

On 7th July, over 50 students attended a Greenpower race day at Blyton Park. This was the climax of eight months of work, building and testing the F24 Greenpower cars. This is not an extracurricular activity. This is part of our standard Engineering curriculum and one of the many reasons we have achieved Greenpower Centre of Excellence status.

The four Baysgarth teams worked efficiently to set up our pit areas on arrival and prepared SeaBrooks, Silverstone, Donor and The Burr for the two endurance races. In our first season, we qualified for the International Final at Silverstone, so the pressure was on to secure a place in the International Final at Goodwood. We secured fifth place in the first race with a distance of 28 miles covered. Not good enough to secure a place in the final.

Back in the pits, students evaluated the performance from Race One and prepared for Race Two.

At the start of Race Two, there was an electrical fault with SeaBrooks, placing Team Adrenaline in 16th place. The Burr, Donor and Silverstone were performing well, maintaining positions 1, 2 and 3 through to lap 20. As the batteries deteriorated the positions fell. But not for SeaBrooks.

As an underdog after the electrical fault, SeaBrooks started to outperform nearly every car on the track. Team Adrenaline's driver strategy was paying off and by the 25th lap they had moved into third place. Securing another place in an International Final was within reach. With six minutes to go, SeaBrooks was in first place by one lap with an average of three minutes per lap. The second-place team, clocking two minutes per lap. It was down to the wire!

At the final flag, Team Adrenaline had managed to secure first place and ninth position nationally. We are now in preparation for our second International Final in our second season of racing.

Here's some parental feedback:

Thank you for this message. Always lovely to hear the positives. He had a great day and is completely exhausted. Thank you again for giving him this opportunity.

Thank you for your email; he said that it has been an excellent day. Thanks for the opportunity. The pupils are very lucky to have this experience. Thank you. Kind regards.

Just to say thank you so much for the experience you gave Toby and his friends today, I know they've had an amazing day that will be remembered for a long time.

Thank you so much for this email. Spencer has had a fantastic day. Thank you to all the staff for looking out for him today.

Mia certainly seems to have enjoyed herself and I have to thank you and the school for giving her the opportunity. It's a great experience for the kids.

Thank you so much for that email. Hayden has had a great day and was passed out within an hour of getting home. He absolutely loved it. Thank you for giving him the opportunity to take part in something like this. He's truly enjoyed this year in your class and we have noticed him thinking of a future in engineering. Great way to end the year for you all.

Harry thoroughly enjoyed today and is beaming about it.

That's reassuring to know Alex and his friends behaved as they should representing the school and us as parents. He thoroughly enjoyed the day and came home exhilarated and showed us his photos and videos. What an amazing opportunity it has been for them today and we are most grateful to you all at Baysgarth.

Just wanted to thank you for this email, it makes a change to receive something positive regarding Kieran as usually the only communication I receive is negative so thank you.

Thank you for allowing students to have such an enjoyable day; she really enjoyed it.