

Lexden Prize



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Celebrating the most remarkable sixth form students at ISA Members' schools. Their achievements can be in any area of school or community life, and do not have to be academic.

To find out more and nominate an outstanding student, visit the ISA website.

www.isaschools.org.uk

Deadline:
Friday 8
January 2027



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What is the Lexden Prize?

The Lexden Prize celebrates the achievements of 16–18-year-olds in education at the schools of ISA Members. Their achievements should include outstanding involvement in school or community life, and do not have to be academic. The winning pupil is awarded a voucher, glass trophy and certificate in a formal presentation at the ISA Annual Conference on Thursday 6 May 2027. The judges may also choose to award certificates to runner-up and highly commended entries.

Who can be nominated?

All ISA Members' schools are invited to nominate their 'most remarkable sixth form student' for the prize. Nominated students should have demonstrated an involvement in any area of school or community life that goes above and beyond expectations. They should also have shown excellent potential for the future. Nominations are limited to one per school.

Who is Lord Lexden?

The Lexden Prize is named in honour of Lord Lexden, ISA President and President of CIFE (the Council for Independent Education). He is a British historian, author and politician who sits as a Conservative life peer in the House of Lords. Lord Lexden is a former General Secretary of the Independent Schools Council (ISC), a faithful friend to ISA and a champion of independent education.

Nominations

Being nominated by the school is an achievement in itself. The names of all nominated pupils will be entered in the Roll of Honour published on our website and they will receive an ISA presentation certificate. We therefore encourage all ISA Members with sixth form-age students to submit a nomination. Nominees will usually be in their final year of education (i.e. Upper Sixth Form) having turned 18 in the current academic year. The nominee can be studying any curriculum, including A Levels, IB, BTEC, apprenticeship, or other academic or vocational qualifications.

Criteria

The criteria for this award is simple and deliberately broad. ISA Members' schools are asked simply to nominate their 'most remarkable sixth form student'. The nomination must use the template on our website [here](#). A nomination will include part 1 and 2, with part 3 as an optional piece of supporting evidence.

Part 1. A short nomination from a staff member at the school (300 words max)

Part 2. A short personal statement from the nominee (500 words max)

Part 3. Optional – URL link (website page, short video) or PDF/JPEG file (short piece of text, image) which provides further evidence of the student's achievements. This must be relevant to the achievements mentioned in the statement. Only one piece of evidence can be provided – either a file upload or URL link. If entry levels are high, there is no guarantee that the judges will be able to read or watch all the optional evidence provided. Please make sure your application does not rely on this.

Please note: the application takes place before any external examination results and does not depend on, or include exam results.

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How to enter

Nominations must be made through the [form on the ISA website](#) by a member of school staff.

Please note you must be logged in to the website to make entry, any member of staff can create a login. Entries will be open **Monday 5 January to Friday 22 May**. Judges appointed by ISA will consider and adjudicate the nominations. The results will be announced shortly afterwards.

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Muscella: alicia.muscella@isaschools.org.uk

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