



Northrop Grumman Announces Finalists for 2016 CyberCenturion Competition

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STEM Initiative Aims to Find UK's Best Young Cyber Talent

LONDON, Feb. 19, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) has announced the ten teams who have qualified for the CyberCenturion National Finals, to be held on April 26 at The National Museum of Computing, Bletchley Park. The teams have competed in three gruelling rounds of intense online cyber battles over the past four months to reach this stage of the competition.

Now in its second year, CyberCenturion is the U.K.'s first team-based cyber security contest for 12-18 year olds. Sponsored by Northrop Grumman in partnership with Cyber Security Challenge U.K., the competition aims to engage talented young people with an interest in cyber as a way to bridge the national skills gap in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects and encourage careers in cyber security.

This year's finalists are from across the U.K., and includes one team from Gibraltar. The teams (in no particular order) are:

- **G-Sec** (Bayside School, Gibraltar)
- **Tom & Co** (Frome Community College, Frome)
- **Jake & Co** (Frome Community College, Frome)
- **Matrix Mk IV** (King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford)
- **KEGS Sixth** (King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford)
- **OpAmps** (King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford)
- **You can't "C" me** (St George's School, Edgbaston)
- **St George's Cybers** (St George's School, Edgbaston)
- **REFRESH** (independent team, Ipswich)
- **CADS 2** (Cyber Apprenticeship Development Scheme, Malvern)

"Promoting STEM education and building the cyber talent pool is vitally important for Northrop Grumman, and CyberCenturion has provided a fantastic opportunity for young people interested in the world of cyber security to get their first real experience of the scenarios and challenges that today's professionals grapple with on a daily basis," said Andrew Tyler, chief executive Europe, Northrop Grumman. "We offer our congratulations to all the finalists, and look forward to welcoming them to the National Finals at The National Museum of Computing in April."

Cyber Centurion is the U.K. version of the highly successful CyberPatriot programme in the United States that is presented and delivered by the Northrop Grumman Foundation and the non-profit Air Force Association. Northrop Grumman's commitment to presenting the competition is key to company's desire to inspire young people to choose and consider cyber security and STEM subjects as career paths, and to broaden the cyber talent pool in the U.K.

To find out more about CyberCenturion go to: <http://cybersecuritychallenge.org.uk/> or <http://www.northropgrumman.com/CorporateResponsibility/Pages/CyberCenturion.aspx>

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