

Maxwell Prize

FOR YEAR SIX PUPILS



Celebrating the achievements of Year 6 pupils at ISA Members' schools. The prize is non-academic and rewards commitment to school and community life.

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

www.isaschools.org.uk

Deadline:
Friday 24 April
2026



What is the Maxwell Prize?

The Maxwell Prize celebrates the achievements of Year 6 children in education at the schools of ISA Members. The prize is non-academic and rewards a holistic approach to school and community life. The winning pupil is awarded a voucher, glass trophy and certificate in a formal presentation. Previous presentations have been held at the House of Lords. The judges may also choose to award certificates to runner-up and highly commended entries. The prize is named after Stanley Maxwell, who was Chair of ISA between 1909 and 1939, and was a driving force behind the association.

Who can be nominated?

All ISA Members' schools are invited to nominate an outstanding pupil for the prize. Nominations are limited to one per school. The pupil must be in their final year of primary education (Year 6). Nominated pupils should have demonstrated a contribution to school and community life that goes above and beyond expectations, and be considered an all-round valuable member of the school. Achievements could include (but are not limited to); excellence in sport, music or arts, charity work, involvement in school and community projects, or commitment to extra-curricular activities.

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' schools with Year 6 students to submit a nomination. The nominee can be studying any type of curriculum.

Criteria

The criteria for this award is deliberately broad. ISA Members' schools are asked to nominate their most outstanding Year 6 student. The nomination must use the template on our website [here](#) in a pdf or word doc. Nominations include Part 1 and Part 2, with Part 3 an optional piece of supporting evidence.

Part 1. A short-written nomination from a staff member at the school, which tells the story of why your pupil is so special. (300 words max)

Part 2. A short statement from the nominee describing their achievements in their own words. This can be typed or filmed (300 words max. for text, 2 mins max. for video. Video must be uploaded as a URL link. We cannot accept WeTransfer or download links.)

Part 3. Optional supporting evidence (for example: URL link to website page, short video, short piece of text, images 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 photo or URL link. Please note, 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.

The application takes place before external examination results and does not depend on, or include, exam results.

How to enter

Nominations must be made through the form on the [ISA website](#) by a member of school staff. Entries will be open **Monday 5 January to Friday 24 April**. 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

Privacy Statement: This information will be used by ISA only for the adjudication of the award and will be destroyed after 12 months. The [ISA Privacy Statement](#) can be viewed here.