

# British Schools' Championships for judo players

TWO Guernsey Judo Club members competed at the British Schools' Judo Championships held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield last month.

Lewis Bourgaize, of La Mare de Carteret High School, competed in the under 66kg category for Years 10 and 11.

Despite running his opponent very close, he lost his first contest.

Even with this initial loss, his day wasn't over, as he was then placed in the repechage – the route to the bronze medal.

Bourgaize performed well in this, winning the next three contests on

the ground with two hold downs and an arm lock. But he narrowly missed out on reaching the bronze medal contest when he lost by two seven-point scores.

Although he didn't win a medal on this occasion, Bourgaize did gain his first 10 points towards his 1st Dan (black belt), making him the youngest player – he is 15 – at the Guernsey Judo Club to do so.

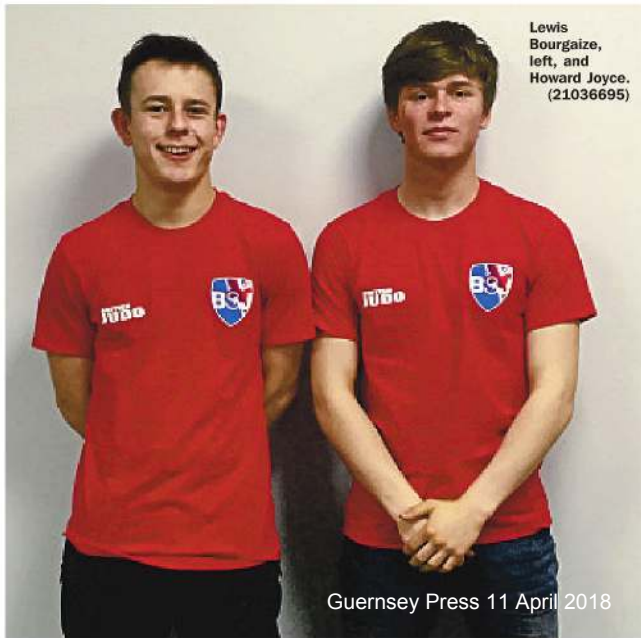
Day two of the competition saw Howard Joyce, from Elizabeth College, competing in the under 73kgs category for Years 12 and 13.

In his first contest Joyce came up against a much larger opponent and gave it his all, but only just missed out on the win.

His loss put him in the repechage to head towards the bronze medal, but the 2017 winner of the competition stood in his way.

Howard put up a very good fight but was unable to get past such a tough opponent.

Both players and their schools can be extremely proud of their performances at the competition, both finishing in seventh place in their respective years and weight categories.



Lewis Bourgaize, left, and Howard Joyce. (21036695)