

Shell Bright Ideas Challenge Winners

Silverdale School students in Year 8 study and research renewable energy as part of their Geography curriculum. They were given the opportunity to take part in Shell's Bright Ideas Challenge, which involved designing an energy solution for our future demands in energy, with an ever increasing population.

Six groups took up the challenge and were entered into the competition. On 20 May we were notified that one of our groups is the Yorkshire winner! As regional winners Shell has awarded each student with a tablet and £1500 towards STEM teaching at Silverdale School.

Chas Ponsford, Silverdale School's Deputy Head teacher said "We are absolutely delighted that our brilliant Y8 students are the Yorkshire Winners of the Shell Bright Ideas project with their imaginative solar panel project. The award is also a tribute to our excellent teachers who have supported and encouraged the students throughout the project. Thank you to Shell for giving our students the amazing opportunity to meet other winners in London and for donating such generous prizes to the school and the contestants!"

The students will travel to "Make the Future London" Festival on 1 July where regional winners will compete to win the national title. Students and teachers are very proud of the group's achievement and are excited at the possibility of being crowned national winners.



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