Unexpected

Interschool Photography Competition 2027

Supported by Ringwood Rotary Club

This year’s challenge is to create a photograph which reflects the theme:

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This fantastic competition is now its 15th year, and this year involves over 25 schools across Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire.

There are various age group categories running from 4-18 years, so everyone can get involved. This also includes a category for parents/carers and teachers.

The award ceremony and a professional exhibition of the winning entries are then showcased at The Gallery at Arts University Bournemouth.

Last year we had over 1000 individual entries!

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Here are examples of winning entries from previous themes:

Last year's winner and

Young Photographer of the Year

Jacob – Ringwood School

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Previous winners

From left to right

2025 Overall winner | **Layers**

2024 Overall winner | **Atmosphere**

2023 Overall winner | **Movement**

2022 Overall winner | **New Beginnings**

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Arts University Bournemouth

Last year for the second time we secured sponsorship from AUB (Arts University Bournemouth).

Many of our previous exhibition participants have pursued their academic journeys there, and we're delighted that they have agreed to support the inaugural "AUB Creative Photography Award".

The winner of this very special award has been selected from the entire exhibition with the exception of the category winners.

The winning photographer received an AUB goodie bag and Amazon gift voucher.

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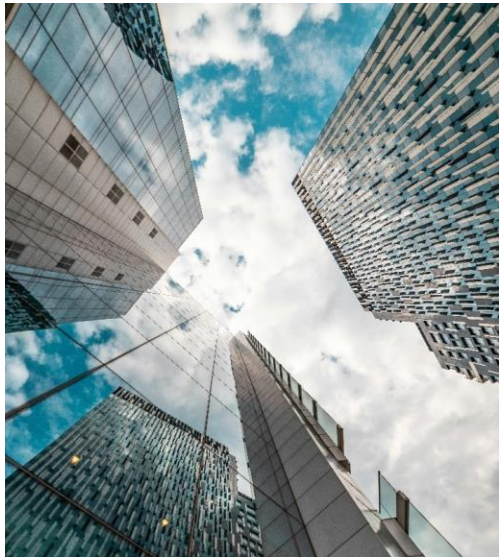

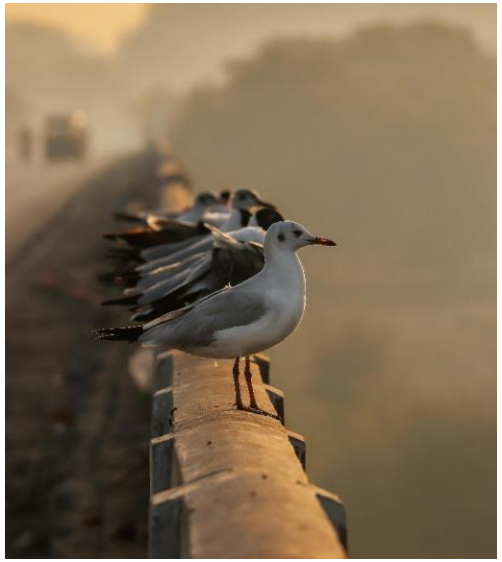

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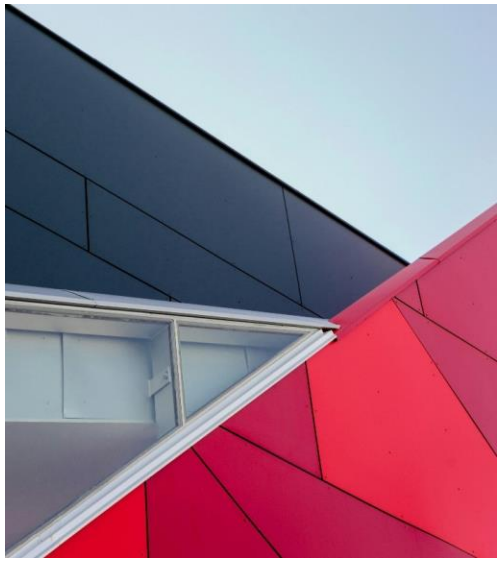

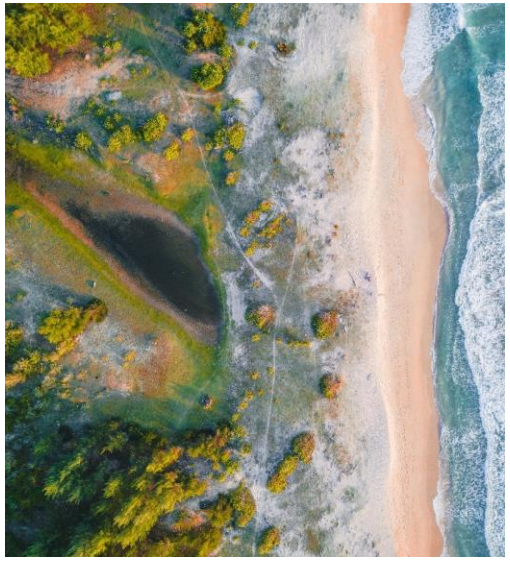

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Age categories

- School years R-6
- School years 7-10
- School years 11-13
- Adults – teachers or parents/carers

