National Triumphs for Greenacre Academy's Boxing Prodigies

Congratulations are in order as two Greenacre students each added an impressive accolade to their achievements, on Sunday 26th September, as George Ralph and William Howard were victorious in the National Schoolboy Boxing Championships. This is an excellent achievement for both George and William, who have worked tirelessly throughout their respective journeys to the final and are now reaping the rewards of their hard work. The two boys train at Rainham Boxing Club, which celebrated a multitude of successes on the day as several of George and William's club-mates joined them in earning national success.

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Both George and William have fought across the country in their efforts to reach this momentous achievement; on Sunday 11th September, George earned a hardfought victory at the London Schoolboy Boxing Championships, allowing him to progress to the finals in Newcastle where he was joined by William, who was already entered in the tournament. On the day, they both faced a daunting task as they came up against top quality opponents- however, in the end, they were each able to persevere and allow their talent to shine through to earn their well-deserved successes in their respective weight classes. Headteacher, Shelly Bridger said: 'We are extremely proud of both George and William, and are delighted to see them rewarded for the hard work they have put in on this journey.'

Talented young boxers have not been in short supply at Greenacre Academy, as a number of promising sportsmen have attended the school, or are current students. The most successful example that comes to mind is obviously former PGW Head Boy, Karol Itaumanow 4-0 after an extremely impressive start to his professional career. While it remains to be seen if any current Greenacre students will be able to follow in his footsteps and reach those lofty heights, it cannot be denied that George and William are two exceedingly talented prospects each with an immensely bright future ahead of them. Once again, huge congratulations to both George and William on their tremendous achievements.

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