

A Ladies' verses Elizabeth College final for Guernsey Moot

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The Ladies' College will be looking to hold onto their title when they face Elizabeth College in the 2023 Collas Crill Guernsey Moot final.

Mathilda Litten and Evie Patterson from the Ladies' College and Josh Fallaize and Zaheer Anees from Elizabeth College will go head to head in a fictitious negligence case involving a road traffic accident.

For the third year the Deputy Bailiff, Jessica Roland, will act as head judge, giving her verdict in the mock trial on 5 December, which will once again be taking place in the Royal Court.

Joining the Deputy Bailiff on the judging panel will be Collas Crill's Training Principal and Partner Ben Havard and Partner Wayne Atkinson.

Around 100 sixth form students from the Sixth Form Centre, Blanchelande, Elizabeth and Ladies' College took part in this year's Guernsey Moot.

The Moot involves students studying real-life legal case notes and applying them to a mock court situation. Participants are mentored and coached by Collas Crill paralegals and trainee solicitors throughout the competition and judged by some of the firm's partners and lawyers during the mock trials.

The students are marked on a number of factors including their court etiquette, persuasiveness, clarity, body language and time-keeping.

Mathilda, Evie, Josh and Zaheer have come through three rounds of the annual competition to reach the hotly contested final – which was won by The Ladies' College last year.

The last round was about testamentary capacity in the fictitious case of Dollar v Armstrong, where two children of a wealthy testator argued over whether the testator's most recent will was made with the necessary capacity.

'Once again all the coaches have been most impressed with the level of professionalism and commitment the students have shown in the earlier rounds,' said Collas Crill's Training Principal and Partner, Ben Havard.

'We are delighted that once again the Deputy Bailiff Jessica Roland will be presiding over the final. Staging this in the Royal Court with all the formality and etiquette this requires certainly brings the whole Moot experience to life. The final is always closely fought and I wish Mathilda, Evie, Josh and Zaheer good luck.'

The Collas Crill Guernsey Moot final takes place at The Royal Court on Tuesday 5 December at 4.45pm.

The winners will be presented with the Collas Crill Moot shield to take back to their school, as well as individual trophies.

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Some photos of this year's Collas Crill Guernsey Moot



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