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So You Think You Can Dance winner Charlie (centre) with judges, from left, Louise Redknapp, Nigel Lythgoe, Arlene Phillips and Sisco Gomez

So now we *know* Charlie can dance!

DANCER Charlie Bruce wowed TV audiences to be voted the UK's best dancer.

The 19-year-old former student of Tring Park School for the Performing Arts, off Mansion Drive, Tring, beat off fierce competition to win BBC show So You Think You Can Dance, clinching the £100,000 prize money and a chance to dance on the show in Hollywood.

Miss Bruce said: "It is absolutely amazing. I can not believe I have won the competition. It hasn't sunk in really.

"I basically saw it in an advert in the paper and went along to it not thinking anything of it and went along to see what happens. I got through to another stage and another stage and my dreams have started to come true."

The dancer was one of

three contestants on the show to train in Tring with Drew McOnie, 24, and Alastair Postlethwaite, 28, voted off the show in weeks four and five respectively.

Miss Bruce said she has not yet adjusted to the fame that comes with winning.

"I find it really strange. I went out with my family shopping and it was so weird people asking for

your autograph," she said.

The dancer won the competition despite being the youngest competing.

She said: "They (other contestants) have all been in the industry and had that experience but I am fresh out of college. Sometimes I can't believe I have made it this far.

"I was determined not to let that stop me getting where I am now. Age is just a number."