



Terms & Conditions

Please carefully review these Competition Terms & Conditions before entering. There is a 'Definitions' section at the end of the document.

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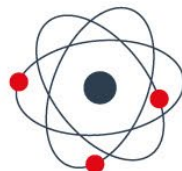
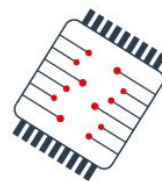
Responsibilities and Agreements

By entering the Competition, the School/College agrees to:

- Submit an entry application from a Team of up to 3 current Year 12 students.
- Submit completed consent forms for participation in the competition from a parent or legal guardian of each Team member taking part in the competition who is under the age of 18 at the date of the competition submission.
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If a team is shortlisted as finalists, the School/College agrees to:

- Make best endeavours to attend the Merton College event for finalists. The finalist prizes will only be awarded if the Team attends the Prize Event.
- Have a member of teaching staff accompany the competition Team of students at Merton College on 8 and 9 April 2024 for the finalists' event. Teaching staff must be DBS checked and will have primary responsibility for the students while in Oxford. The College will provide meals and overnight accommodation free of charge. Funding will be provided for reasonable travel expenses to Oxford by the Team plus a member of teaching staff.
- Where the Team is less than 3 students, the School/College will be encouraged to bring additional students studying STEM subjects to the Merton College event, up to a maximum of 3. They will attend the activities offered during visit and provide moral support during the Prize Event. They will also be encouraged to participate in the Q&A at the Prize Event.
- Provide Merton College with the necessary personal details of all participants in the Prize Event to enable the College to make suitable arrangements. These will include, but are not limited to, confirmation of consent to participate by a parent or legal guardian, and the names, dietary requirements, and access needs of any participants.



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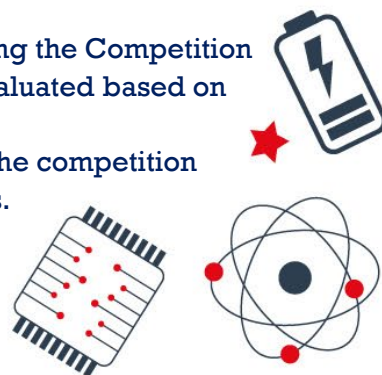
- Provide the Department of Physics with invoices for the reasonable cost of travel to and from Oxford for up to three students and member of teaching staff, to enable reimbursement to be made. More detail on claiming travel costs can be found [here](#). Reimbursement must be made before 31 August 2024.
- No prizes (Amazon vouchers and funding for Physics equipment) will be given for teams not in attendance at the Merton college event.

If a team is offered the Grand Prize, the School/College agrees to:

- Make best endeavours to arrange a trip to visit CERN for the winning Team or, if the winning Team is less than 3 students, for up to 3 students. This will include arranging travel and 2 nights of accommodation. Possible dates for a trip are 19-21 July, 26-28 July, 2-4 August 2024.
- Oxford Physics department will be facilitating introductions to colleagues at CERN and will provide guidance on planning the trip.
- Arrange travel for another date (in discussion with the Department of Physics) to be completed before 31 August 2024, if none of the dates above are suitable.
- Ensure that at least one member of School/College teaching staff accompany the Team on the trip to CERN. Teaching staff must be DBS checked and will have responsibility for the students during the trip to CERN.
- Ensure that adequate insurance arrangements are in place for the trip for all participants of the Grand Prize.
- Provide the Department of Physics with invoices for the reasonable cost of travel, hotel accommodation and meals for the Team to enable the Department of Physics to reimburse before 31 August 2024.
- If the School/College do not commit, before 23 April 2024, to taking the Team to CERN then the prize will be offered to the runner-up.
- It may be possible for parents to accompany pupils. The funding will cover a maximum of 6 people.
- In the case where payment has been made in advance by the Department of Physics, and the trip does not go ahead due to unforeseen circumstances, unspent funding should be returned, along with any reimbursement from insurance, to the Department of Physics.

By entering the Competition, the Team agrees to:

- Create and submit a video of approximately 3 minutes, addressing the Competition question 'What lights up your love of physics?' Entries will be evaluated based on content, creativity, and clarity. Videos must be transferred to competition@physicspartners.com via [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com), as per the competition guidance, with a maximum duration of 3 minutes and 30 seconds.



