Young Geographer of the Year
Competition 2019

Where can geography take you?

This year’s Young Geographer of the Year competition gives pupils the chance to explore the potential that geography holds. Whether you’ve always wanted geography to take you to a particular place, to help you in a particular career or to help you understand one of the many challenges facing our world, we want to know where geography can take you.

Entering the competition
The competition has four categories.
- Key Stage 2 (pupils aged 9-11)
- Key Stage 3 (pupils aged 11-14)
- Key Stage 4 or GCSE (pupils aged 14-16)
- Key Stage 5 or A Level (pupils aged 16-18)

Students should enter the Key Stage category which they will be in as of 18 October 2019.

The deadline for all entries is Friday 18 October 2019 at 5.00pm. Entries received after this time will not be accepted.

Due to the volume of entries we receive, we will only contact you/your student if you are successful.

All winners will be contacted by the middle of November and invited to an Award Ceremony at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in South Kensington, London.

All entries should include an Entry Form. Submissions can be made by individual students or teachers. Teacher and school contact details must be provided. If you are a teacher sending in entries, please highlight how many students in your school took part in the competition. Please post your entries directly to the Society. Entries will not be returned, so please make photocopies if necessary. Electronic entries may only be submitted for the KS5 category.

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General entry criteria
KS2, KS3 and KS4 students will produce an A3 poster. KS5 students will produce a 1,500 word essay or an Esri Story Map (containing no more than 1,500 words). All entries must clearly illustrate where geography can take you and adhere to the following criteria:
- Excellent attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Use of accurate geographical terminology throughout
- Clearly labelled and appropriately acknowledged sources, including diagrams, charts, maps, or images
- Accurate use of symbols, scales and keys, where appropriate
- Original and independently produced—class sets of identical entries will not be accepted
- If produced electronically, please use a minimum font size of point 10

Key Stage 2 criteria
- Describe one or more ideas as to where geography can take you
- Use at least one annotated diagram, chart, map or image

Key Stage 3 criteria
- Describe two or more ideas as to where geography can take you
- Discuss the skills that geography can provide you with
- Use at least two annotated diagrams, charts, maps or images

Key Stage 4 criteria
- Describe three or more ideas as to where geography can take you
- Discuss the skills that geography can provide you with
- Use at least three annotated diagrams, charts, maps or images

Key Stage 5 criteria
- Describe and discuss multiple ideas as to where geography can take you
- Examine the relationship between the skills geography gives people and how these skills provide opportunities
- Explore how geography has changed over time
- Demonstrate a strong use of annotated diagrams, charts, maps or images

If your entry does not meet the entry requirements, it will not be judged.