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YOUNG ENGINEERS OF THE FUTURE COMPETE AT YEOVIL COLLEGE

Yeovil College was the proud host of the recent Dorset County final of the Junior Engineers for Britain K'NEX Challenge competition 2008, organised by SETPOINT Dorset.

Twenty-six 7-11 year olds from 9 middle and primary schools around Dorset took part in the contest, which aims to introduce school children to the exciting world of design and engineering.

Teams from each school were asked to come up with an innovative design solution to a specific problem using K'NEX construction kits. This year, they had to design a lifting mechanism able to raise a shoe at least 29cm with only the K'NEX provided and a piece of string. All entries were designed and made in the last few months.

The competition was judged by four science and engineering ambassadors from business and industry. They were delighted with both the efforts of the pupils taking part and the opportunity the contest offered to them. One judge said *"Seeing the high standard of ideas and the capabilities of the young people here today, as well as the fact that the room is half filled with girls, bodes very well for the future of the engineering industry."*



The winning team was **'Team Click'**, consisting of Peter Davidson and Jake Climo of St. Mary's Middle School, Puddletown. They said *"Although we were nervous and it took us several attempts until we managed to get our structure right, we had good fun doing it."*

Peter and Jake will now take part in the West of England regional final held at the Fleet Air Arm Museum on Wednesday 2nd July 2008.

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SETPPOINT Dorset is a local subsidiary of STEMNET, a charity devoted to the promotion of the key topic areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). SETPOINT Dorset aims to ensure that all young people in the area's schools and colleges have access to a balanced portfolio of high quality programmes and activities that is both effective and complementary to the curriculum across all key stages and STEM subjects.

Yeovil College works in partnership and support of SETPOINT Dorset. SETPOINT Dorset is based within the main College campus.

The Junior Engineers for Great Britain K'NEX Challenge is an annual competition organised by SETPOINTS nationwide in conjunction with Young Engineers, Hasbro, and the Education Business Partnerships. The contest is for 7-11 year olds and aims to provide school children with a fun and exciting introduction to the world of engineering and technology.

Photograph shows (l-r) Peter Davidson and Jake Climo of Team Click, with their winning design.