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Christmas rescue  
dogs seeking homes

THE RSPCA's Christmas rescue dogs are looking for homes. The charity is asking for donations to help them find homes. The dogs are available for adoption from February 1st. The RSPCA is a charity that helps animals in need. They have a website where you can find out more about the dogs and how to help them. The dogs are available for adoption from February 1st. The RSPCA is a charity that helps animals in need. They have a website where you can find out more about the dogs and how to help them.

Grants Information Evenings

Information evenings are being held to provide information about grants available for businesses. The evenings are being held on February 11th and 12th. The grants are available for businesses that are registered in Northern Ireland. The grants are available for businesses that are registered in Northern Ireland. The grants are available for businesses that are registered in Northern Ireland. The grants are available for businesses that are registered in Northern Ireland.

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Tom Heaney (teacher), Mrs Connor, (Deputy Principal - Ballymena Academy) with top 3 students in GCSE Construction and the Built Environment - Tim Bailie (1st), Matthew Orr (2nd) and Richard Carson (3rd) pictured with Mr Warwick (teacher) and Barry Neilson, Chief Executive CITB NI.

# Hat trick goes to Academy at GCSE Construction Awards

**BALLYMENA Academy students have scooped the top three places in a prestigious GCSE construction competition.**

They received their prizes at the Annual Chartered Institute of Building Awards held at Nutts Corner Training Centre.

Matthew Orr took pole position with second place going to Tim Bailie and third place to Richard Carson.

The GCSE in Construction and the Built Environment has been developed by CCEA to help students develop knowledge and understanding of the

construction industry and have opportunities to apply their developing knowledge and skills in relevant, enjoyable and work-related contexts.

The students were invited to the annual Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Awards hosted by CITB NI which awarded those professionals who gained CIOB status throughout the year and included a presentation Graham Construction on the building and development of the Grand Central Hotel in Belfast.

On presenting the awards, Barry Neilson, Chief Executive, CITB NI, said, "It is with great pleasure to award

three students from Ballymena Academy the top accolades in GCSE in Construction 2019.

"Construction is a rewarding industry with a variety of opportunities on offer from project management to onsite roles with prospects for career enhancement and good earning potential.

"The popularity of the subject is growing and over 7000 pupils have undertaken the exam over the past decade. We hope that by studying and excelling at this level students may consider their future career path within this sector."