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Thunderball Win Is A Cut Above The Rest For Swansea Hairdresser!

A Swansea hairdresser is 'awash' with cash after winning the £250,000 Thunderball jackpot in the draw on August 12, 2006. At just 20 years old, the lucky winner is 'dyeing' to get her hands on the cash, and already has plans on how to spend it in 'style'.

Sara Griffiths (20) from Gendros in Swansea, was at her boyfriend Steve's house on Saturday August 12, when her mum called to say she'd won Thunderball.

"I really thought she was joking", said Sara, who picked her winning numbers from family birthdays a year ago. "Mum watches the draw most Saturdays, so when she phoned I checked the numbers and realised I really had won!"

Sara, who works as a hairdresser at the Topp Cutts Salon in Ravenhill, said her job meant the news of her win travelled fast. She commented, "A hairdressers is definitely a place for people to talk. People were coming in and asking if someone here had won the lottery!"

Sara already has plans on how she's going to splash her quarter of a million pound fortune. She and Steve are looking at buying a house together, as Sara currently lives at home with her parents. She explained: "We haven't decided on exactly what type of house yet, or whereabouts. But we will probably stay in the Swansea area."

"We've already booked a holiday to Las Vegas, so I'm sure some of the prize will get spent there. I'd also like a convertible, but all the ones I've seen so far are only two seaters. I'd like four so I can take all my friends with me!"

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Sara's winning ticket was bought at Cross Stores on Pentegethin Road, in Ravenhill, Swansea. The winning Thunderball numbers for 12 August were: 2, 7, 11, 21, 29 and the Thunderball, 9.

This Saturday, there is an estimated £7.5 million Lotto jackpot, while today's (Friday's) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £16 million. Every Lotto play slip now comes with its own Dream Number – it is up to players to mark 'yes' to give their Dream Number its chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip®

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