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Basepoint Crawley is proud to have supported the Young Start-Up Talent competition, a Dragons Den style competition which aimed to encourage young entrepreneurs from the Gatwick Diamond to start-up their own businesses.

(pictured from L to R: Matt Tyson, Lorraine Nugent, James Seear (winner), Tom Williams (winner), Alan Trace, Matt Turner, Marion Broughton, Mark O'Shea)



The competition has now been judged and 17 year old's, Thomas Williams and James Seear, have been named the winners of the £50,000 prize fund which includes a year's free office space at Basepoint Crawley. Thomas and James' company, Recyclabook, which allows students to recycle used textbooks online, was chosen to win following a successful trial last year.

Originally, Basepoint donated a year's virtual office to the prize fund for the Young Start-Up Talent competition, but when Recyclabook was named as the winner, Basepoint decided that a physical workstation would be more beneficial to the company.

Karen Osborne, Area Manager for Basepoint, says: "Supporting start-up businesses and encouraging entrepreneurs is intrinsic to Basepoint's ethos, so it was a pleasure for us to offer Thomas and James a year's free work space at Basepoint Crawley.

"I'm sure this prize will be of great benefit to the boys, as Basepoint Crawley will be an ideal base for them to grow and develop their business, and Basepoint's support will help to make the day-to-day operations of their business easier.

"The Young Start-up Talent Competition is a great opportunity for young people. The prize package is a tremendous platform for Thomas and James and is sure to set their company off on a very steady and progressive footing. Given that they are both under 18 and have already demonstrated that they have the drive and determination needed to succeed in business, I wish them all the best of luck for the future. Basepoint are keen to continue supporting this fantastic competition in the future, as it is so refreshing to see talented young people from the area achieve their ambitions."

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