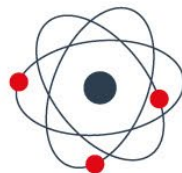
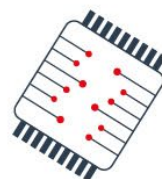
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- Ensure videos are created and edited only by the Team members.
- Attend the Prize Event presentation at Merton College, Oxford, if shortlisted and subject to the School/College being able to support the visit. This is an overnight event and includes presenting the video and answering panel questions.
- Participate in the Grand Prize – a two-night trip to CERN if the Team win the competition and subject to their School/College being able to arrange and support the trip. Possible dates for a trip are 19-21 July, 26-28 July, 2-4 August 2024. Other dates may be possible (in discussion with the Department of Physics) but the trip will need to be completed before 31 August 2024.

University of Oxford, Merton College and Physics Partners reserve the right to:

- Use all shortlisted video entries on social media and other promotional channels owned by the University of Oxford, Merton College, and Physics Partners where consent by the student, a parent or legal guardian and the School/College has been given.
- Take photographs at the Prize Event at Merton College for use on social media and other promotional channels belonging to the University of Oxford, Merton College and Physics Partners, where consent by the student, a parent or legal guardian and the School/College has been given.
- Use photographs of the winning Team (provided by their School/College) taken during their trip to/from CERN and at CERN for use on social media and other promotional channels owned by the University of Oxford, Merton College, and Physics Partners, where consent by the student, a parent or legal guardian and the School/College has been given.
- Extend the competition closing date if justified by unforeseen circumstances.
- Suggest alternative dates for the trip to CERN, if justified by unforeseen circumstances or at the request of the School/College.
- Determine whether to reimburse any expenses incurred by the winning School/College Team if a trip to CERN is booked and subsequently cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Decisions will be made considering the circumstances, taking into account insurance arrangements made by the School/College.
- Change the date and/or location of the Prize Event at the University of Oxford if justified by circumstances beyond the control of the College.
- In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Department of Physics reserves the right to cancel the competition.





Timeline:

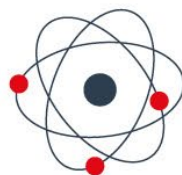
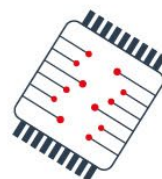
- Competition entries accepted until 19 February 2024 at 11.59 pm.
- All shortlisted Teams will be notified by email, to the teacher's email address on the application form, before 1 March 2024.
- The top 10 teams will be invited to participate in the Prize Event on 8 and 9 April 2024 at Merton College, Oxford (includes overnight stay) and must confirm their attendance before 11 March 2024.
- The school must confirm their acceptance of the Grand Prize before 23 April 2024.

Details of the Prizes:

- 10 finalist Teams will be invited to attend the Prize Event at Merton College. Single entry finalists will receive £400 in Amazon vouchers. Teams of two or three will receive a total of £600 in Amazon vouchers to be split equally between the number of team members. The School/College of all finalist teams will receive £1000 for Physics equipment. Schools will be required to invoice the Physics Department for the £1000 and reimbursement must be made before 31 August 2024.
- The finalist prizes will only be awarded if the Team attends the Prize Event.
- The Prize Event hosted by Merton College for the finalists includes a tour of the Department of Physics, and other activities organised by the Department of Physics. Reasonable travel expenses for travel by the Team and accompanying teaching staff will be reimbursed on presentation of receipts to the Physics Department. Overnight accommodation, meals, and refreshments for the Team and accompanying teaching staff will be provided free of charge.
- The Team judged best overall at the Prize Event will win the Grand Prize of funding for a trip to CERN. This trip is to be booked and paid for by the winning School/College and funded by the Department of Physics, University of Oxford. The School/College are required to invoice the department for the cost of the trip. Guidance and support with organising the Grand Prize will be provided.
- There will be no alternative prizes. If the School/College do not commit, before 23 April 2024, to taking the Team to CERN, then the prize will be offered to the Team judged to be the runner up.

