

College Year 8 win De Putron Challenge

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IT PROVED to be a meeting of great minds and high intellect when Guernsey pupils battled it out in the annual De Putron Challenge.

Elizabeth College were crowned champions of the Year 8 Guernsey trophy, late yesterday afternoon, after seeing off a team from La Mare de Carteret High in the final.

Earlier in the day, a team from the St Mary and St Michael Catholic Primary claimed victory in the Year 6 competition and both will now battle their Jersey counterparts at the inter-island finals to be held on Monday.

All the teams who competed in yesterday's University Challenge-style quiz, held at St James, were praised for their ability to answer tough questions under pressure.

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But after holding their nerve and coming out victorious in the Year 8 final, the Elizabeth College team – Henry Partington, Chris Dufty, and Alex Nicol-Gent – said they had been 'moderately' confident of winning title beforehand and particularly worked together well in the team rounds.

Chris, 12, said they were delighted to come out on top.

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Elizabeth College Year 8 at the De Putron Challenge held last night at St James. The team went on to win the Guernsey Trophy and will now face their Jersey counterparts. Left to right are Henry Partington, Chris Dufty, and Alex Nicol-Gent. (Picture by Adrian Miller, 6484786)

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'Having got this far we may as well go all the way now [against the Jersey team].'

Alex, 13, said they now hoped to take that confidence into the inter-island competition.

'I was rather nervous to start with, but it was good,' he said.

The La Mare team – which included Neo Hlapane, Rhiannon Lambert, Finley Shepherd and Louis Le Cheminant (used reserve) – said they were pleased to have reached the final.

Neo said the questions were really tough, but they had been

proud to represent La Mare High.

'Especially when our school is run down by people,' he said.

'It shows that we can do more than what people think.'

Finley said they were just happy to have performed to their potential. 'We did the best we could,' he said.

While the Year 6 and 8 inter-island titles will be decided on Monday, when the Jersey teams travel to Guernsey, the post-16 competition has already been held.

This year, for the first time, students from Elizabeth College and Ladies' College travelled to Jersey to take on five of their neighbour-

ing counterparts in a pan-island contest.

A nail-biting final between Elizabeth College and Victoria College saw the Jersey team win by a single point.

But Elizabeth College's commendable performance still saw them take home the Guernsey post-16 trophy.

Trustee of event sponsor Ana Leaf Foundation, Hayley de Putron hailed the knowledge of the school teams in Guernsey's contests yesterday.

'I think it is quite incredible how smart young people in Guernsey are.'