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Theatre school seniors in radio documentary

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MEET the stars of tomorrow from Tring Park School, who are being featured on the radio in a series of interviews called Gonna Make You A Star.

BBC 3 Counties Radio has been following drama student Ed Firth, musical theatre student Lucy Martin, and dance student Jack Wilcox, through their final terms before graduating from the performing arts school.

Reporter Ian Brown has been interviewing the youngsters as well as sitting in on classes and rehearsals to give listeners a backstage look at a real modern day performing arts school.

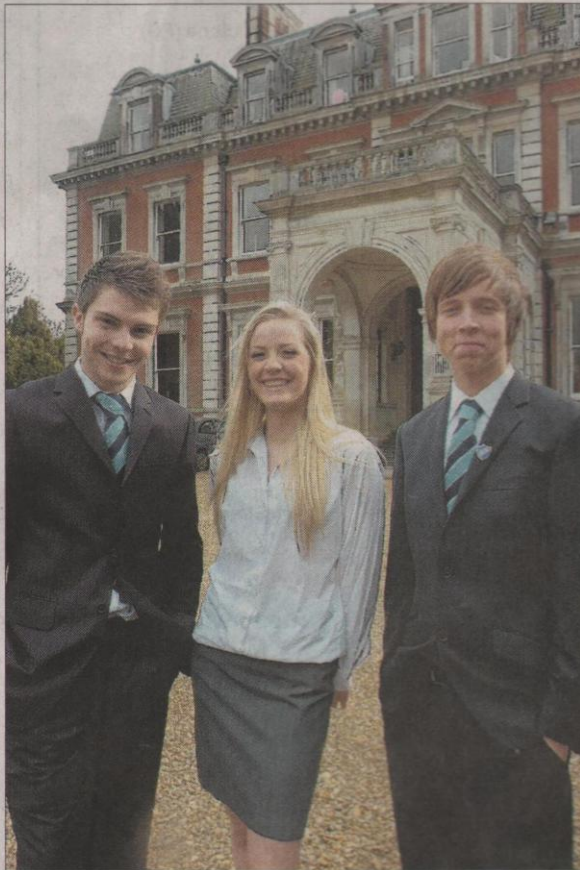
He will also have a chat with the course directors, the principal Stephane Anderson and the head boy and girl as the series progresses.

Tring Park is Dacorum's answer to Fame or Britannia High.

All of the 300 talented students have to audition to get into the school where standards are high, and successful past students include Thandie Newton and Caroline Quentin.

Lucy, 17, Ed, 17, from Shenley, and Jack, 17, from Charlton, are all close to embarking on their professional careers.

Lucy, who boards at the school, said: "I would love to be in Chicago or any big musical really. I've been into performance since I was six years old and started out with ballet dancing and then tried to get involved in as



Students to be on radio at Tring Park School. Ed Firth (with badge) Lucy Martin and Jack Wilcox (09-179-93)

many shows as I could."

Jack who is doing a BTEC in performing arts and an A Level in dance, was on stage at The Shaw Theatre, in London, on Saturday, March 21, for the school's sellout gala dance show.

He started at Tring school when he was 11 years old with ambitions to become a professional dancer.

Listen to Gonna Make You A Star on Lorna Milton's show on Thursdays at 3.30pm until July.

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