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# Film buff Hammad scoops critic award

**A PUPIL at Rudston Preparatory School has beaten off stiff competition to win a prestigious national film review competition.**

Hammad Raza has been named one of this year's Young Film Critics Of The Year for his analysis of the film *Ratatouille* in the 7-11 years Film Fan

category for his critique of the film.

He received his accolade from Joel Diefries, presenter of *Blue Peter* and Tom Felton (an upcoming actor from the film *Harry Potter*), at a special awards ceremony at BAFTA in Piccadilly to applause from family and friends and an invited audience of celebrities, teachers and film industry representatives.

In addition to this public recognition, the winners' schools in all categories also receive prizes including a free film screening for their school, and a free Film Education training day for one of their teachers.

"Hammad should

be proud of his achievement," said Ian Wall, director of Film Education—the charity behind the competition.

"It is no mean feat summing up your view of something as complex as a film in just 250 words and making the account both informative and enticing.

What was very gratifying this year was the tendency of some young people to review films they felt passionate about and how often these were not standard blockbusters but thoughtful independent and even foreign language films.

"It's a trend we would like to see develop."

