

Young stars of Wuthering Heights

THREE young students from the Bournemouth-based Stage Door School of Dancing have parts in the highly-acclaimed Good Company production of

Wuthering Heights at the Pavilion Theatre this week.

Playing the part of young Heathcliff is 10-year-old Adam Smith, a pupil at St Katharine's

School, Hengistbury Head, whose other claims to fame are appearing in a Wash 'n' Go shampoo television advert - and playing an extra in the blockbuster movie *Evita*.

"The only problem is you can only see the back of my head," says Adam, who joined the cast of *Evita* on location outside London.

"It's annoying because it is in the scene where *Evita* falls over and dies and I was right next to someone holding the cross by her but Madonna did so many takes to get the falling over right that I'd moved."

Despite these brushes with fame Adam aims to get behind the camera rather than in front of it - working on wildlife programmes.

Playing the part of young Hindley is 13-year-old Nicholas Piovani, from Bournemouth School for Boys, who has also gained experience in *Evita* - but the stage show, not the film, and he has also appeared in local pantomimes. But his ambition is to work behind the scenes too - designing sets.

Young Cathy is played by 10-year-old Samantha Toy of St Katharine's School who has appeared in three local pantomimes and studies ballet and tap dancing but says: "I'd like to be a make-up artist when I grow up or work somewhere like Pet City, but I don't want to be a vet."



WUTHERING HEIGHTS: (from left) Heathcliff played by Adam Smith, Cathy (Samantha Toy) and Hindley (Nicholas Piovani)