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STONEHOUSE COLLEGE'S DEDICATION TO CHARITY EARNS NATIONAL PRAISE

Wycliffe College in Stonehouse has received a national award from Cancer Research UK in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the cause.

The charity's annual Flame of Hope Awards recognises remarkable efforts in fundraising and volunteering made by people from all walks of life.

Wycliffe College received a special commendation in the School of the Year category which was won by The Heron School from Abbeydale who scooped the top award, both Gloucestershire schools beating off stiff competition from across the UK.

Ollie Capehorn, Headboy at Wycliffe College picked up the special commendation award last week on Friday June 18th at a special ceremony in London hosted by Cancer Research UK's Chairman, David Newbigging.

An audience at the Russell Hotel in Russell Square heard how Ollie had galvanised his whole school to fundraise for Cancer Research UK raising over £5000 in a single year and also raised the awareness of the charity's work throughout the school community.

The Head of the College, Mrs Margie Burnet Ward who also attended the event said how thrilled she was to see Ollie accept the award on behalf of the college.

Harpal Kumar, Cancer Research UK chief executive, said: "Cancer Research UK has made enormous progress in the fight against cancer. However, we have only been able to do this thanks to the dedication and commitment of our volunteers and supporters without whom we would not be able to fund outstanding scientists, doctors and nurses. Our Flame of Hope awards give us the opportunity to celebrate and say thank you to these enormously generous volunteers and supporters for the fantastic work they do."

Helen Johnstone, Cancer Research UK spokesperson for Gloucestershire, said: "These awards are our way of saying thanks to the people who are the lifeblood of our organisation - people who give of their time freely to raise money for research and promote greater awareness of the disease, and yet ask for nothing in return. We salute our supporters everywhere because together we will beat cancer."