school.

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