



YOUNG COMMENTATOR OF THE YEAR

There was great excitement this week when the BBC invited Year 7 pupils from Broadoak to participate in a Live Lesson. The lesson had an English focus but its impetus came from the launch of the Radio 5 Live Young Commentator of the Year competition.

Veteran Radio 5 Live commentator John Murray put the Year 7s through their paces in an engaging and stimulating lesson which lasted for half an hour. It was filmed and live-streamed with Broadoak pupils participating in the studio and sharing their responses for a live audience. They received advice about the key skills in making a commentary interesting and informative as well as using vivid and appropriate language and showing enthusiasm in their delivery.

Pupils' language skills were also trained and perfected by Dan Freedman the writer of the Jamie Johnson football books which have been made into a drama on CBBC. He added his expertise in written expression to John Murray's verbal dexterity giving useful tips and hints for a powerful commentary.

Two specially selected pupils - Grace and Tayo - were tested in front of the studio audience as they were required to commentate on Dan Freedman's attempts to prepare a scone. He nearly tripped up on the age-old dilemma of which comes first – the jam or the cream? His every action was matched with lively commentary from Grace and Tayo who kept their nerve and articulated their ideas with clarity and confidence.

As this lesson formed a key part in the launch of the Radio 5 Live competition it was featured that evening on North West Tonight. Isobel, Keira, Charly, James, Liam and Ashton were interviewed, they were filmed performing commentary and in discussion with 'expert' John Murray. Their presentation on camera was confident and articulate, they were outstanding ambassadors for the school.

Congratulations Year 7 you should feel proud of the way you have represented yourselves and Broadoak.