



GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

Beaconwood College

“A School of the Future” Competition 2017

Before the Competition

Students must be in Year 10, 11 or 12 and in full-time education in a Staffordshire school.

Please read the Terms & Conditions (a copy can be found on our website and includes the Competition format and rules, www.beaconwood.org)

Please look at the dates of the Competition 20 May to 30 June 2017 to ensure that you can take part.

Please Note specifically the Winner’s Trip dates (20 – 29 October) and any family or religious holidays you may have planned. Please ensure that you are available between these dates to participate in the trip if you are a winner – these dates cannot be changed or altered. Please note if you win and the dates of the trip cannot be changed or amended.

During the Competition

Design a ‘School of the Future’

You need to design a 3-5 minute presentation in PowerPoint, Keynote, Prezi or similar presentation software, on the theme of **‘School of the Future: What does a future school look like’**.

Participants are encouraged to focus on specific area they are interested in, in the future school; such as the school facilities, technology in learning, role of teachers, cultural exchange, communication etc.

The presentation must be your own work and ideas. Shortlisted students will be invited to present to the judging panel, the judges might ask questions in relation to your presentation during the judging process. Please ensure you time your presentation accurately. Your presentation should be dynamic and can contain media and sound, you may wish to record a commentary to add to the presentation. The judges will be looking for the combination of high quality ideas and the creative use of the media to support your vision of the **‘School of the Future’**.

Please save your entry in the following format **name_school_yeargroup.ppt** (or other suitable file types) and upload your work via www.beaconwood.org between 20th May and 30th June 2017.

Further explanation of the Competition’s rules can be found in the Terms & Conditions. Please read them carefully and get in touch with rebecca.bostock@newbeacongrou.com if you have any queries.

The judging will take place on the 3rd July and winner will be announced soon after this date. The parents/guardians of winners will be asked to sign a consent form, which will need to be returned to the New Beacon Group by 20th July 2017.

Winning students and their parents will be invited to a winner's event on the 20th July 2017 for the formal announcement. Winners will be informed prior to this date, so the preparation of the trip can be started with the support of the New Beacon Group.

Terms & Conditions

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Entering the Competition

1. The Competition is for students in Years 10, 11 or 12 in Staffordshire schools as 20th May 2017.
2. The closing date for receipt of all entries is 5pm 30th June 2017. We reserve the right to disqualify any students who does not meet the eligibility criteria and will not be taken forward to the judging panel. Entries which are not eligible at the closing date cannot be changed after the closing date.
3. By entering the Competition, the students agree that the work is their own. Plagiarism will not be accepted and presentations must be original. We reserve the right to make further enquiries and investigation into the originality of the presentation.
4. All entries must be made using the online submission system before 5pm 30th June 2017.
5. Responsibility cannot be accepted for entries that are incomplete, delivered incorrectly, corrupted or those not received for whatever reason. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement email confirming the proof of receipt. If the entrant does not receive this, they must check before the competition closing date that their entry has been received. Entrants will not be permitted to check or resubmit an entry after the closing date unless there are technical issues.
7. Neither Beaconwood College nor its servants, agents, nor any other party or organisation involved in the management, promotion, or administration of the competition or its entry routes or donation of prizes or their agents or subsidiaries involved in the competition will accept responsibility or liability for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft, destruction, alteration of, or unauthorised access to entries, or entries lost or delayed whether or not arising during operation or transmission as a result of server functions (including but not limited to security functions by software used by Beaconwood College or any third party), virus, bugs, or other causes outside its control.
8. Entries submitted through agents or third parties or in bulk (i.e. more entries than a human being could submit in the time available without the use of software or other devices designed to make automated entries will not be accepted). No more than one prize per person per competition will be awarded.
9. Any entries which are incomplete, incorrect, inaudible, incomprehensible, or not received by Beaconwood College by the closing date will be void. An entry will not be void merely because of an obvious typing error. Beaconwood College reserves the right to consider valid entries by using a range of criteria acceptable to Beaconwood College.
10. In the event of any fault, mistake, misunderstanding or dispute concerning the correctness or acceptability of the entry or any answers given by entrants (if applicable), or the operation of any part of the competition, network or phone system, the decision of Beaconwood College shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

11. Beaconwood College will not be liable to reimburse or refund any expenses incurred in making an entry in any competition.

Eligibility Criteria

12. Students entering this competition must be in Year 10, 11 or 12 in full-time education in a Staffordshire school as of 20th May 2017. The geographical boundaries of Staffordshire are defined by Staffordshire County Council and these are the boundaries of the county we will be using for this competition. The school must sit within Staffordshire.

Taking part in the Competition

13. Judges reserve the right to ask students questions in relation to their presentation at any time during the judging process.
14. The winning prize will be awarded to the entrants whose entries, in the opinions of the judges, best meet the competition conditions – a presentation on the 'School of the Future'.
15. The judges' decision is final and binding, and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. Winners will be informed by email by 14th July and the formal announcement event will take place on 20th July 2017.
17. The winning students will be named on Beaconwood College website after the formal announcements and other marketing and promotional materials, including press materials.
18. It is not possible under any circumstance to provide individual feedback to any of the participants in the competition.

Winning Prize

19. The winning prize is a cultural visit to China for the successful students. They will be accompanied by a member of staff from a participating school(s) and staff from the New Beacon Group, who will be DBS Enhanced Checked. No parent/guardian will be invited to participate in the visit.
20. A parent's information evening will be organised before departure in October, dates to be confirmed.
21. The winning prize is for a maximum of 12 students. However, we reserve the right to pick less than 12 students, if the submissions fail to produce enough winning entries.
22. The cultural visit to China will take place from 20 -29 October 2017; there is no alternative to the arranged visit dates. Entrants should ensure that they can attend the trip dates in advance. The prize includes domestic travel; return economy flights, accommodation in China, three meals a day and a cultural programme. Beaconwood College will organise and pay for visas. ***The prize does not include spending money. Winners' parents, guardians or carers are responsible for arranging and paying for: passports, any other documentation necessary for the British Council to obtain a visa for China, travel insurance and any necessary inoculations.***
Please note that all participating students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to and from the Airport. Beaconwood College will not be responsible for making these travel arrangements. Trip participants will be under the duty and care of the Beaconwood College

regardless of age. Student safety is extremely important so requests for any activities arranged outside of the organised itinerary will not be accepted although some 'downtime' will be planned.

24. Beaconwood College reserves the right to cancel, defer or change the trip due to any unforeseen circumstances.
25. There are no cash or other alternative prizes available, except that in the event of circumstances beyond its control, Beaconwood College reserves the right to substitute elements of the prize with alternatives of equal value. The prize is not transferable. In the event that any winner cannot take the prize, Beaconwood College reserves the right to award the prize to a runner up selected at the Competition final in July 2017.
25. Students will be required to produce and submit a project, diary or presentation on completion of the cultural visit to China, to their school and Beaconwood College. We will request parental permission to use these submissions to highlight the activities of the trip and use in future promotional material.