

pupils and hopes they will be in with a good chance of winning.

She said: "They have all been quite creative. One of the pupils wants to ask 'What inspired you?'. I hadn't even thought of asking that. It's quite philosophical.

"Some of them wanted to know if he got bored of the sun rising and setting every four hours.

"Of course we also got the typical questions of 'How do you go to the toilet in space?', and 'What happens if you fart in space?'

"If we got to speak to Tim Peake that would be incredible, wouldn't it?

"It would be really exciting and I think I would be awestruck. It would be a dream come true."

If Granville Sports College wins the competition, the pupils will be invited to Liverpool to learn more about the International Space Station and speak to Mr Peake via online programme Skype. More than 1,000 schools have already signed up to be in with a chance of winning.

On December 15, Tim

Peake became the first UK astronaut with the European Space Agency to go to the International Space Station.

On January 15, he became the first British astronaut to complete a space walk outside of the space station. The purpose of the space walk was to carry out repairs.

Before becoming an astronaut, Mr Peake was in the Army.



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PHYSICS classes at some schools may be just a bit dry.

But not so at Granville Sports College where pupils have high hopes for a chat with British astronaut Tim Peake live from space.

Year 8 pupils at the college in Woodville have been coming up with unusual questions to ask the spaceman. This is so they could be in with a chance of speaking to him during his stay on the International Space Station.

As part of a school module about space, the pupils could also win the chance to be sent a packet of rocket salad seeds which have been grown on the space station and brought back to earth by Mr Peake.

Pupils will then grow them to compare crops with seeds which have stayed on Earth.

Nicola Trewin, science teacher at Granville Sports College, put forward her pupils for both competitions, and is as thrilled as the children to see what happens.

She said: "It's all very exciting. The pupils couldn't believe they were getting seeds from space.

"This is all relevant stuff and I wanted to bring what was happening with the space programme into the classroom. The seeds are a

national experiment, so lots of schools across the country could apply to take part.

"I don't know what will happen with the seeds. I have given it some thought.

"I hope that they both grow the same so that astronauts can take seeds with them and grow them in space."

The schools growing the seeds will not know which ones are which until the end of the experiment and all those taking part will upload their results on to a national database.

Mr Peake will be bringing the 2kg of rocket seeds when he returns to Earth in June and these will then be distributed to the schools taking part.

For the national competition to speak to Tim Peake, children from schools across the UK must video themselves asking their burning questions about life and work as an astronaut.

So far, pupils at Granville Sports College have come up with a good list of questions including 'Does a compass work in space?', 'If you cut yourself, what would happen to the blood and the cut?', 'What is the most impressive thing that you've seen from space?' 'What do you think will happen to the rocket seeds?' and 'Who inspired you and why?'

Ms Trewin said that she has been impressed with the questions put forward by her