COBIS Changemakers Competition 2027
Terms and Conditions

1. The COBIS Changemakers Competition is open to all COBIS schools (including Applicant Schools). Each school with a registered COBIS account should participate as an individual school.

2. Registration for the competition will close on Monday 14 December 2026.

3. Schools may only submit competition entries from bona fide students at their school.

4. Submissions will be accepted from Friday 26 February 2027 until Friday 12 March 2027.

5. To maintain the highest standards of student safeguarding and data protection, the video submissions **must not** include student identifying information (e.g. student names, student ages/year group/key stage, school name, both within the video itself or in the hosting site title and descriptions, badges, or signage). The lead teacher is responsible to ensure that the video complies with these safeguarding measures before it is submitted. Student details should **only** be included in the entry form.

6. Entries should be submitted by a teacher on behalf of the student team/s and should ensure that the correct permissions from students and/or parents/legal guardians (if the student is under 18) to share student details as part of this competition have been obtained.

7. There are two categories for submitted entries, as listed below. Please ensure entries are submitted for the correct category. The groups entered in each category should be made up of no more than 10 students. Entries will not be accepted from students outside of these categories or for work submitted to the wrong category.

   Category A: Key Stage 1-2
   Category B: Key Stage 3-5

8. One entry per category per school may be submitted. COBIS will accept the first entry from a school in each category and reserves the right to exclude subsequent submissions from the judging process. Schools are welcome to conduct their own internal selection process for the top entry to be put forward to the COBIS Changemakers competition.

9. For an entry to be valid it must comply with the following rules:

   - Videos will be submitted by a school.
   - Video will be no longer than 300 seconds (5 minutes).
   - Video will be largely students' work.
   - An optional supporting statement of approximately 150 words can be submitted alongside the video.
   - Videos will not contain dangerous activities and harm to any living creature.
   - Videos will not contain any private and confidential information.
   - Videos will not feature student identifying information (e.g. student names, student ages/year group/key stage, school name, both within the video itself or in the hosting site title and descriptions, badges, or signage).
   - Videos will only contain music/media for which the school has obtained copyright permission.
   - Videos will be submitted via an entry form on the COBIS website.

10. Teachers should upload their students' entries to a video hosting site (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo, the school website etc.) and provide a URL to the video on their entry form. Please note that both COBIS members and external judges will need to access these videos, so please ensure the correct permissions to view the video are in place before submitting your URL link. If you plan to use Vimeo, the videos will need to be made public.

11. No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason. Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered.

12. COBIS reserves the right to exclude any entries that are not compliant with the terms and conditions (e.g. video link is inaccessible, or excessive identifying student information is included).

13. All communications will only be between COBIS and a lead teacher.

14. The winners will be chosen by a panel of judges. The video should focus on a project that tackles some of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in local areas (e.g. an environmental issue that students have addressed), and entries will be judged on the following criteria:

    a. The aim of the project is clearly explained and set in the wider context, including reasons for choosing it
    b. Strategies used to address the problem are clearly explained and justified
    c. It is clear that students played an active role in tackling the issue and demonstrated collaboration and teamwork
    d. The impact of the project is clearly explained
    e. The lessons learned in undertaking the project are explained
    f. The video is presented in an interesting and professional way.

15. The judges' decision regarding the winners of the COBIS Changemakers will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

16. There will be one winner and two runners-up for each category.

17. The winners will be announced in May 2027. The winners will be notified by email.

18. The winners and runners-up will be required to send COBIS their original video. These will be uploaded to the COBIS website, YouTube channel and social media platforms, and may be shared at the COBIS Annual Conference 2027.

19. The prizes will be for the benefit of the school and will be subject to change at any point. Certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be offered regardless, as well as participation certificates.

20. COBIS reserve the right to cancel or amend the Competition and these terms and conditions without notice.

21. By entering the competition, the winners and runners-up agree to COBIS publishing their full name, school name/logo and video (including images of students) on the COBIS website and social media. This information may also be published and promoted at the COBIS Annual Conference in May 2027 and in other COBIS-related publications. Winners will be asked to participate in such reasonable promotional activity and material as COBIS may require. By entering the competition, the teacher confirms that the necessary permissions have been sought from students and/or their parents/legal guardian (if the student is under 18) to publish the full name, school name/logo and video for such purposes. Evidence of such permissions may be requested by COBIS at any time. For more information on how COBIS processes data, please read the COBIS Privacy Policy. In line with the applicable Data Protection Laws, the data subject or legal guardian (if the data subject is under 18) may request the removal of their name at any time. Please contact students@cobis.org.uk to make this request.

22. These event Terms and Conditions should be read in conjunction with the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions (with specific reference to Schedule 14), which is linked here. By agreeing to these event Terms and Conditions, you agree to also be bound by the relevant sections of the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions. Should your school not adhere to the Membership Terms and Conditions, your membership with COBIS may be subject to review as determined by the COBIS Board. COBIS reserves the right to publish updated guidance and Terms and Conditions regarding the Changemakers Competition.