NPL School Science Film Challenge 2013

The Challenge

The aim is to make a film, less than two and a half minutes long describing or demonstrating some science correctly in an engaging way using media for which you have copyright permission. Prizes are awarded for categories for best school entry (£500) and best film made by an independent (of school) team including a student (£300). With your permission we'll post films on a You-Tube website.

Important Dates

- **Friday 27 September 2013:** Deadline for Independent Team entries requesting a review from our experts on a 'first cut' version of their film. These teams may then resubmit by 18 October 2013.
- **Friday 18 October 2013:** Deadline for all entries.
- **Week ending Friday 1 November 2013:** Nominations posted on NPL website.
- **(Provisional) Thursday 7 December 2013:** Winners posted on NPL website.

What to do

- Read the Rules below (especially the bit about copyright).
- See what people have previously done for our competition, SciCast and Richmond Borough.
- Get brilliant advice from Planet SciCast's 'Film School'.
- Fill in the application form (available at www.npl.co.uk/ssf).
- Post your film/s to **NPL Schools Film Competition, NPL, Hampton Road, Teddington, TW11 0LW.**
- Wait to see if you have been nominated. There will be awards and £100 prizes for subject categories (physics, chemistry, etc.) as well as the two big cash prize-winners.

Rules

- **Copyright:** All material (vision and sound) must have been made by you or reproduced with the originator's permission. The submission form will require you to state sources of all materials used in your film. Some (but not all) music is copyright 'free' at www.ccmixter.org or www.jamendo.com, or just make the music yourself. You cannot use music from a recording or film - or even sing/hum it unless you have written permission from the publisher of the music. Many films are disqualified in similar competitions because of copyright issues.
- **Your film** must last no more than two and a half minutes (including credits) and must describe or demonstrate an aspect of science correctly, in an entertaining and engaging way.
- **School teams** should submit no more than two films. The £500 prize must be spent by the winning school's science department.
- **Independent teams** must include at least one school age member and if submitted in time, we can make suggestions on how to improve your chances of winning.
- **Format:** Please save a good copy of your film on disc, either in mov, wmv, mp4 or standard DVD format. Please check the film runs from your disc on a separate computer or DVD player before posting to us. Keep a copy for yourself as well, just in case your submission gets lost in the post. We can't return discs.

What does NPL know about science films?

- NPL has its own YouTube site
- NPL staff have won Best Film award at SciCast
- NPL regularly helps TV programmes like the BBC's Horizon and Bang Goes the Theory.

Any questions? Email: schoolsciencefilm@npl.co.uk