



Sixth Form Competition Directory: 2022-2023

This guide offers an overview of all of the competitions that we are aware of for Sixth Form students. These are ordered below into sections. The universities of Oxford and Cambridge run subject-specific competitions and information on these is also included below. The information contained within this document has been taken from a range of websites on the internet. If students require any further help on the competitions listed below, they should speak to Mr West. This is not an exhaustive list.

Science, Technology and Maths Competitions: Open to all students

- <https://www.thebigbang.org.uk/the-big-bang-competition/>
- <https://teentech.com/awards/>
- <https://www.makeablechallenge.com/>
- <https://triumphdesignawards.co.uk/>
- <https://www.appsforgood.org/>
- <https://bieacompetition.org.uk/> (British International Education Association STEM Competition)
- <https://iymc.info/en/> (International Youth Math Challenge)
- <https://isaacphysics.org/> (problem-solving competition)
- <http://sciencechallenge.org/competition/about> (a science-debate competition)
- <https://oxsci.org/schools/> (essay competition)
- www.medicineadmissions.co.uk (for aspiring medics)
- www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year/ (Royal Geographical Society competition; fixed number of entries per school so you'll need your teachers to get involved)
- <https://persecoding.net/> (for students in years 7-11 working in teams; Jan - March)
- <https://www.bebbras.uk/> (computing challenge; held in November)
- <https://oucc.uk/> (Oxford University Computing Challenge; Feb-Mar - open to top scorers from the Bebras competition above)
- <https://careers.icaew.com/en/campaigns/base-competition> - Accountancy competition
- Organisations including **National Grid, BP, Shell** often run competitions for schools; you'll need to search on their company websites for current opportunities.

Science, Technology and Maths Competitions: Open to girls only

- <http://www.girlsthreeminutescience.org/> (you have 3 mins to get your message across! Jan deadline)
- <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/girls-competition>

Creative Competitions

- <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> (fine art)
- <https://www.ippawards.com/the-competition/> (photography)
- <https://slam.poetrysociety.org.uk/> (poetry)
- <https://poetrysociety.org.uk/competitions/foyle-young-poets-of-the-year-award/> (poetry)

- <https://thosethatbreathe.com/> (monthly creative writing competition)
- <http://ygd.bafta.org/competition> (Game Design competition)
- <http://baftakids.org/competitions> (Presenter competition)
- <bbc.co.uk/nssa> (BBC Young Writers' Award with Cambridge University invites young people in the UK aged between 14 -18 years to submit short stories of up to 1,000 words)
- <www.bbc.co.uk/youngcomposer> (national competition, submissions due in June each year)

Business Competitions

- <www.res.org.uk/education/young-economist-of-the-year> (Royal Economic Society Essay competition; July deadline)
- <https://iea.org.uk/essay-competition/> (Institute of Economic Affairs essay competition, Dec deadline)
- <www.10xchallenge.org.uk> - (start with £10 and make a profitable business in 4 weeks)
- <www.young-enterprise.org.uk> (run a business for a year under the guidance of a volunteer)

Miscellaneous Competitions

- <https://www.royalcwsociety.org/the-qcec> (essay competition from the Queen's Commonwealth Society)
- <https://www.esu.org/competitions/psc/> (Debating competition; must apply through your school)
- <https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/competitions/> (including categories such as Peacemaker, Chef, Artist, Photographer, Filmmaker, Writer, Environmentalist)

Competitions by specific Universities: non-Oxbridge

These academic institutions run essay competitions for interested students; check their websites for entry details and entry deadlines, which are typically Jan - April. The university competitions are mainly aimed at 6th Form students:

- <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/philosophy/events/essay-competition>
- <https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studying-here/schools-and-colleges/activities-by-subject/psychology/psychology-resources/national-psychology-competition/>
- <https://www.nchlondon.ac.uk/essay-faq/>

Competitions by Oxford Colleges and Departments

- <https://www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach-at-st-hughs/> (History and Classics competitions)
- <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/research-and-academia/enter-tower-poetry-competition-sixth-form-only>
- <https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/schools/language-competitions> (French, German, Spanish competitions, all age groups)

- <https://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/study-us/schools-liaison/lloyd-davies-philosophy-prize> (sixth form only)
- <https://clasoutreach.web.ox.ac.uk/competitions> (competitions run by the Classics department at Oxford)

Competitions by Cambridge Colleges and Departments

- <https://www.girton.cam.ac.uk/humanities-writing-competition>
- <https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/opportunities-prospective-applicants/essay-competitions> (competitions for 6th Form students in a range of subjects including architecture, land economy, medieval world, ancient world and classics, history)
- <https://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/essay-prizes>
- <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/essay-prizes/> (6th form competitions in English Literature, Linguistics, Philosophy, History, Law and Politics)
- <https://www.newn.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduates/newnham-essay-prizes/>
- <https://www.queens.cam.ac.uk/teaching-learning/distinctions-awards/the-estelle-prize-of-ps500-for-year-12-english-students> (for year 12 students; closes April; cash prize)

What else?

- <https://www.uniapplicationpro.org/resources> - this website has an extensive list of the competitions in this directory but also other ones from Universities and businesses (ordered by subject).