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UK grabs gold in skill

A UNITED KINGDOM Olympic team has scooped 10 medals in testing international competition ... in the Youth Skills Olympics.

The 26-strong team took on the rest of the world to bring home two gold, three silver and five bronze medals from the 29th International Youth Skills Olympics, in Sydney, Australia.

The competitors, all apprentices, were tested on their professional skills, ranging

from heavy engineering to dressmaking.

Gold medallists were Paul Blake (21) from Bristol, who triumphed in the stonemasonry competition, and Andrew Delaney (21) of Sutton Coldfield, in the auto mechanics section.

Silver medals went to Jonathan Firth (21) of Carmarthen, (plastering); Anita Khandke (18) of Bedford (women's hairdressing); and Gary Taylor (18) of Brighouse, West Yorkshire (men's hairdressing).