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ECO-INNOVATION WINNER



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I JOINED the Eco-Innovation Awards because it sounded like fun and I care about the environment.

We had to come up with something that would help the environment in some way. I worked in a small team and I was lucky enough to be chosen as team captain. Our team decided to design a house submerged underground. The idea was that the soil would keep the house warm in winter and absorb extra heat in summer to keep it cool. Because the house was buried it did not disturb the look of the countryside. I researched prefabricated houses and I looked at the costings and discovered a small house can be built in a factory for around the price of an average family car, so it has the potential to solve the housing crisis. We pitched our idea to Nic Seal, MD of Environet UK, who is sponsoring the award. Mr Seal has himself invented an eco-friendly machine to remove Japanese knotweed. The best bit of the awards was acting in a mock advert we filmed for our house. I was very happy when I won the overall prize, which was an Amazon voucher.

If any Specialist Schools would like to apply to enter the Eco-Innovation Awards scheme, email nic.seal@environetuk.com.