

Richmond School



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Richmond School was packed full of glitz, glamour, show stopping moves and more sparkle than bonfire night as it hosted a Strictly Staff Dancing competition in aid of Children in Need last week.

Twelve couples took to the floor to perform in front of their peers, students and families in an exciting and highly entertaining evening!

The hosts David Burton (English Teacher) and Nicola Hansell (Religious Studies Teacher) introduced the judges – who were always going to be difficult to impress - before the dancers were put through their paces.

The contestants had three weeks to 'perfect' their performance under the guidance of Fred Ashcroft (Workshop Technician), Geoff Davies (Assistant Head of CDT) and Mary Allison (Finance Assistant).

Some of the dances weren't 'strictly' ballroom but had the audience in stitches with an unorthodox performance of the 'time warp' which brought new meaning to the phrase 'pelvic thrust'!! Two of the contestants wore dresses that had been beautifully designed by students in Year 8 following a design competition.

The audience voted for their favourite performance during the interval and the triumphant couple were Christine Norman (Head of French) and Dave Clark (Deputy Head) who wowed everyone with their elegant waltz.

Event organiser, Gemma Adamson (Food & Textiles teacher) said, "It's been a really great event and, as well as raising over £700 for Children in Need, it has given the staff and students a real buzz. Students have been dying to see us make fools of ourselves – I think some people got a bit of a shock when they realised we aren't actually that bad! Everyone involved has worked really hard learning their dance moves, and had a lot of fun too. It was so popular that we have been asked to put on a repeat performance next Wednesday, we're all really pleased!"

