

OUR FUTURE 2021 ENGLISH EXAMS COMPETITION

Competition Rules

1. The Competition

Our Future Competition is organised by the British Council for teachers and school-age learners aged between 7 and 18 years old in Europe. The aim of the competition is to give primary and secondary exam candidates the chance to practise for their English language exams and think about how English exams are important to their future. Students must work in teams of two to three to complete the Competition task. Teams must make a short video about this year's theme:

How will Covid-19 change the way we use technology in the future?

2. Territory and eligibility

There are two age categories in the Competition. Category 1 is for 7-12 year olds and Category 2 for 13-18 year olds. The Competition is open to learners and teachers at schools, language centres and institutions in Europe that register candidates for English examinations with the British Council and which are members of the British Council's Advantage member scheme.

The following countries will take part in Our Future 2021: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Spain.

Where a participant is under the age of 18, his/her entry must be submitted on behalf of the participant by a teacher over the age of 18 years who, in submitting the entry, agrees to and accepts these Competition Rules and has the consent of the participant's parent/guardian.

Only one entry per learner and per group is allowed. Teachers can submit an unlimited number of entries for each of the categories. No participant may win more than one prize. Entry to the Competition is free of charge although participants are responsible for their own costs of connecting to the Internet.

3. Competition dates

The opening date of the Competition is **01 March 2021** and the closing date is **16 May 2021**. Any entry received before the opening date or after the closing date will not be included in the Competition. The British Council accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem with any system, server, provider or otherwise that may result in any entry being lost, delayed or not properly registered.

Each Competition regional winner, runner-up and special mention winners will be notified within 28 days of the Competition deadline. The notifications will be made to the email address provided by the teacher when registering for the Competition in accordance with section 4 of these Competition Rules. In this notification, the British Council will inform the Competition winners of how to claim their prize and of any additional information or steps required to enable the British Council to provide them with the prize. The British Council reserves the right to award the relevant prize to another Competition participant if the prize is not claimed within four weeks after such notification.

4. How to enter

The Competition will be promoted through the British Council's Our Future competition website: www.britishcouncil.org/exam/our-future

To enter teams into the Competition, teachers must follow these steps:

Consent form

- Download the consent form from the competition website
- Ask students in the team to ask their parents for consent to take part in the competition and to complete the form

Entry form

- Visit the competition website and complete the online form with their country, institution name, first and last name, email address and contact number where indicated.
- Write the first and last names of the students in the team where indicated.
- Use the upload file button on the online form to upload the team's task in **.jpeg .mp4 .AVI .FLV** or other video format.
- Use the upload file button on the online form to upload the consent form of each student in **.pdf** format.
- Read, review and accept the Competition terms and conditions where indicated.
- Repeat the steps for each team's entry.

The video should not be shared with anyone or made public on any forum while the competition is underway. Once it is over, sharing is allowed.

If a video is over one minute long, the first minute only will be considered by the panel of judges.

Entries must be original work and not use any copyrighted material. Plagiarism is not accepted under any circumstances. All videos suspected of plagiarism shall be disqualified.

You are not allowed to use copyrighted video and/or audio. Please use music and/or audio from free sources below:

<http://search.creativecommons.org/>

<http://www.premiumbeat.com/>

<http://www.soundclick.com/default.cfm>

5. Prizes and selection of winning entries

The Competition entries will be judged by a panel of judges appointed by the British Council. Judges will choose one regional winner for each category and two runner-up winners for each category. Two special mentions for the most popular entry and the teacher with the most entries will also be awarded a prize. The most popular entry is based on the highest number of views on the competition video page. The judges' decision is final and binding.

All entries to the Competition will be judged on the following criteria. A total of 18 points are available.

- Content

- The task contains a range of English vocabulary and grammar (2 points)
- The task contains accurate English vocabulary and grammar (2 points)
- The task contains English language spoken fluently (2 points)
- Creativity
 - The task is the original work of the team (3 points)
 - The task is based on the Competition theme: How will Covid-19 change the way we use technology in the future? (3 points)
- Presentation
 - The technical organisation of the task (sound and picture quality) (2 points)
 - The task is between 30 seconds and 1 minute in length (1 points)
 - The task has a variety of image and sound (3 points)

No correspondence will be entered into with the unsuccessful participants.

There are prizes for students and teachers in the winning teams.

