

Computer whizz-kids off to Italy

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GRAHAMSTOWN – Three computer whizz-kids from a Joza township school in Grahamstown have been selected to represent their school at a prestigious international computer challenge in Rome, Italy.

Nathaniel Nyaluza Secondary School pupils Thembelani Nonxuba, Siyabulela Nomoyi and Nwabisa Somyali will be in Italy from today until December 13 at the Second Global Junior Challenge. They will be accompanied by teacher Joy Turyagyenda.

After the competition, the Nyaluza pupils will be twinned with an Italian school as part of a two-year internet development programme.

Miss Turyagyenda, a Masters student at Rhodes University's department of education, initially involved her Nyaluza pupils in a separate internet-based global teenager project that has been running for the past three years.

The Digital Youth Consortium of Rome selected Nyaluza High to represent South Africa in the global junior challenge.

Nyaluza's selection came after Miss Turyagyenda prepared a joint research paper with her supervisor, Professor Cheryl Hodgkinson, and other Rhodes staff. The paper detailed her work at Nyaluza. – ECN



BRIGHT LIGHTS ... Nyaluza Secondary School pupils who are attending a prestigious computer competition in Italy are (from left) Siyabulela Nomoyi, 15, Nwabisa Somyali, 15, and Thembelani Nonxuba, 14. With them is teacher Joy Turyagyenda.
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