



# ROTARY CLUB OF STEVENAGE GRANGE

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## **Student Technology Tournament**

Over one hundred pupils from six Secondary Schools joined in a technology tournament at Barclay School, Stevenage on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, to put considerable thought into a design problem.

The tournament was jointly organised by the Rotary clubs of North Hertfordshire, the Hertfordshire County Council's Childrens, Schools & Families service, M.B.D.A. and SETPOINT Hertfordshire.

Schools taking part were: Barclay, Barnwell, Heathcote, John Henry Newman, Marriotts St Christophers, and Thomas Alleyes.

Teams were divided into different categories, Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced modes to the set exercises.

Each team was supplied with a standard pack of materials and tools, and were tasked with designing a device that would separate, store, and count a selection of different coins. Each team had also to submit written information as to their design plan, and were judged on these., their team co-operation tactics, use of materials, and effectiveness of the finished device.

Certificates were presented to the winners, and the event was kindly sponsored by the above organisations.

Overall winners were:

	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Advanced</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	St Christophers	St Christophers	John Henry Newman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marriotts	Marriotts	Barclay

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### **Note to Editors**

Technology tournaments are one day events organised by Rotary Clubs for teams from local schools and colleges. Tournaments consist of teams of four students undertaking an unseen challenge against the clock, of a design, build and test nature. The task is consistent with the requirements of the National Curriculum. Its execution develops team building, communication skills, planning and time management, as well as solving a design and technology problem