

COBIS Young Composer of the Year Competition 2026-27 Terms and Conditions

The COBIS Young Composer of the Year Competition will be delivered in partnership with the British School of Bahrain.

Eligibility

- The COBIS Young Composer of the Year Competition is open to COBIS member schools including applicant schools. Each school with a registered COBIS account should participate as an individual school.
- Those who register from non-member schools will be denied access to the competition.
- The event is open to COBIS students in year open to students in Years 6-13 as at the registration deadline of the Young Composer of the Year Competition.
- Those in Years 6-9 must enter the 'Lower School' categories and those in Years 10-13 must enter the 'Upper School' categories.
- Schools may only submit competition entries from bona fide students at their school.

Registration

- Schools must register for the event via the online form on the COBIS website.
- All bookings must be made by school staff.
- The closing date for registration is 11 March 2027.

Submitting Entries

- Submissions will be open once payment has been received by the host school and will close on 19 March 2027.
- Students should enter their category with a recording (audio or video) of the composition (either of someone playing it or from score writing software) and a score/commentary.
- Entries should not be longer than 4 minutes. If an entry exceeds 4 minutes, only the first 4 minutes will be judged.
- Schools should take responsibility for the recording of entries where possible.
- Entries must be submitted by a teacher on behalf of the student to a Google Form which will be emailed to the teacher once payment has been received by the host school. More information on the submission process will be shared when registration closes.
- All teachers should have the correct permissions from parents/guardians to share their pupils' names, ages and audio/video footage as part of this competition. COBIS may request evidence of these permissions.
- Each student may enter a maximum of one category. COBIS and the British School of Bahrain reserve the right to remove subsequent submissions from the judging process.
- Please note, schools must pay their invoice in a timely manner, otherwise their entries will be disqualified.
- The competition categories include:

Upper School (Years 10-13)

- Free Composition
- Electronic Music
- Songwriting

Lower School (Year 6-9)

- Free Composition
- Electronic Music
- Songwriting
- Please ensure entries are submitted to the correct category. Entries will not be accepted if they are submitted to the wrong category.

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Competition Dates and Submissions

- The following timeline will be adhered to:

Registration Opens	2 November 2026
Registration Closes	11 March 2027
Submissions open	Upon invoice payment to the host school
Submissions close	19 March 2027
Winners announced	25 April 2027

- A winner will be selected from each category, along with an overall Young Composer of the Year. Commendations will also be announced at the judges' discretion.
- No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason. Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered.

Judging and Prizes

The winners will be chosen by a panel of judges. All judging decisions are final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into after results are published.

Finance

- The cost per student is 25 BHD (c. £50+VAT exchange rates may vary) each student can enter one category only.
- Invoices will be raised by the British School of Bahrain upon receipt of registration. Schools must pay the participation fee in a timely manner, in accordance with the timeline specified on the invoice.
- If a school does not pay their fee by the date shown on the invoice, their entry may be revoked.
- If a student withdraws after 11 March 2027, the fee will still be payable, and any payments received will be retained.
- Please note that invoices may be raised by the host school in local currency (BHD) for the amount equivalent to £50 per participant at the time of the invoice being raised.
- Schools must confirm how many students will be participating on the registration form to allow the British School of Bahrain to raise invoices. If these numbers change, please contact students@cobis.org.uk by 11 March 2027.
- If a registered school wishes to withdraw from this event/competition, they must confirm before 11 March 2027. To cancel a booking, please notify students@cobis.org.uk and cobis27@thebsbh.com.

Cancellation

- COBIS and the British School of Bahrain reserve the right to cancel this competition if insufficient entries are received, or if circumstances do not allow it to take place.
- If this happens, competition fees will be refunded.

Supervision and Safeguarding

- The participating school retains full safeguarding responsibility throughout the course of this competition.

Media, Image & Intellectual Property

Recordings submitted for this competition may be used to celebrate the success and participation of the students, as well as to promote the event.

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- These recordings will be shared on COBIS/ British School of Bahrain social media, on the COBIS/ British School of Bahrain website and used for online and printed marketing by COBIS/British School of Bahrain.
- Please get in touch (students@cobis.org.uk) if you would like more information or to indicate that a specific pupil's image should not be used.

Media, Image & Intellectual Property continued

By participating in this competition, schools confirm that all necessary parental consents will be obtained for these purposes. COBIS may ask for evidence of this consent

COBIS Code of Conduct

By participating in a COBIS Student Event, individuals agree to abide by the Code of Conduct. Participants who exhibit any behaviour that contravenes this may be immediately removed from the event in question and may be suspended from future COBIS events. Please review the [*COBIS Student Events Code of Conduct*](#), relating to students and staff, in full.

Students:

- Demonstrate empathy, tolerance, respect, and kindness towards others.
- Be respectful of differing opinions, viewpoints, experiences, and cultural sensitivities.
- Be considerate and respectful to all participants, attendees, hosts, officials and COBIS staff.
- Do not engage in unacceptable behaviour, including but not limited to demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behaviour, materials, or speech, whether in-person or online.
- Adhere to digital etiquette during online events including appropriate use of chat, breakout rooms, and screen sharing. The expectation will be for cameras to be turned on when requested (where this impacts bandwidth or connectivity, participants can ask permission to turn cameras back off once the event has begun).
- Take part for enjoyment and strive for personal excellence.
- Graciously accept constructive feedback
- Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- Accept responsibility and apologising to those affected by our mistakes, and learning from the experience
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.
- Cooperate with the officials, teachers, and teammates (if applicable).
- Do not argue with the officials' decisions.

In the case of team events:

- Work hard for the team as well as for yourself.
- Treat all teammates and opponents with kindness and respect.

In the case of in-person events:

- Develop and demonstrate awareness and respect for local customs, laws, expectations and cultural context.
- Respect the venues, hotels and transport vehicles.
- Keep living spaces tidy.
- Do not disturb others in the hotel.

Data Processing

- In order to administer this event, COBIS/ British School of Bahrain will collect the following information:
 - **School:** Name; address, and country

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- **Teacher:** Headteacher name; Lead teacher name, email and job title; Finance contact name and email
- **Student:** Name; school age; year group; entry category
- Registration information will be collected by COBIS via an online form created in COBIS's website (Finalsite). This data will be shared with the British School of Bahrain for the administration and delivery of the event. COBIS and the British School of Bahrain have a data sharing agreement in place to protect the transfer of this information.

Data Processing continued

- The full name, age, and school name of any students taking part will be published on the COBIS and the British School of Bahrain 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. Participants may be asked to take part in such reasonable promotional activities and material as COBIS may require. By entering the competition, the teacher confirms that the appropriate consent has been obtained from parents/carers and/or pupils (who are over the age of 18) to publish this information (full name and photo/video images, and school name and logo). COBIS may request evidence of this consent at any time, such as signed parental / guardian consent forms or confirmation of school policy.
- COBIS will process and retain this data in line with their [Privacy Policy](#). The British School of Bahrain will process this data in line with their [Privacy Policy](#).
- In line with the applicable Data Protection Laws, the data subject or legal guardian acting on their behalf, may request the removal of their name at any time. Please contact students@cobis.org.uk to make this request.

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 COBIS Young Composer of the Year Competition 2026-27.

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