

# College boys recognised for academic achievements



Ben Perry, left, and Jonathan Beck, both 18, at St James, for the 2016 Elizabeth College prize-giving awards.

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by Aaron Carpenter

ELIZABETH College's annual prize-giving ceremony celebrated the school's star performers at an event which rewarded students' efforts across the year groups.

The ceremony saw year group prizes awarded for each subject in addition to a number of special school trophies.

It also featured an opening address by Rev. Timothy Barker, Dean of Guernsey, and chair of the board of directors at the college, and a special guest speech from former pupil Dr Simon Bradshaw.

Academic vice-principal Rick James said it was a brilliant opportunity to celebrate success throughout the school.

'It is the end product of what we spend the year doing and is central to the message of excellence and achievement that we want to put out,' he said.

'It is a great chance for us to celebrate the boys' achievements and to be able to have a guest speaker here to inspire them.'

Adam Sparkes, 16, won five year group awards including ones for English, maths and history. He said it was a great idea to recognise students' development across the board.

'I was quite thrilled to get these awards, especially during my GCSE year,' he said. 'It comes down to a lot of hard work and perseverance. I am very proud of my English award, it is a subject I have worked hard on,' he said.

'I have developed a lot with the help of my teachers and now I am taking it at A-level.'

Jack Colley, 18, who was awarded eight prizes at the ceremony, also delivered a speech on his classmates' experiences over the past seven years.

'I was pleased to learn that I had won these awards,' he said.

'I appreciate all these prizes and that the teachers decided to award them to me.'

'It [the prize-giving] was an amazing opportunity to celebrate the school's achievements, and to have an old Elizabethan guest speaker was really inspiring.'

Mr Colley will now read English at Oxford University, which was one of the subjects for which he was awarded a prize.

Year 13 pupil Ben Perry, 18, received the Bulstrode prize for design & technology practical work.

'I am very pleased to see the effort recognised,' he said.

'After my A-levels I am hoping to go into product design.'

At the other end of the school, Timothy Neal, 12, and George Smith, 12, also won the year seven prizes for Mathematics and IT respectively.

Timothy said he was 'pleased but not surprised'.

'It is very satisfying to get something back.'

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