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PRESS RELEASE

KEGS YOUNG ENGINEERS ARE RUNNERS-UP IN NATIONAL YOUNG ENGINEERS' CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARDS

KEGS Young Engineers' Club is celebrating after being named runner-up in the National Young Engineers Club awards which were held at the National Big Bang Science and Engineering Fair last week.

Nine Young Engineers' Club members from King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford, took part in the three-day event which, this year, was held in Manchester from 11 to 13 March. They were representing the club in two competitions – the Young Engineers' Club of the Year and the CREST awards.

Ciaran Sanford (year 12), David Wood (year 11), year 10s Patrick Wiltshire and Max Stone and Daniel Lock (year 9) were representing KEGS Young Engineers Club in the National Club awards. They were selected for the national finals after being announced joint winners of the regional club showcase in July last year at Anglia Ruskin University. KEGS' club has over sixty members working on a variety of projects over the course of the year, so they had a lot to present to the judges.

Frank Stevens, Sioni Summers, Andy Patterson and David Moody (from year 13) had also entered their gold CREST award-winning 'Ground Surveillance Vehicle' from last year's Engineering Education Scheme in the national CREST awards. It has already been awarded the runners-up prize for Systems and Control in the Chelmsford Engineering Society Awards.

KEGS Engineering Co-ordinator & Club Leader Penny Bunting commented: "We were delighted to be announced as the runner up for the Young Engineers Club of the Year Award. The team was presented with a trophy and cheque for £750.

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“The Fair was a great opportunity to find out about engineering and science in the UK from the huge range of companies taking part such as SELEX Galileo, intel and the BBC, from professional bodies such as The Royal Academy of Engineering and the British Science Association and from the other schools who were also exhibiting at the fair.

“The team were also able to attend live shows such as Brainiac and Bang goes the Theory. The whole event was extremely enjoyable but very intensive as the teams also had to man our stands from 7:30am to 5pm each day.

“Congratulations to all the team for representing the club so ably, and for their work in preparing for this event.”

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More info about the competitions:

<http://www.nationalsciencecompetition.org/> and follow YE link or
<http://www.youngeng.org/home.asp> and follow Big Bang link

or general info about the event is at
<http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/>