

# Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2020

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## The world beyond my window



This year's Young Geographer of the Year competition gives young people the chance to explore the potential that geography holds. Although we might all be confined to our homes, and doing #geographyathome, we are asking young people to explore their wider geographical horizons by providing entries to our Young Geographer of the Year competition and explore the geography of:

*"The world beyond my window"*

We are interested in entries that explore the human and physical geography of places that exist beyond a young person's window, be it locally or further afield. We want to know how young people's lives are connected to and influenced by these places - be the connections physical, digital or emotional. We also want to understand how geographical processes in the physical and human worlds have created these places and might be changing them.

### Entering the competition

The competition has four categories.

- Key Stage 2 (pupils aged 7-11)
- 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 30 June 2020.

The deadline for receipt of all entries is **Tuesday 30 June 2020 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 selected as one of our winners.

All winners will be announced by the end of the summer term. All entries **must** 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 note how many students took part in the competition. Given the COVID situation entries can **only** be submitted as an electronic copy, scan or photo and must be accompanied with an entry form. They should be sent to YGOTY@RGS.ORG (or entered via WeTransfer).

We **cannot** accept or judge any entries by post.

### General entry criteria

KS2, KS3 and KS4 students will produce an **A3 size** entry. This can be hand-made (then sent in electronically via a scanned copy or photograph) or using PowerPoint, word, publisher or PDF, etc. KS5 students will produce an **Esri Story Map** containing no more than 1,500 words.

All entries should address this year's theme and must meet the following criteria:

- Excellent attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Use of accurate geographical terminology
- Clearly labelled and appropriately acknowledged sources, including diagrams, charts, maps or images
- Accurate use of symbols, scales and keys,
- Original and independently produced—class sets of identical entries will not be accepted or entries which have copied information from other sources, such as the internet
- If produced electronically, please use a minimum font size of point 10

### Key Stage 2 criteria

- Describe one or more geographical ideas
- Use at least one annotated image, diagram, chart or map

### Key Stage 3 criteria

- Describe two or more geographical ideas
- Use at least two annotated images diagrams, charts or maps

### Key Stage 4 criteria

- Describe three or more geographical ideas
- Use at least three annotated images, diagrams, charts or maps

### Key Stage 5 criteria

- Describe and discuss multiple geographical ideas
- Demonstrate a strong use of annotated images, diagrams, charts or maps.

