

## TV Joseph's Dog Did Not Eat His Homework



“The dog ate my home work’ is not an excuse Year 7 pupil Joseph Riley would ever dream of telling his teachers at St. Ambrose College.

However, as a contestant in the latest episode of the hit CBBC’s television show of the same name, it was never far from his lips.

Joseph was nominated for the TV role by his drama school Stagecoach in Altrincham and after an audition in Manchester travelled up to Glasgow with his mum to shoot the zany scenes in which two teams face a mischievous mix of tongue-in-cheek comedy, off-the-wall questions and slapstick challenges in the school-based panel show.

Joseph, 11, from Timperley, said: “I can’t tell you if I won or not; all I can say was it was like nothing I had ever done before and was just such brilliant fun. I want

nothing more than to be an actor and it was fantastic to be in the studios. My team mates and I just couldn’t stop staring at everything that was going on around us, but managed to pull it together when the cameras started to roll.”

His form teacher at St. Ambrose Marika Richardson said: “Joseph is a very hard working and diligent young man and a joy to teach who would never use that sort of excuse, but it’s not always the case. The most imaginative excuse I have ever heard was ‘the cat stood on the delete button miss.’ which got full marks for invention.”