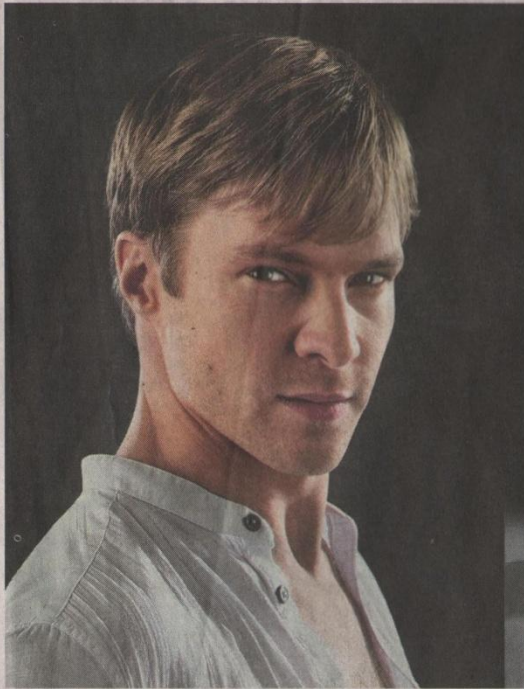


# School shows that its pupils can dance!

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**Alastair Postlewaite**

A SCHOOL is feeling proud after it educated three out of the 14 dancers on a television show.

Drew McOnie, 24, Alastair Postlewaite, 28, and 19-year-old Charlie Bruce are all former full scholarship students at Tring Park School, Mansion Drive, Tring, who have made it to the final 10

of BBC programme So You Think You Can Dance.

The contestants will compete in the show presented by Cat Deeley will be judged by guest judge choreographer Sisco Gomez, former Popstars panelist Nigel Lythgoe, former Strictly Come Dancing judge Arlene Phillips and singer Louise Redknapp.



**Drew McOnie**

Rachel Rist, the school's director of dance, said: "We are incredibly proud to see them up there."

She said Mr Postlewaite loved his time at the school and didn't want to go home at the end of terms.

"He was a very talented young man. He came to us with a lot of self-doubt, but

he blossomed into a charismatic and confident young man.

"He was a beautiful partner in pas-de-deux (work with a partner) and very caring and very strong. He was a reliable partner."

About Miss Bruce, she said: "Charlotte was here from the age of 10 and



**Charlie Bruce. Pictures courtesy BBC/ADRIAN MYERS**

was very multi-talented. In the very first show she impressed us with her huge range of movement and sheer exuberance when she danced."

Ms Rist said the school could tell from Mr McOnie's audition day that he was "a very, very special talent".

"When some of the other

talents would be doing spins in class, Drew would be doing seven, eight or nine spins. He had a natural gift," she said.

"He had incredible energy, enthusiasm and the most passionate dancer we have ever known and as a person as well he is incredibly charismatic."