



## Local girls' smile wins prize

A local girl was second prizewinner in 'Against the Odds', the national competition organised by the British Orthodontic Society's Orthodontic Specialists Group, to find the most inspiring account of orthodontic treatment.

Thirteen year old Marissa Bailey from Portsmouth suffered from severely 'goofy' teeth which were affecting her ability to communicate with her mother who is profoundly deaf and relies upon lip-reading to understand what is being said. "My life with goofy teeth wasn't easy," said Marissa. "I had to have speech therapy from a young age which I hated and I was shy and lacked confidence because my teeth were affecting my looks. I pleaded with my local dentist to refer me to an orthodontist."

Marissa describes how she 'jumped for joy' after her first visit to **Dr Nicholas Turnbull** at his Orthodontic Practice in Portsmouth. He suggested a course of treatment which involved retainers and a fitted brace.

"It wasn't easy for us," says Marissa. "There were lots of hurdles. Dr Turnbull had to try and communicate my treatment plan to my mum and I had a few breakages along the way!"

Yet Marissa's treatment was wholly successful and her bright new smile was ready in time for her to be a bridesmaid at her mother's wedding! She was so happy with the result she decided to enter Against the Odds, which is sponsored by SDS Ormco.

The competition judges were looking for the most inspirational story of a patient and their orthodontist working together to get the best possible outcome, against the odds. Marissa won second place in the competition and wins a Sonicare toothbrush.

Sky newsreader, Anna Botting, was one of the judges together with Tim Newton, the UK's only Professor of Psychology as applied to Dentistry and Les Joffe, an orthodontic specialist in London's West End. They were impressed by many of the entries which testified to strong working relationships between patients and orthodontic specialists across the country.