

Wrigley's Extra-special model girl – that's Laura

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ONE morning Laura Hollins was walking down a Manchester street dressed in jogging bottoms and a jumper, still recovering from a 'heavy' night out.

She was not feeling at her best but a modelling tout didn't agree – he believed her stunning good looks and smile could bring a breath of fresh air to the profession.

Now 18-year-old Laura, of Sunnyside Close, Rawtenstall,

has been selected for the northern semi-final of the model search run by chewing gum giant Wrigley's Extra and Close model agency.

Laura said: 'I was really surprised when I was approached in the street and asked to enter, especially as I was looking rough from the night before.'

'I didn't think anything of it and I certainly didn't expect to get this far.'

Laura is no stranger to modelling. The Free Press spotted her

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potential when she won the Faces of 1999 competition.

Since then she has been involved in various modelling assignments for companies and magazines.

Laura was whittled down from hundreds of entrants to just 10 for the Wrigley semi-final, and it was her ambitions and talents, as well as her looks, which attracted the judges.

If she is selected and wins the final in November, she will feature in a national showbiz magazine, win a dream holiday, be represented by Close model agency, and have the chance to be cast in London Fashion Week.

Laura added: 'If I win it will be a step up the ladder but I don't really want to be a model. I enjoy modelling. It is nice to do but sometimes it can be a bit boring.'

