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It's all systems go for four students after they began a rally with a difference. The Northumbria University students are to take part in The Student Gumball Rally to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust. The team - going under the guise Northern Monkeys - is made up of second year students; Chris Holden, 19, and Jez Jewkes, 20, studying Design for Industry, Nick Johnson, 19, studying Graphic Design, and Will Garnett, 19, studying Law. Chris Holden said: "A Gumball Rally is basically a road race between two points, the winner being the team who arrives there in the shortest time." "We'll be stopping off along the way to party and take in the sights and think it's a great way to raise some money for charity while seeing some of the sights of Europe." The four will drive with 500 other students from universities across the country in more than 150 cars, and cover 1500 miles in six days, from Dover to Pag Island in Croatia.