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Hip Tia hops to top

THERE were songs and dancing aplenty at Notley High School, Braintree, as they staged a talent show to raise money for charity. After a gruelling audition process, 14 students were selected to perform at Braintree Arts Theatre on Wednesday night. More than £450 was raised for Children in Need, and the competition was won by Tia Quinn, 11, for her innovative hip-hop dance routine. Headteacher Simon Thompson was one of the four judges, along with deputy Dan Gee, head of Year Seven Holly Smith and head of creative arts Deborah Hanna. Mr Thompson said: "The talent here at Notley is just phenomenal. It was very difficult to pick an overall

winner.
"We are all pleased so many people turned out to support the contestants in the name of such a good cause and we look forward to hosting another next year." Finishing just behind Tia were body-popping dancer Connor Kerrell, 12, and singer Megan Amos. 11.