

# Elizabeth College the senior quiz champions

## Victoria too strong for St Mary & St Michael

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HARD work and commitment paid off for Elizabeth College yesterday as they pipped their Jersey rivals in a nail-biting final of the De Putron Challenge.

The Year 8 team, made up of Chris Dufty, Alex Nicol-Gent and Henry Partington, held their nerve and walked away with the trophy after beating Beaulieu School 22-16.

Chris, 12, was proud of his team.

'All the hard work has paid off and it feels really good.'

Henry, 11, said the questions were harder than previous rounds.

'It was much more difficult, but I think we did particularly well in the science round.'

College principal George Hartley was also very proud of the three boys.

'It is a fun event and I think the acquisition recall of knowledge is not particularly a fashionable aspect of education, but it is a very important one.'

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All the teams who competed in yesterday's University Challenge-style quiz were praised for their ability to answer tough questions under pressure.

Throughout the event at St James, Guernsey flags were being waved in the air by the audience.



The Year 8 winners in yesterday's De Putron Challenge inter-island quiz, the team from Elizabeth College. (Pictures by Steve Sarre, 6531975)

Despite putting up a good fight, the local Year 6 finalists, St Mary & St Michael, were defeated 38-19 when they went up against Victoria College Preparatory School of Jersey.

But Zoe Tester, 10, Jamie Corcoran, 10, and Finn O'Reilly, 11, were happy with what they had achieved.

'It was really nerve-racking and especially since they were

such a good team,' Zoe said.

'We did do a lot of practice at school and at home, but we just weren't quick enough on the buzzers.'

The team aced the spelling round and came up trumps in the science section - Finn's favourite subject.

'Some of the questions were really hard, a lot harder than the first round.'

'We do feel really proud to have come this far and have represented the school.'

Head teacher Helen Shepherd commended the team's hard work.

'They were against an amazing team, but they were so committed and did the school very proud.'

Victoria College winners Callum Geissmar, 10, Joe Beddoe, 11, and Thomas Amy, 10, were amazed at their victory.

'St Mary & St Michael were a really strong team, especially in the spelling round they were amazing,' Joe said.

Callum said they had spent a long time practising for the final head-to-head and used resources such as online quizzes and iPads.

Thomas added: 'It wasn't as difficult as we anticipated, but it was still a challenge.'

Amanda Simmons, trustee of event sponsor the Ana Leaf Foundation, thanked all those who attended.

'I hope you have all enjoyed taking part in this event.'

'I think the challenge promotes a hunger for knowledge and making it fun, which is what we really try to promote.'



The Year 6 team from St Mary & St Michael Primary lost despite great spelling and science rounds. Left to right: Finn O'Reilly, Jamie Corcoran and Zoe Tester. (6532005)