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Film critic Jess's big BAFTA night

16-year-old picked for national awards by prestigious academy

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A STUDENT from Tatworth attended a prestigious BAFTA ceremony recently after being chosen as a national finalist at the Young Film Critic of the Year awards.

Jess Wilson, 16, was selected as one of four national finalists after writing an outstanding film review as part of her coursework at Wellington School, where she is a student.

She travelled to London for the special awards ceremony at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

The awards are part of National Schools Film Week, an educational event where thousands of students in the UK see free films at local cinemas and schools use film as part of their teaching.

Jess was one of the top scorers at the BAFTA ceremony, which was attended by actor Tom Felton, best known as Draco Malfoy in the *Harry Potter* films, and other VIPs from the film industry, which supports the event.

Jess said: "I went with my mum, dad and two friends.

"I never got the letter they sent in the summer, so I only heard two weeks ago. I was very excited."

Jess, who hopes to become a film critic or journalist in the future, reviewed the film *The Devils Wears Prada*.



■ JESS Wilson, who was chosen to attend a BAFTA ceremony in London.

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