



*UKAYRoC – Announces the Finalists for the 2008 Fly-off Event*



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Tri Polus Ltd, the UK Rocketry Association (UKRA), Space Connections and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) are pleased to announce the 20 finalists for the second UK Aerospace Youth Rocketry Challenge (UKAYRoC) – to be held on **March 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Charthouse School, Surrey.**

A record number of **40** teams registered to participate in the qualification process covering a large number of regions, including teams from Northern Ireland, making this a truly UK challenge.

Teams had to build and test their rockets trying to meet the mission requirements of carrying **2 raw eggs** to reach **exactly 750 feet** with flight duration of exactly **45 seconds** from lift-off to touchdown.

The average score for the top 10 teams was 48 (0 being the perfect score) with one school scoring below 10! Of the teams participating the following **top 20** teams have reached the UK finals:

Team Name	Location	Team Name	Location
342 (Ealing & Brentford) SQN	Chiswick	Horsforth Secondary School	Horsforth, Leeds
Beaumont School	St Albans, Herts	Keighley Guides	Keighley
Coombeshead College (Team 1)	Newton Abbot	Lancaster School	Leicester
Coombeshead College (Team 2)	Newton Abbot	Loreto College	Coleraine, Belfast
Costessey High School (Team 2)	Norwich	Royal Liberty School	Essex
Crofton School (Team 1)	Portsmouth	Salt Grammar School	Baildon, Bradford
Crofton School (Team 2)	Portsmouth	Shipston High School	Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire
Dinnington Comp School (Team 1)	Sheffield	Thornton Grammar (Team 1)	Bradford
Harrogate Grammar	Harrogate, North Yorkshire	Thornton Grammar (Team 2)	Bradford
Holy Wells High School	Ipswich	Wootton Bassett School	Wiltshire

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A Sponsors' Challenge, where teams from the event sponsors will take place after the main finals fly-off on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The same rules applying to the student teams will apply to the Sponsors Fly-off.

**\*\*\*\*STOP PRESS\*\*\*\*** The winners of UKAYRoC will attend the USTeam America Rocketry Challenge on 18<sup>th</sup> May. The winning UK UKAYRoC team will also compete against the winning US Team attending Farnborough 2008 for a special one-off Fly-off event on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Raytheon are sponsoring both UK and USA teams to attend Farnborough 2008.

UKAYRoC which aims "To provide secondary school students with a realistic experience in designing a flying aerospace vehicle that meets a specified set of mission and performance requirements". The overall aim is to encourage students to take up **Science, Engineering and Aerospace** as a career.

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