

Fraserburgh Finalists for Technology Challenge

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Pupils at Fraserburgh Academy recently competed in a local heat of the Technology Schools Challenge run by North East Scotland College (NESCol) and sponsored by Shell UK. Iona Strachan and Calum Duthie were the winning girl and boy to undergo knockout challenges to claim the title of best in class and then best in school.

Iona and Calum will go on to represent the Academy in the grand Technology Schools Challenge final which will be held at the College's Fraserburgh campus in spring 2018. Runners – up were Pyper Noble and Benjamin Bain.

Neil Cowie, Vice Principal – Access and Partnership at NESCol comments, "We are delighted to be able to run this challenge once again with the support from Shell. The competition provides the students with an insight into technology and engineering at a time when they begin to think about their future subject choices at school."

The Schools Technology Challenge, is in its fifteenth year and aims to encourage young people to consider engineering as a potential career option through engaging with over 1300 second year pupils in a fun and accessible way. Participating schools are Banff, Fraserburgh, The Gordon Schools - Huntly, Meldrum, Ellon, Mintlaw, Peterhead and Turriff. The competition is an example of how schools, the College and industry continue to work effectively and collaboratively together for the good of the young people living and learning in the North East of Scotland.

Debbie Murray, Science Faculty Head/ Principal Teacher of Science adds, "Fraserburgh Academy is pleased to once again take part in the technology challenge, it is a great chance for pupils to see their learning in a real world context. The partnership we have with NESCOL allows for the enrichment of the curriculum we provide here at the academy."



Pupils pictured left to right: Benjamin Bain, Calum Duthie, Iona Strachan and Pyper Noble

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