

Gary's short cut to silver



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BRIGHOUSE hairdresser Gary Taylor (above) is a cut above the rest — he has won a silver medal in the Skill Olympics in Australia.

The 18-year-old is among 10 young Britons who won medals.

He is the fourth generation of hairdressers at the family business of Ed Taylor's in Park Street, Brighouse.

When he heard the news, his father, Glyn, said: "It's fantastic."

"We have not spoken to Gary yet. The last time we heard from him he was feeling tired after working in the competition for 21 hours spread over four days."

"Gary said he was working in temperatures of 104 degrees in the competition. We are very pleased with how well he did," said Mr Taylor.

Gary went to the Skill Olympics with Mr Michael Hanson, aged 21, of Cherry Tree Drive, Greetland, who restores antique furniture for a firm in Leeds.

Sadly, there was no medal for Mr Hanson. The two were competing against men and women from 20 countries.

Of the Britons who won medals, two took gold, three won silver and five bronze.

The 26-strong British team gave the best performance of a UK team in the Skill Olympics for 20 years.

In 1986, Gary was in the British under-22 team which came third in the world hairdressing championships in Verona, Italy.