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Regional Area Guidelines

Several regions are offering in-person heats, the majority are online.

Please note: Southwest London and Southeast London will be new in-person events for 2027. Merseyside and Manchester region offers both an in-person event and an online event, so you need to select one of those options.

If you cannot attend on the date allocated to your regional heat, please book a place in one of the three cross-regional heats. Please do not choose another region that is 'nearby' to your own.

If you enter a heat out of area, then your score will not count. Either book for your specific region or book into a cross-regional heat. Do not book into more than one regional heat.

AREA	COUNTIES	CITIES AND TOWNS AS EXAMPLES	DATE AND TIME
Northern Ireland: in-person **Co-ordinator and venue: Helen Doogan, Killicomaine Junior High School, Portadown**	All	All	Friday 26 February 09.45 – 12.00
Wales: online **Co-ordinator: NLT**	All	All	Friday 12 March 10.00 – 12.30
NW, W and SW Scotland, Scottish Isles: online **Co-ordinator: Kirsty McCulloch Reid, Bearsden Academy**	Argyll and Bute, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Dumfries and Galloway, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Orkney Islands, Renfrewshire, Shetland Islands, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, Stirling, The Highlands, West Dunbartonshire	e.g. Glasgow, Greenock, Kilmarnock, Stirling, Dunblane, Airdrie, Dumbarton, Inverness	Thursday 25 February 10.00 – 12.30
NE, E and SE Scotland: online **Co-ordinator: Christine Babbs, Liberton High School**	Aberdeenshire, Angus, Banffshire, Clackmannanshire, City of Edinburgh, Dundee City, East Lothian, Falkirk, Fife, Midlothian, Moray, Perth and Kinross, Scottish Borders, West Lothian	e.g. Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Perth, Kirkcaldy, Falkirk, Aberdeen, Dundee	Wednesday 17 March 10.00 – 12.30

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Merseyside and Greater Manchester: in-person **Co-ordinator: Laura Ferguson, Wirral Grammar School for Girls** **Venue: Neston High School**	Merseyside, The Wirral, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, South Lancashire	e.g. Liverpool, St Helens, Chester, Crewe, Macclesfield, Alsager, Southport, Warrington, Manchester, Rochdale, Bolton, Wigan, Altrincham	Thursday 11 March 10.00 – 12.30
Merseyside and Greater Manchester: online **Co-ordinator: Laura Ferguson, Wirral Grammar School for Girls**	Merseyside, The Wirral, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, South Lancashire	e.g. Liverpool, St Helens, Chester, Crewe, Macclesfield, Alsager, Southport, Warrington, Manchester, Rochdale, Bolton, Wigan, Altrincham	Thursday 4 February 10.00 – 12.30
Northwest England: in-person **Co-ordinator and venue: Jody Bowdin, Ss John Fisher Thomas More RC High School**	Cumbria, North Lancashire, Isle of Man (excluding Merseyside and Manchester areas – see specific heat)	e.g. Cockermouth, Sedbergh, Preston, Lancaster, Blackburn, Blackpool	Wednesday 24 March 10.00 – 12.30
Northeast England: online **Co-ordinator: Kelly Schweizer, Hummersknott Academy**	Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Durham, Teesside	e.g. Newcastle, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Durham, Sunderland, Gateshead, Hexham, and Morpeth	Wednesday 24 February 10.00 – 12.30
Yorkshire: online **Co-ordinator: Wendy Ellin, Wales High School**	North Yorkshire, East Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire	e.g. York, Leeds, Wakefield, Skipton, Bradford, Hull, Sheffield, Doncaster, Barnsley, Settle, Hawes	Tuesday 2 March 10.00 – 12.30
West Midlands: online **Co-ordinator: Isobel Powell, Coventry Library Services**	Staffordshire, Shropshire, Hereford & Worcester, West Midlands, and Warwickshire	e.g. Birmingham, Coventry, Warwick, Stratford upon Avon, Stoke on Trent, Stafford, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Evesham, Telford	Friday 5 March 10.00 – 12.30

