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Bayside students at CyberCenturion final

A team of Bayside students have gone through to the final of the 2015 CyberCenturion Schools Challenge against stiff competition from schools across the UK.

CyberCenturion is the UK arm of the Cyber Patriot competition in the US, organised by Northrop Grumman. Northrop Grumman partnered with Cyber Security Challenge UK last summer to launch the competition in the UK for the first time. The competition is designed to inspire young people towards careers in cyber security and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), helping build a bigger UK cyber talent pool.

The competition is open to anyone under the age of 18 and teams must be led by a responsible adult who can act as the organiser for the activities.

Over two weekends, the boys were given a number of cybersecurity challenges and were awarded points for their attempts. The teacher responsible for this initiative is Mr Stewart Harrison, the school's Head of Physics, and the team is made up of seven students:

- Aaron Baw, Abdullah Shuja and Petr Zagura (Year 12)
- Christopher Edwards and William Menez (Year 10)
- Asadullah Shuja and Ben Sene (Year 9)

The Grand Final will take place in the UK on the 17th of April and will be held in Bletchley Park, the very same place where Alan Turing decoded the Enigma machine.

Head teacher Colin Skinner commented, 'this is both a magnificent achievement and a wonderful opportunity for some of our most gifted students. I have no doubt that they will do Bayside and Gibraltar proud in the final.'