



SCHOOLS JOURNALISTIC WRITING COMPETITION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Entry requirements

The competition is open to pupils attending schools in Lewisham, Lambeth and Wandsworth and will be judged in two age categories: school years 8-10 and 11-13 at the time of writing.

The competition

Entrants are asked to submit a written news item about a subject of importance to them in their lives/communities. The composition should be no longer than 1000 words and strictly nonfiction.

Submissions

Submissions should be made in the form of a word file to the head teachers of participating schools. Each school will be allowed up to 10 submissions to the competition.

Judging

Entries will be judged by a panel of journalists and media professionals. Marks will be awarded on a set criteria including: accurate use of English, originality, research, observation and balance.

Prizes

Prizes of up to £500 will be awarded on merit in the form of vouchers to the winning entrants. The Daniel Phelan Trust will also match fund each participating school for their own use.

Time lines

Schools are invited to register for the competition from **1st September 2022**.

Submissions from head teachers will be accepted from **20th September to 20th January 2023**.

Winners will be announced on the Daniel Phelan Trust website on **16th April 2023**.

Prize giving **date to be announced**.