

Whitbread Memorial Prize FOR POST YEAR 11 EXAMS



All ISA Members' schools are invited to nominate one student for the prize. Recognizes and celebrates outstanding involvement in school and community life, in conjunction with achieving academic excellence in year 11 exams (including GCSEs, iGCSEs or other).

Deadline:
Friday 8 January
2027

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

www.isaschools.org.uk



What is the Whitbread Memorial Prize?

The Whitbread Memorial Prize celebrates outstanding involvement in school and community life, in conjunction with achieving academic excellence in GCSE results. 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 one pupil for the prize. The pupil must have just completed their final year of secondary education (Year 11). Nominees should have achieved excellent scores (i.e. mostly 9s and 8s) on GCSEs or other academic curricula. They should also have demonstrated an involvement in any area of school or community life that goes above and beyond expectations. This may include areas such as sport, arts, music, charity work, positions of leadership and responsibility, etc., as well as any personal circumstances or challenges they have overcome. The adjudicators consider the nominations on the basis of their broader achievements.

Who was Frederick J Whitbread?

The prize is named after Frederick J Whitbread (1866-1953), who established the Richmond Hill School and served the Independent Schools Association as its Executive Officer.

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 a certificate. We therefore encourage all ISA Members with Year 11 students to submit a nomination. The nominee can be studying GCSEs, or any other equivalent qualifications. For those taking curricula other than GCSEs, the scale of grading should be made clear.

The nomination must use the template on our website [here](#) and be submitted as a word doc or PDF containing:

A full breakdown of the student's academic results using the form provided on the website
A statement (max. 350 words) written by a member of school staff covering the following points:

- Part 1. What has the pupil done for their school?
- Part 2. What has the pupil done for the wider community?
- Part 3. What character traits make this pupil stand apart?
- Part 4. Any other points about the pupil you wish to mention

How to enter

Nominations must be made through the [form on the ISA website](#) by a member of school staff. Entries will be open **Friday 11 September 2026**. Deadline for entries will close on **Friday 8 January 2027**. 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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