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East Midlands: online **Co-ordinator: Lin Smith**	Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, Rutland	e.g. Corby, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Oakham, Immingham, Lincoln, Bourne, Uppingham, Northampton, Towcester, Kettering, Sleaford, Spalding	Tuesday 16 March 10.00 – 12.30
Oxford, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire: online **Co-ordinators: Linda Stone, Larksmead School and Donna Pocock-Bell, St Helen & & St Katharine**	Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire	e.g. Oxford, Burford, Witney, Banbury, Wantage, Abingdon, Newbury, Reading, Wokingham, Slough, Maidenhead, Ascot, Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, High Wycombe	Monday 22 March 10.00 – 12.30
Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire: online **Co-ordinator: NLT**	Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire	e.g. Stevenage, Hertford, Potters Bar, St Albans Watford, Berkhamsted, Dunstable, Luton, Harpenden, Hatfield, Letchworth, Bishop Stortford	Thursday 18 March 10.00-12.30
East England: in-person **Co-ordinator and venue: Lorraine Gill, Northgate High School, Dereham**	Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire	e.g. Norwich, King's Lynn, Ipswich, Stowmarket, Downham Market, Aylsham, Attleborough, Cambridge, Bury St Edmunds, Peterborough, Huntingdon	Friday 19 March 10.00 – 12.30
Thames Gateway, East London, Essex and Kent: in-person **Co-ordinator and venue: Alexis Lock, Harris Academy Chafford Hundred**	Essex, Kent and all London schools with an E## postcode	e.g. Colchester, Chelmsford, Southend, Romford, Epping, Harlow, Barking, Stratford Walthamstow, Dartford, Rochester, Orpington, Canterbury, Saffron Walden, Thurrock, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Dover, Sevenoaks, Maidstone	Tuesday 23 March 10.00 – 12.30
North London and West London: online **Co-ordinator: Alison Martino, Elthorne Park High School**	London schools with N## and NW## postcodes, W##	e.g. Hampstead, Westminster, Camden, Brent, Hillingdon, Ruislip, Harrow, Ealing, Enfield, PLUS HOUNSLOW	Wednesday 3 March 10.00 – 12.30

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Southwest London: in-person **Co-ordinator and venue: Lucas Maxwell, Glenthorne School**	London schools with SW##, EC## and WC## postcodes, Surrey inside M25	e.g. Fulham, Teddington, Reigate, Banstead, Egham, Southall, City of London, Sutton, Kingston EXCLUDING HOUNSLOW	Friday 12 February 10.00 – 12.00
Southeast London: in-person **Co-ordinator and venue: Fiona Devine, Bullers Wood School for Boys**	London schools with SE## and BR## postcodes, Croydon	e.g. Bromley, Bexley, Croydon, Dulwich, Greenwich, Lewisham, Southwark, Woolwich	Tuesday 9 March 10.00 – 12.30
South England: online **Co-ordinator: Megan Sargent, Cantell School**	East & West Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey outside M25	e.g. Eastbourne, Chichester, Isle of Wight, Basingstoke, Southampton, Guildford Portsmouth, Horsham	Thursday 11 February 10.00 – 12.30
Southwest England: online **Co-ordinator: Caroline Wood, Libraries Unlimited**	Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall	e.g. Gloucester, Bristol, Bath, Dorchester, Exeter, Swindon, Trowbridge, Truro, Taunton	Tuesday 9 February 10.00 – 12.30
Cross-regional Heat One: online **Co-ordinator: NLT**	Any school not able to attend their regional heat	All UK	Wednesday 10 February 10.00 – 12.30
Cross-regional Heat Two: online **Co-ordinator: NLT**	Any school not able to attend their regional heat	All UK	Thursday 4 March 10.00 – 12.30
Cross-regional Heat Three: online **Co-ordinator: NLT**	Any school not able to attend their regional heat	All UK	Thursday 25 March 10.00 – 12.30

Please note there is a list of heats and dates in chronological order on the next page...

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Southwest England: online	Tuesday 9 February
Cross-Regional One: online	Wednesday 10 February
South England: online	Thursday 11 February
Southwest London: in-person	Friday 12 February
Northeast England: online	Wednesday 24 February
NW, W, SW Scotland and Scottish Isles: online	Thursday 25 February
Northern Ireland: in-person	Friday 26 February
Yorkshire: online	Tuesday 2 March
North London and West London: online	Wednesday 3 March
Cross-Regional Two: online	Thursday 4 March
West Midlands: online	Friday 5 March
Southeast London: in-person	Tuesday 9 March
Merseyside and Manchester: in-person	Thursday 11 March
Wales: online	Friday 12 March
East Midlands: online	Tuesday 16 March
NE, E, SE Scotland: online	Wednesday 17 March
Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire: online	Thursday 18 March
East England: in-person	Friday 19 March
Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire: online	Monday 22 March
Thames Gateway, East London, Essex and Kent: in-person	Tuesday 23 March
Northwest England: in-person	Wednesday 24 March
Cross-Regional Three: online	Thursday 25 March

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