- The prize for the regional and runner-up winners for each student in categories 1 and 2 and the special mention winners consists of one NIKON COOLPIX W150 waterproof camera worth up to one hundred and sixty pounds sterling.
- The prize for teachers of the regional winning team in each category is participation in British Council's annual [Schools Now! Online Conference 2021](#).
- The prize for teachers of the runner-up winning team in each category is a Gift Subscription to National Geographic Kids containing 13 issues worth up to forty-five pounds sterling.

Prizes are personal to the winners and cannot be transferred to any third party. Prizes cannot be exchanged for money or any other goods or services.

The British Council accepts no responsibility for failure to notify winning participants or failure to deliver prizes where such failure results from the provision of inaccurate contact details by the participants or from the acts or omissions of any third party (including, without limitation, any internet or postal service provider) and shall have no liability to any entrant if it is prevented from or delayed in delivering any aspect of the Competition or the prizes by acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond its reasonable control.

The British Council does not offer any insurance in connection with the prize. Each prize winner may arrange their own insurance in respect of the prize, if applicable.

6. Personal data

The British Council will collect and store the names and email addresses of all teachers and parents of students that participate and the additional details of winners as anticipated by sections 4 and 5 above. The British Council will use this personal data for the following purposes:

- managing the relationship between the teachers and the British Council;
- communicating with teachers to answer their queries about the Competition;
- communicating with winners and arranging delivery of their prizes;
- sharing data with other organisations for the purpose of the Competition entry form
- obtaining consent from parents of the participants to take part in the Competition
- marketing and publicity in accordance with section 7 below.

By participating in the Competition, participants consent to their personal data being processed by the British Council in accordance with, and for the purposes set out in, this section 6.

Participants can exercise their rights to access their personal data held by the British Council and withdraw their consent to the processing of their personal data by sending an email, accompanied by a scanned photocopy of their valid passport or other photo identification to: ourfuturecompetition@britishcouncil.org.

7. Publicity and rights

The British Council intends to publish the names and photographs of the winners on the British Council's websites, Facebook pages, Twitter pages, press releases and in other promotional and marketing material. The British Council also intends to upload Competition entries on online channel for video sharing. In addition, the British Council may write and publish articles about the winners' enjoyment of their competition experience and/or prize. By entering the Competition, each participant agrees to the use of their name and image and agrees to co-operate with any such publicity or marketing if they win the prize.

Participants will retain copyright of the entry material that they submit to the British Council. By entering the competition each participant grants the British Council, free of charge, permission to use the entry material (including, without limitation, modifying and adapting it for operational and editorial reasons) in any media worldwide for purposes connected with the competition.

Participants who win the prize grant the British Council further permission to publish and exhibit their entry material (including, without limitation, modifying and adapting it for operational and editorial reasons) in print and any media worldwide for any British Council purpose. Each participant confirms that the entry material is their original work, is not defamatory and does not infringe any English or local laws if applicable, that they have the right to give the British Council permission to use it for the purposes specified above, and that all necessary consents for the submission of the entry material have been obtained.

All rights in the British Council's name and logo, websites, Facebook pages, Twitter pages, press releases and other promotional and marketing material and all course and examination content and materials (together the British Council's materials') shall vest in and remain with the British Council (or its licensors). By participating in the Competition, participants agree that they will not use, broadcast, publish, export, exploit, reproduce nor copy part or all of the British Council's Materials.

8. General

This Competition's entries should not be shared with anyone or made public on any forum while the competition is underway. Once it is over, sharing is allowed. Plagiarism is not accepted under any circumstances. All entries suspected of plagiarism shall be disqualified.

You are not allowed to use copyrighted video and/or audio. Entries using copyrighted audio or video shall not be considered.

You may not use people from outside your teams as actors or participants in any way beyond 'an audience' or 'crowd' or an 'interviewee' for a brief segment of the video. Ask permission. Don't take images of private persons without their consent.

The British Council reserves all rights to disqualify or refuse to accept an entry if its content is deemed unsuitable or inappropriate and contrary to the spirit or intention of the competition.

The British Council may disqualify or refuse to accept the entry of any participant which does not meet the eligibility criteria or does not otherwise comply with these competition terms and conditions.

The British Council reserves the right to change or replace the competition prizes and/or modify the terms and conditions of the Competition as and when necessary, without prior notice.

Insofar as is permitted by law, the British Council will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate the participants or accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking part in this competition except where it is caused by the negligence of the British Council or that of their employees.

These terms and conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales, complemented by local jurisdictional laws if applicable. The courts of England and Wales shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes or claims (including, without limitation, non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with the competition.

9. Acceptance of Competition Rules

By participating in this Competition, participants are deemed to have accept these Competition Rules.