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Prizes

- Winning entries will receive prizes of cash vouchers and photographic books.
- **The overall winner will be awarded a DSLR camera.**
- Prizes and certificates will be given at the **Exhibition Awards Evening**. At the exhibition, overall trophy winners and runners up will be announced in each age category.

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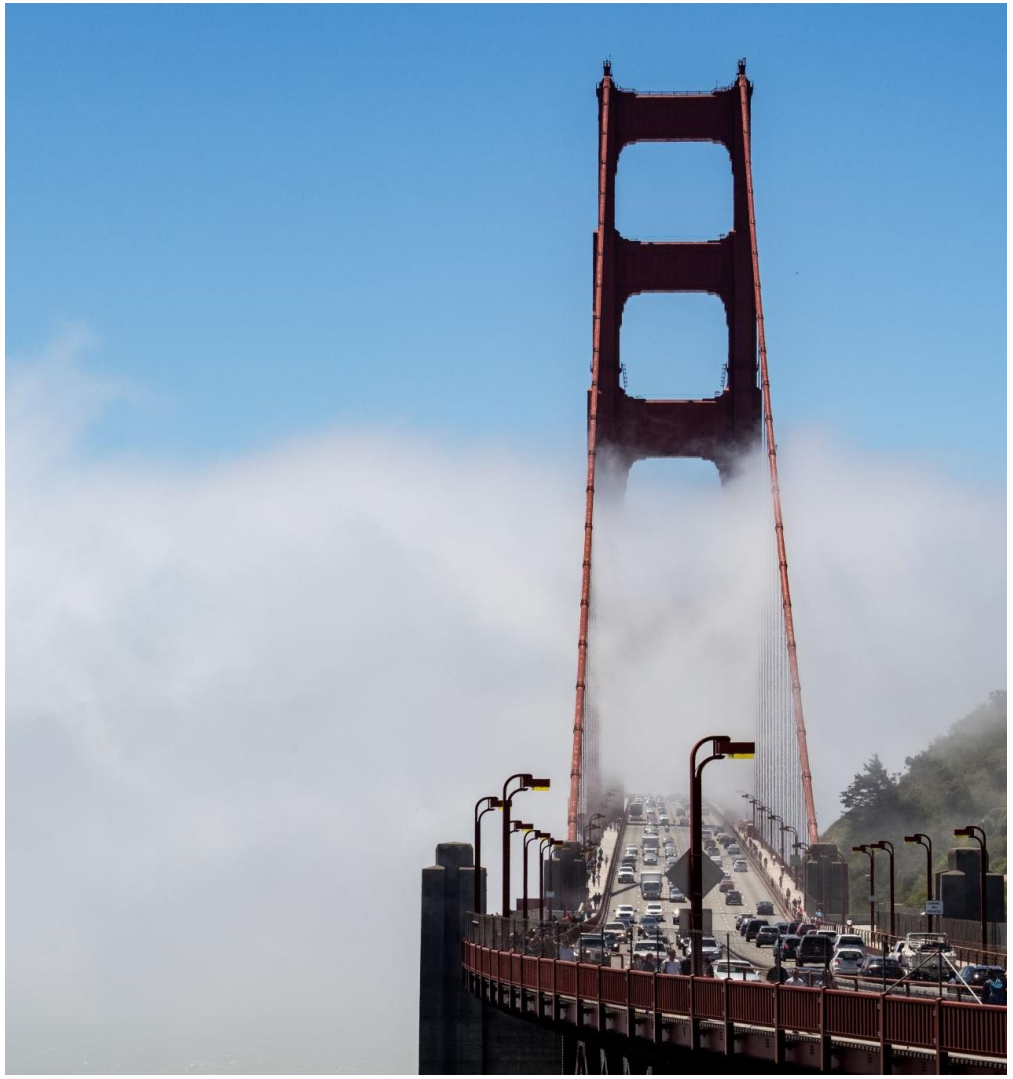
How do you choose what to photograph?

Think about choosing an interesting subject, **but** more importantly think about your composition, your timing and your use of light to make an engaging photograph.

The most interesting person/scene or thing in the world can be photographed in an uninteresting way – or the most inspiring!



