



After winning the CI Maths Challenge Cup, the Elizabeth College team is off to the UK to face off against more than 50 teams. Left to right, Alex Potter, maths teacher Andrew Mulholland, Francois Cloete and Tom Stapley. (Picture by Steve Sarre, 14058877)

Maths Challenge winning team heading to UK

STUDENTS from years 8 and 9 at Elizabeth College will compete against teams from across the United Kingdom for this year's UK Team Maths Challenge trophy.

The team swept away opposition from Guernsey and Jersey at the regional final, held recently at Victoria College, Jersey, to win the Channel Islands Maths Challenge Cup.

The Grammar School was second, with Jersey's Victoria College in third.

The Elizabeth College team will now go on to compete in the national final at the Royal Horticultural Halls in London on Monday 20 June 2016.

Nationally, 1,700 schools compete in regional rounds

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with around 80 teams progressing to the final.

Elizabeth College maths teacher Andrew Mulholland said: 'The boys performed really well in Jersey and have worked hard to beat some tough competition. While they know the standard will be extremely high, they are looking forward to competing against some of the top schools in the UK.'

'We are very grateful to BWCI for their ongoing sponsorship of the event, which allows budding mathematicians to test their talents against their peers and encourages them to pursue

future studies in maths-based subjects.'

Team member Alex Potter said he was really excited about taking part in the final and he enjoyed maths a lot.

Fellow team member Tom Stapley said: 'I think it's a good opportunity for us to take part in something like that.'

'The challenge questions are quite cryptic and you have to think about everything that might be involved.'

Francois Cloete added: 'It is quite a lot of fun as we all really like maths.'

'I particularly like the puzzles as they get you thinking more than the usual questions we do in maths.'