



Seb Robinson, left, and Charlie Brewin.

(Picture by Adrian Miller, 12868271.)

A PAIR of Guernsey youngsters have been named in the British Cadet Rifle team – The Athelings – for their annual match in Canada this summer.

Elizabeth College students Seb Robinson and Charlie Brewin – aged 18 and 16 respectively – have been named in the 18-man team for the month-long tour in July. After their applications were submitted in the autumn term and a 12-person selection committee made the final decision, the pair were informed recently that they had made the squad.

Although Guernsey has had numerous Athelings shooters in the past, having two in the same year is rare and head of college shooting Scott Benest – himself a former Atheling – was delighted for the duo.

‘Earning a spot on the team is a real achievement because there are so many areas that the selectors look at before naming a team each year,’ he said.

College pair to join ‘elite group’

Two Elizabeth College pupils have been selected to be part of the British Cadet Rifle team - The Athelings

‘Obviously the scores are a big part, but there are many other areas, such as making sure everyone included is a good team player and will fit into the dynamic well.

‘It is the highest level you can shoot at as a cadet in the UK and you are shooting against

the best cadets from Canada, South Africa and Australia – so the standard is incredibly high.

‘Being in the team and on the tour is a great experience and both Seb and Charlie have really worked hard and shot well to get their places.’

As a team, the Athelings will shoot at the National Rifle Association of the United Kingdom Imperial meeting in July – better known as Bisley – before flying to Canada to compete with the Royal Canadian Army Cadets and shoot the Dominion of

Canada meeting.

The Athelings is a team that is now over 100 years old after being started up in 1910 when cadets from Australia, New Zealand and Canada came to shoot in England.

Benest estimates that between 30 and 40 Elizabeth College shooters have been selected in that lengthy time, making both Robinson and Brewin part of an elite group.