Competition rules

- Each student/teacher and parent/carer can enter only **3 images each**.
- Entries should be submitted as JPEG files attached to an email.
- Each individual JPEG photograph file should be retitled with your **name, photo title, school and age group** and sent attached to: **photocompetition@ringwood.hants.sch.uk**
- Please make sure that your images are a good enough file size and quality to enlarge to A2 size for exhibition – **ideally 2MB**
- **No AI is allowed to be used**
- With over a thousand entries entered into this competition, it's really important you **label** your photographs clearly.
- **The deadline for entries is Friday 15th January 2027**

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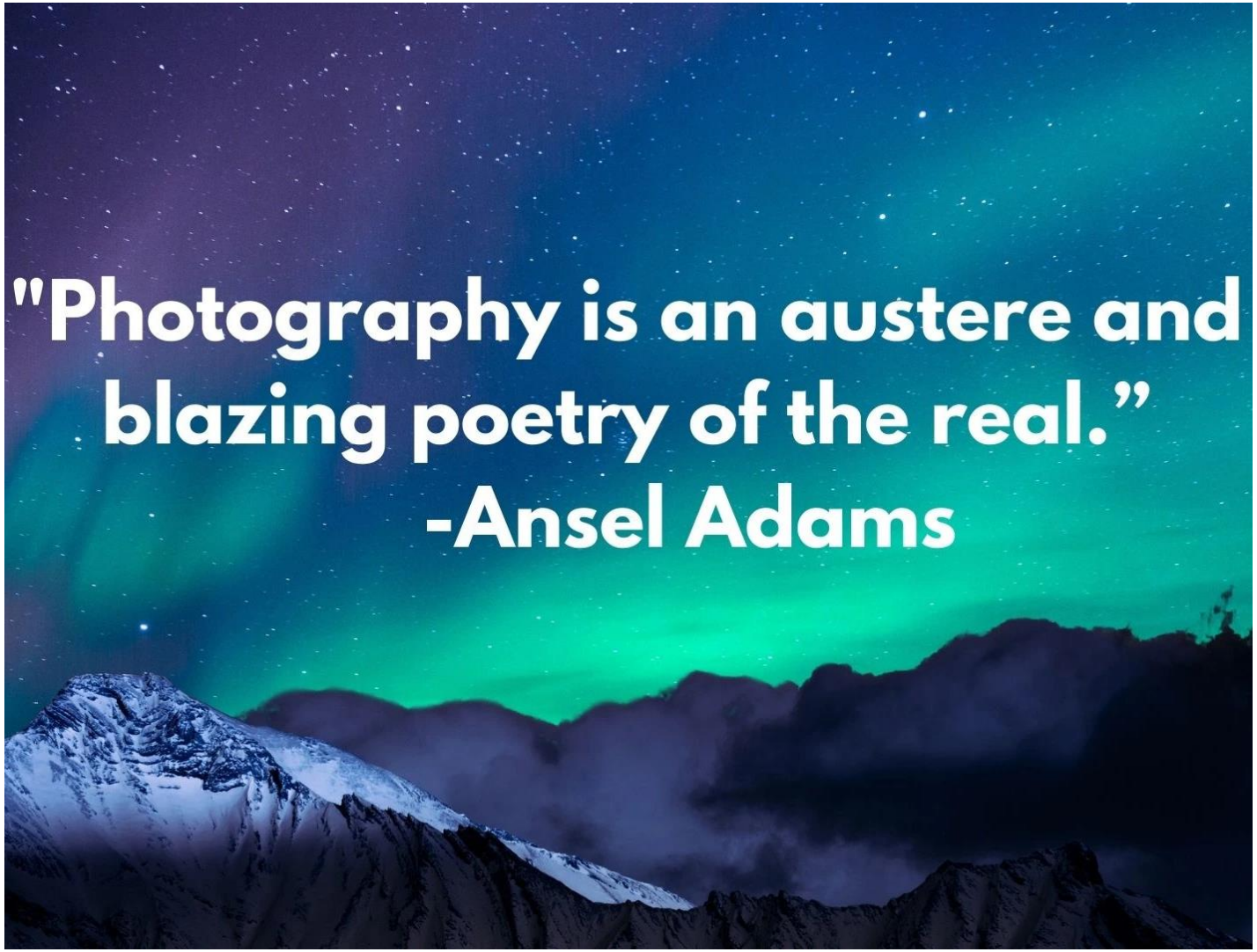
Good luck, and happy snapping!

If you have any other questions, please ask staff at your school, or email **Mr Stuart Fielder – sfielder@ringwood.hants.sch.uk**



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