

Elizabeth College beat all rivals in local round of De Putron Challenge

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IT WAS a clean sweep for Elizabeth College at this year's local round of the De Putron Challenge.

The event, which is now in its 11th year, sees students from Years 6, 8 and the sixth forms fight it out in a battle of brains.

The Beechwood and Elizabeth College teams were victorious in all three age groups.

A day and evening of heats comprised of quick fire question and answer rounds and a new computer coding challenge for the sixth-formers.

The theme for this year's event was Around The World with quiz rounds on art, sport, history, science and music given an international angle.

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The Digital Greenhouse designed the new technological round in which the teams had to write a program to safely navigate a Lego robot through a maze. The fastest and most accurate robot to complete the course was the one built by the Grammar School and Sixth Form Centre.

Last year's De Putron Challenge final in Jersey saw Victoria College emerge as winners from the post-16 groups.

As the popularity of the competition continues to grow, Ana



The Year 8 Winners Elizabeth College, left to right: Aidan Honey, William Dereham and William Beasley.

(Picture by Steve Sarre, 19810731)

Leaf Foundation trustee and founder of the competition, Hayley de Putron, said: "The principal aim of the De Putron Challenge is to engage with the island's youth in a way that is both educational and collaborative.

'We want to show students that

academic excellence is something that should be celebrated at any age and it is great to see that each year more and more Channel Islands schools sign up to compete.

'We are constantly looking at ways to develop the competition to keep it fresh. Introducing a

computer programming round for this year's Guernsey post-16 age group not only introduces another team element to the rounds but also combines mathematical prowess with the students' IT ability.

'If successful, we will endeavor

our to roll this out at the Jersey post-16 event next year and possibly to the younger age groups in coming years.'

■ The inter-insular final will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Jersey on Thursday.