



The RHS Young Thinkers' Challenge 2025

For Years 5–6: Curiosity about the World

Choose one:

1. Extraordinary Nature – Explain why a plant, animal, or natural phenomenon is extraordinary, how it works, and what we can learn from it.
2. The Great Invention – Design an invention to make life better. Show how it works, who would use it, and what problem it solves.
3. The Book that Changed Me – Write about a story, poem, or piece of writing that changed how you think. What did it teach you, and why should others read it?

Format: Written piece (up to 500 words), poster, or illustrated fact-file.

For Years 7–8: Big Questions, Bold Ideas

Choose one:

1. The Power of Nature – Decide the most powerful force in nature and argue your case with examples.
2. Future Tech – Explore how technology might change our lives in the next 50 years — for better or worse.
3. A Lesson from the Past – Show what we can learn today from a historical person, place, or event.
4. A Story for Today – Choose a book, myth, or poem and explain why it still matters for us now.

Format: Essay (600–800 words), poster/infographic, or short podcast/audio (max 3 minutes).

Judging Criteria (20 marks total)

- Curiosity & Originality (5) – Independent, fresh thinking.
- Clarity & Communication (5) – Clear, well-presented ideas.
- Evidence & Examples (5) – Supported with detail, reasoning, or knowledge.
- Enthusiasm & Engagement (5) – Shows resilience, creativity, and a love of learning.

Prizes & Recognition

- £50 voucher, Book prizes and certificates for winners in each age group.
- Winning entries will be celebrated at the RHS Scholarship Information Evening on Thursday 20 November

Submitting your entry

Choose one challenge above, complete it independently, and submit your entry by **Monday 10 November by email to marketing@royalhospitalschool.org**.

Please add:

- Child name
- Year group
- Parents email
- PDF of entry

Good luck!