



Shreya is a real sabre star

SUTTON Coldfield's Shreya Anil has been crowned Junior International Sabre Fencing champion less than two years after first taking up the sport.

The 12-year-old was named the overall winner of the Leon Paul Junior Series, which spanned a number of events held across the country throughout the year.

Anil is the current England youth champion in the under-11 age category and recently won a regional qualifying event for the British Youth Championship.

She won gold in the under-12 girls category at the Birmingham based qualifier which booked her a place in the national finals, which take place in Sheffield at the beginning of May.

She said: "I first started fencing because I thought it sounded really interesting and I was excited about trying something different.

"I've grown to love competing and the British Youth Championship is the perfect opportunity to put all of my practice into action."