

Have you got what it
takes?



The Headmaster's
Challenge:
'Deadline December'

Junior Section (Prep – Year 9)

What is the challenge?

- Your challenge is to produce a project on your own choice of subject for submission to the judging panel.
- This is a competition so you will need to be ambitious.
- You set the subject matter, but it will need to show sufficient depth and detail to win.
- Your project can be an essay, a website, a power point presentation, or a mix of different forms – it should be the equivalent of a 1000-1500 word essay. The finished piece will be submitted in an A4 printed version for judging.

Why is this activity useful?

- You have the opportunity to take the initiative in how you work.
- You choose the subject to reflect your own interests and areas of expertise.
- You organise your own time and develop your ability to work independently.
- You have the opportunity to go beyond the limitations of single subject study, and to talk about what really interests you.

To be successful you will need to:

- Fully research your chosen subject to help you produce a detailed and substantial piece of work – and clearly list your sources.
- Be creative in the way you use your material to interest the judging panel.
- Use presentation carefully to show your work at its best.
- Be accurate in your use of English.

You can ask your teachers and parents for advice and suggestions, but you should not expect them to direct you in your work – this is a test of independent working.

How to get going

- Firstly identify the subject that you want to research and write upon – subjects that require you to use detailed research are more likely to fit the criteria for judging.
- Allow time to generate a range of ideas, and set yourself a realistic target for completion – you will need to organise your time since this competition is supplementary to all of your other school work.
- Round one – you have to submit a 300 word outline of what you intend to do to Mr Griffin by the end of September. He will inform in due course the 10 who have been selected to go forward to the next round of the competition.
- Round two – the ten finalists will work on their projects over half term and submit the finished pieces for judging on the first Monday of December.
- The winner will be announced by the headmaster in assembly and prizes will be distributed.

If you have any questions you should ask Mr Griffin, who will be happy to advise you.

The gauntlet has been thrown down – will you rise to the challenge?