

Budding Billy Elliot is living his dream

Liverpool teen secures a place at top dance school

LIVERPOOL'S answer to Billy Elliot will live his dancing dreams when he starts at a top private ballet school.

Jamie Scotland from Norris Green beat hundreds of hopefuls from around the world to secure a place at the prestigious Elmhurst School for Dance in Birmingham.

The 13-year-old was offered a government-funded scholarship for the boarding school by

Desmond Kelly, former assistant director of Birmingham Royal Ballet.

Proud mum Clare Scotland, 31, said: "We live in the centre of Norris Green and it's

not always been easy for

by **TINA MILES**

Adam, nine, said it will be a dream come true for Jamie when he takes up his place later this month.

She said: "I took him to every activity you take boys to, but when he went to football he ended up cleaning the goal posts and when he went to kickboxing he complained his toes were sore. He's always loved dancing around the house to music

and one day he asked if he could start lessons."

His teachers at the Elliott-Clarke theatre school recognised his potential and encouraged him to



FILM STAR: A scene from the film *Billy Elliot*

