

'Creation' Electronic Christmas Card Competition

Terms and conditions

- The competition is open to all school students in the UK between the ages of 11 to 16
- There are two categories for the competition: students aged 11-14 (Key Stage 3 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland; P7-S2 in Scotland) and students aged 14-16 (Key Stage 4 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland; S2-S4 in Scotland)
- The theme of the card must be Christmas and/or winter with a scientific flavour. Entrants may want to consider: ground based astronomy (telescopes and the night sky); nuclear physics (proton and neutrons, the big bang); particle physics (matter and antimatter); astronomy (solar system and the universe); space science (space instrumentation); STFC research facilities (Central Laser Facility, ISIS, etc.) or CERN. See www.scitech.ac.uk, www.seeingscience.stfc.ac.uk and www.particledetectives.net for more ideas
- The card may be created using computer software or by hand
- If scanning handmade artwork for submission by email, please ensure that it is scanned at high resolution as a full colour photograph
- Electronic submissions will only be accepted at a minimum resolution of 300 ppi (pixels per inch) and a minimum width/height of 600 pixels in the following file formats: .bmp, .eps, .jpeg, .pdf, or .png, .ppt, .psd, .swf, or .tif
- Designs submitted must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been published or printed and used as a Christmas card before
- Entrants should seek the permission of a parent/guardian before submitting their entry
- Entrants must provide details of their name, age, the age category entered and the name and address of their school with the entry, otherwise their entry will not be accepted
- Entrants should retain a copy of their design as entries will not be returned
- Only one entry per person
- *Applications:* may be sent by post to Patrick Ffinch, Science and Technology Facilities Council, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon SN2 1SZ or by email to Patrick.Ffinch@stfc.ac.uk to arrive on or before 16:00 on Monday 17 November 2008. No entries will be accepted after this time
- No responsibility can be accepted for entries that are lost, damaged, delayed or not received, howsoever caused. Proof of mailing will not be accepted as proof of receipt
- Winners and runners-up will be notified in writing (by email or post) week commencing 8 December 2008
- There will be one winner and one runner up from each category. Both winning designs will feature as part of the STFC e-card 2008 and may appear on the STFC 2009 calendar. The winning design may need to be altered slightly for on-line and print use
- The winning designers will win an iPod Shuffle and an all expenses paid trip to La Palma for themselves, a friend and an adult. 'Runners up' of the competition will receive an iPod Shuffle, a trip to one of the STFC UK sites and £50 worth of book vouchers for their school. Permission will be required from the parent/guardian of the winners and runners-up to take up the prize of a trip to La Palma or an STFC site (please see additional terms and conditions below)
- The prizes are non-refundable and non-transferable. There is no cash alternative
- The competition will be judged by STFC Chief Executive, Professor Keith Mason. The judge's decision is final
- Details of the winners and runners-up, along with their designs will be posted on the STFC website week commencing 15 December 2008
- The parent/guardian of the winners and runners-up will be asked to sign a release form allowing the use of their child's image and name for promotional purposes
- Submission gives the STFC the right to publish the artwork free of charge as electronic cards to be reproduced on the STFC and STFC sponsored websites and in publicity material related to the competition and the STFC. Copyright will however remain with the artist. The artist will be acknowledged upon use of their design
- The STFC reserves the right not to publish all submitted designs



- The STFC reserves the right to withdraw the competition at any time if events or circumstances occur outside its control which make this necessary. If such an occurrence should arise, details will be posted on the STFC website (www.scitech.ac.uk)
- Entry implies acceptance of these terms and conditions as final and binding

Trips to La Palma and STFC sites

La Palma

- The winners will be able to select a friend and an adult to accompany them to La Palma
- The visit to La Palma will take place after 31 March 2009 (except in exceptional circumstances) due to weather conditions at the telescopes
- STFC will offer the winners a range of dates on which to undertake the visit that take account of the professional requirements of the telescope
- If the winner or any of their party have any conditions that may affect their ability to travel or to visit the telescopes, which are at high altitude, they should notify STFC as soon as possible
- STFC will make all the travel and accommodation arrangements from the departing UK airport to the telescopes on La Palma. It will be the responsibility of the winners' parties to make their own travel arrangement to the UK airport and to ensure that they arrive in sufficient time to check-in
- All winners, friends and accompanying adults must arrange their own travel insurance, relevant visas, medical approval, currency etc. and hold passports which are valid for at least six months beyond the date of return to the UK
- STFC define an 'all expenses paid trip' to mean that STFC will cover all reasonable and actual expenses for the winner, friend and accompanying adult during the three-day trip. STFC will arrange and book flights to La Palma; accommodation and meals at the Astronomers' Residence; and transport between the airport on La Palma and the telescopes. STFC will reimburse reasonable cost of actual travel expenses to and from the UK airport, meals and refreshments for which receipts must be provided
- STFC will not be responsible for the costs of teacher cover if the accompanying adult is a teacher
- STFC assume that the visit will take place over three days – day 1: travel from UK, day 2: at the telescopes, day 3: return to UK
- Accommodation on La Palma will be in the Astronomers' Residence at the Isaac Newton Group of Telescopes
- All visitors will be bound by the Health and Safety regulations pertaining to the site visited
- STFC do not accept liability for any loss to the visiting party at any stage of the trip unless it can be shown that any such loss is the direct result of negligence on the part of STFC or its staff

STFC sites

- The runner-up will be able to select a friend and an adult to accompany them on a visit to one of the three main STFC sites in the UK: Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire; Daresbury Laboratory in Cheshire; or the UK ATC in Edinburgh to the site
- STFC will offer the runners-up a range of dates on which to undertake the visit, that take account of the professional requirements of the site
- During the course of the visit the runner-up's party will be accompanied at all times and toured around the site by a member of STFC staff
- All visitors will be bound by the Health and Safety regulations pertaining to the site
- STFC will reimburse reasonable cost of actual travel expenses to the site, meals and refreshments for which receipts must be provided
- STFC will not be responsible for the costs of teacher cover if the accompanying adult is a teacher
- STFC do not accept liability for any loss to the visiting party at any stage of the trip unless it can be shown that any such loss is the direct result of negligence on the part of STFC or its staff