

AN inventive teenager from a school in Woodville has designed a meal for British astronaut Tim Peake to tuck into when he returns to Earth this weekend.

Ryan Walker, 13, a pupil at Granville Sports College, has won a competition which required him to create the meal Mr Peake will have missed most in his six months in space.

After hours of online research, Ryan, from Netherfield, came up with a healthy chicken curry, followed by ice cream and strawberries.

Ryan said that he had been really surprised to have won the competition but had put a lot of thought into the meal.

He said: "I am very happy that I won as I didn't think I would. I Googled what Tim had been eating and saw he had a bacon sandwich as his first meal in space so I knew he wasn't a vegetarian. Then I found the recipe for the chicken curry."

"It is really cool that he has been in space. I think he should eat my chicken curry when he returns because it's really healthy."

Today, Ryan will attend a Tim Peake Project celebration event in Swanwick, where he will be presented with his prize of a family ticket to the National Space Centre in Leicester.

Ryan's mum, JUANNE OLIVER-JONES, explained that her son is a keen cook and makes a mean omelette.

She said: "I am very proud of him. I nearly cried when he told me. It took a few minutes for it to sink in, but he is so chuffed. Sometimes he will come into the kitchen when I am cooking and he will ask questions about what I am doing and he will help out."

Yvonne Wright, space ambassador at Derbyshire County Council, which organised the competition, explained that Ryan's design was chosen because it was so healthy.

She said: "Tim has said that he likes curry, and in space you haven't got a good palette so he will probably want something a bit spicy."

"We also liked that it was a healthy and balanced plate."



RYAN'S meal for Tim Peake (left) is a healthy chicken curry followed by ice cream and strawberries.