Restrictions on Entry:

- Those entering the Competition must be in Year 12 at a State-funded School and/or Sixth Form College in England. At least one team member should be studying Physics, and the others must be studying STEM-related subjects to A-level or equivalent. There are no expected levels of attainment at A-level or equivalent for participants.
- Only one competition entry per Team per School/College.



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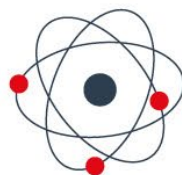
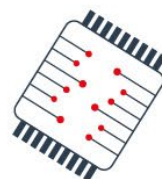


How Finalists are Selected:

- All competition video submissions will be reviewed based on the criteria below and how they address the competition question 'From Curiosity to Cosmos: What lights up your love of physics?'
- A panel of leading Oxford researchers in philosophy of physics and in physics, and Physics Partners, will review all competition entries, judging the submitted video entries for content, creativity, and clarity.
- Videos are requested to be approximately 3 minutes in length. Videos will only be viewed to 3 minutes and 30 seconds, anything beyond this time will not be viewed or taken into account by the judges.
- Shortlisted Teams will present their videos and respond to questions from the same panel (and audience) at the Prize Event at Merton College, Oxford. Videos and presentations combined will be judged again for content, creativity, and clarity to determine the best entry overall. The panel's decision is final.
- The physics teaching provision and demographic of the School/College may be taken into consideration by the judging panel, as appropriate and at their discretion.

Definitions

- **Department of Physics:** Refers to the Department of Physics, Clarendon Laboratory, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PU, interchangeably denoted as 'Department of Physics,' 'Physics Department,' 'Dept. Physics,' or 'Physics' in this agreement.
- **Merton College:** Refers to Merton College (whose legal name is the House or College of Scholars of Merton in the University of Oxford), Merton Street, Oxford OX1 4JD, interchangeably denoted as 'Merton College' or 'the College' in this agreement.
- **University of Oxford:** Refers to University of Oxford, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD, interchangeably denoted as 'University of Oxford,' 'The University,' or 'University' in this agreement.
- **CERN:** Refers to CERN, Esplanade des Particules 1, 1211 Geneva 23, Switzerland, and Organisation Européenne pour la Recherche Nucléaire, 01631 CERN CEDEX, France.
- **Physics Partners:** Refers to Physics Partners Ltd (Registered Charity No 1125644), 40 Caversham Road Business Centre, Reading RG1 7EB.
- **Device:** Denotes any device suitable for creating a competition video entry, such as a computer, mobile phone, or digital tablet.



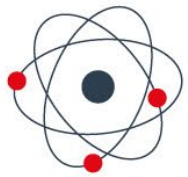
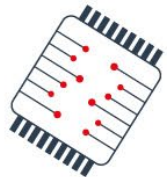
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- **The Competition:** Refers to the competition 'From Curiosity to Cosmos: What lights up your love of physics?', organized by Physics Partners on behalf of, and in collaboration with the Department of Physics, University of Oxford.
- **Team:** Denotes up to 3 current Year 12 Students with at least one studying Physics. Other team members must be studying other STEM-related subjects at A-level or equivalent, in a State School or State Sixth Form College in England.
- **School/College:** Refers to a State Secondary School and/or Sixth Form College in England, funded by the government and providing free education to children aged 16 to 18, as per the region.
- **Shortlisted Finalists:** Refers to a Team comprising up to 3 current Year 12 students plus one (or two if capacity permits) teaching staff invited to the Prize Event at Merton College, Oxford on 8 and 9 April 2024.
- **The Prize Event:** This is for shortlisted finalists and includes an overnight stay at Merton College, Oxford, tour of the Department of Physics, presentation of video to panel of judges and Q&A session and other activities. There will be up to 10 shortlisted Teams (up to 50 attendees in total) at the Prize Event. All finalist Teams will receive £600 worth of Amazon vouchers to be split equally between the team, or £400 worth of Amazon vouchers if it is a single entrant. In addition, the finalist's Schools/Colleges will each receive £1000 towards physics equipment (upon invoice).
- **The Grand Prize:** signifies funding that is being offered to enable a School/College to visit CERN, with funds being available (upon invoice) to cover travel, accommodation, meals, and certain agreed out-of-pocket expenses, for up to 3 current Year 12 students and at least one member of teaching staff. Details of allowable expenses will be provided.



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