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A LOCAL SCHOOLBOY and promising fencer is one step closer to achieving his Olympic dream after winning the Under-10 Foil British Youth Championships.

Ten-year-old Faaris El-Saie, who attends Sussex House School in Cadogan Square and trains at ZFW Fencing Club with Team GB Olympic coach Ziemek Wajchichowski, battled his way through a day of bouts to be awarded the coveted trophy. Faaris's older brother, Zayd – now 13 – won the U10 Epee British Youth Championships three years ago. Formerly a Sussex House student and now attending King's College Wimbledon, Zayd was selected for the U13 Foil England Squad before fracturing his arm in April.

Asked how it felt to be a British champion, Faaris said that “it took a lot of effort and hard work but it feels amazing.

“I would love to be in the Olympics one day.”

