



Ambrose Chemists Have Golden Formula in Chemistry Olympiad

St. Ambrose College chemists had the perfect formula in the National Chemistry Olympiad winning a gold and four silver medals.

It is the first time the Hale Barns Catholic grammar school has entered the elite national competition that attracts only the nation's top young minds.



St. Ambrose's golden student was Edward England, 17, from Warrington, who wants to study engineering at university and said: "Chemistry is the study of the building blocks of life and if we want to manipulate the world around us to our benefit we need to have a fundamental understanding of all its properties."

From left to right behind Edward are the silver medallists, Sean Gallagher-Gill, 18, from Cheadle; Patrick Kearns, 18, from Altrincham; Adam Gibbons, 18, from Warrington and Liam Devlin, 18, from Stockport.

St. Ambrose College's Head of Chemistry Mark Elwell said: "This cohort has provided us with some of the best chemists St. Ambrose has ever had and we wanted to give them an opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities."

Mr Elwell added: "Chemistry, like all the sciences, is incredibly important because technology drives progress and the next generation of chemists, chemical engineers and engineers are those who will build on our dwindling resources and improve all our lives in the years to come."

He added: "Good chemists are intuitive, imaginative and inquiring; it's a subject that extends and challenges the young mind."

Only the top eight per cent of all entrants win gold, and only the top 20 per cent win silvers, with schools nationwide only entering their very best candidates.

