

Schools Geology Challenge 2023:

Terms and Conditions for Finalists

1. Reaching the Final

Judges working in the geoscience and education profession mark all qualifier entries. The teams who submit the 10 highest scoring entries are invited to take part in the Final.

- If a team is unable to attend the final, the 11th placed team will be invited to take part. This will be applied up to the 13th-placed team.
- If multiple teams from one school enter the Qualifiers, but do not all make it to the Final, the max number of students in the team attending the Final is still capped at six pupils.
- The Final is judged by a panel of geoscience professionals. They will decide on one winner and one runner up team. The judges' decision is final.

Schools may bring extra pupils and/or staff to the final. However, expenses **will not** be provided for more than six students and one accompanying staff member (see section 2). In addition, students surplus to the team taking part in the Final **will not** be able to join in the activity as part of a competing team.

2. Expenses and attending the Final

The 2023 Final will run from 10.00am until 4.30pm on 23rd March 2023.

The Final will be an in person event in Burlington, London. Those attending should arrive between 10.00 and 10.20am. The latest time students can arrive is 11.15.

Students must be accompanied by a teacher or someone over 18.

Teams will be reimbursed up to £100 per person, for up to six students and one adult (up to £700 total).

- Proof of purchase must be provided when claiming expenses.
- Expenses must be claimed **within six months** of the competition final.

3. Prizes

2.1 Winners

The winning team of the Schools Geology Challenge will receive:

- A trophy
- £200 to use towards geoscience education in their school

Each student in the winning team will also receive

- A certificate
- A year's fellowship to the Geological Society

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2.2 Runners up

The Runner up team will receive:

- A certificate for each team member
- £100 to use towards geoscience education in their school

All finalists will receive a certificate.

2.3 Claiming prizes

- Cash prizes must be used to further geoscience teaching within the winning teams' school. Teachers or adult supervisors of teams will be issued a "payment requisition form" for the appropriate amount in GBP. This must be returned to education@geolsoc.org.uk **within six months** of the competition Final in order to claim the prize.
- Instructions to claim a year's free Fellowship from The Geological Society will be emailed to the teacher or adult supervisor for the winning team. The Fellowship offer must be claimed **within six months** of the competition Final.
- All certificates will be emailed to finalists after the competition has finished.