



Press Release

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The Buckingham School Lifesavers honoured at the Prestigious SADS UK National Lifesaver Defibrillator Awards held at the Royal College of Nursing London, Saturday October 17 2015

The annual National Lifesaver Defibrillator Awards hosted by the national cardiac charity SADS UK honours people in the community who've saved lives. Dr Christian Jessen, the presenter of Channel 4's BAFTA-winning Embarrassing Bodies was delighted to present the awards to the deserving team of lifesavers.

Matt Wardle, Chris Collins and Matt Grenham accepted the prestigious SADS UK National Lifesaver Awards at a celebratory dinner attended by the Resuscitation Council (UK), cardiologists, paramedics, nurses and doctors.

When pupil Will Edgar-Gibson collapsed in a PE Lesson, quick thinking colleagues Chris Collins and Matt Grenham sprang into action to save his life. Together with Assistant Headteacher Matt Wardle who was giving the lesson, they provided CPR until the air ambulance arrived to provide further assistance.

Anne Jolly, Founder of SADS UK says,

'It is good to hear that lifesaving action was taken so quickly, early CPR and defibrillation are absolutely vital when a person suffers a cardiac arrest. The incident proves how important it is for lifesaving skills to be learnt at school and defibrillators to be readily available. There is no doubt that together with their teacher Matt Wardle, the boys saved their fellow pupil's life. This endorses the aims of SADS UK Big Shock Campaign that all schools should have lifesaving defibrillators in place.'

Angela Wells, Headteacher says,

The boys were incredibly brave and confident. They were calm and mature in the situation. I am very proud of all students and staff, as they dealt with the incident effectively.



Award photo - the Royal College of Nursing London, Saturday October 17 2015 – with the defibrillator the school was presented with.

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