

Beacon Camera Club, Malvern

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Dear Art Co-ordinator,

I would like to bring to your attention an exciting opportunity for your students to take part in

The Worcestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2012

competition, organised by The Beacon Camera Club (Malvern), in partnership with Worcestershire Arts and Music.

We invite all students of age 19 and under attending full time education in Worcestershire to enter the Worcestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2012. The competition is divided into three categories according to age (Primary / Lower Secondary / Upper Secondary) and the 4 winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th) in each category will be awarded their prizes at a prestigious event in April 2012.

Subject matter?

The subject matter for the photographs is for each student to decide, anything goes! It is important, however, that the source material **MUST** be photographs of the student's own taking. Up to three images can be submitted at any time up to the closing date and submissions can even be changed right up until the last minute.

Registered contact

We ask each school/college to register an adult contact with us. This person will be responsible for uploading the images for judging.

Cost?

How much does it cost to enter? **Nothing** - there is **no entry fee** for this competition.

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Equipment?

But I don't have a good enough camera!...we hear you say. This is no reason not to enter! We have seen excellent images taken with camera 'phones and in any case, we will be judging the photograph on its merits, NOT according to the make of camera used to take it! We will be looking for eye-catching, well-composed images which mean something or tell a story, or depict an everyday object or in an unusual way, etc.,...in fact ANY type of image taken with ANY type of camera.

Deadlines?

Images will be accepted up to midnight on the 29th. February 2012, so you have plenty of time to get snapping. After this date, all entries will be assessed by our panel of judges and a short-list will be produced. The authors of those short-listed images will receive a priority invitation to a prize-giving evening.

Prizes?

At the prize-giving evening the selected images which will be displayed by projection on a large screen. The rest of the audience attending the prize-giving will be granted entry on an allocated-per-school basis, with any remaining tickets being available on 'first come, first served'. We anticipate that the top 100 photographs will be shown and judged at this event where each photograph will receive a comment and critique from an experienced club photographer. The top four entries in each of the categories will be selected and will receive their prizes. Afterwards they will be asked to submit full resolution digital image files which will be used to generate top-quality framed prints of the winning entries, to be presented to the winners at the club's annual Awards Night on Thursday 19th April 2012.

Workshop

Following this event the twelve winners will be invited to a day's workshop with professional, semi-professional and experienced photographers to help them to improve their skill and technique.

Rules?

Of course, there are rules! We have tried to keep them to a minimum - they can be found on our website: www.beaconcameraclub.co.uk, together with further details of the competition.

To get started, simply email wypoty@beaconcameraclub.co.uk with your (co-ordinator's) name and school and we'll issue your image entry details.

Enclosed is an A4 poster, which we hope you will display on your noticeboard.

So, it's time to get those shutters clicking! We look forward to seeing your pupils' entries.

Yours faithfully

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