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**WHITSTONE'S GREEN TRIUMPH**

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A team from Whitstone school has come third in the Somerset heats of this year's IMechE Greenpower challenge at the Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford. The Shepton Mallet students pitted their wits against 13 other schools across Somerset in the electrifying environmental races to see whose eco-cars could complete the highest number of laps within the four hour endurance limit. They achieved 239 laps.

Whitstone have taken part in this event since it was first introduced to Somerset by Somerset EBP. It was the second time they came third in the Somerset heat and the fourth time they have qualified for the final at Goodwood in October.

"Half way through we were in sixth place," said ICT and design teacher Mr Gromski.

"Then our youngest and lightest driver, Tammi-Jo Rogers-Morgan, took over and drove incredibly well and fast getting us into third place by the end of her session - her brother Dominic Morgan, his third year of driving for Whitstone, then maintained the position until the end of the race.

"This is a fantastic event - the Haynes track is by far the most exciting of the tracks used including Goodwood and the pupils always have lots of fun."

The team, comprising of Megan Welch, David Ashford, Edward Ashford, Sam Basset, James Blake, Jacob King, Terry Baker, Dominic Morgan and Tammi-Jo Rogers-Morgan spent months designing and building their car as part of extra curricular programmes.

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