



Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock

TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENTS

Technology Tournament 2025

Information Pack



Event Date: **Wednesday 11th March 2025.**

Closing Date for entries: **1st March 2025**

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Information Pack for 2025

Introduction

Technology Tournaments are a well-established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RGI). This Tournament is organised by the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock in association with the London Cruise Terminal at the Port of Tilbury.

Each team of four participants is required to design, develop, build and then test a previously set technology task.

Date: **Wednesday 11th March 2025**

Venue: The London Cruise Terminal, Fort Road, Tilbury, RM18 7NG (use postcode for SatNav).

Time: Competitors are asked to arrive and register at 12.00. The Tournament will start promptly at 12.30pm and the anticipated finish time is 4.30pm.

Aims

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- put their STEM skills to the test.
- show they can work within a team and communicate with each other to achieve a common goal.
- be creative and constructive but showing their command of time management skills.

Who can take part?

The competition is open to all schools and college communities and any other young peoples' community organisations, for example, community Interact, Scout Groups, Girl Guides etc.

The age group for teams' participants is 11 to 16 years old.

Entrants must not be below or above the age parameters on the day of the tournament.

Each Team members' name and age on the **1st March 2025** must be provided to the organisers on Registration.

Appropriate staff are asked to select students carefully taking into account that the Tasks are based on engineering principals.

Entrants may participate in a club or district competition that is outside of their geographical boundary but may compete in only one Rotary club or Rotary district Technology Tournament.

A bottle of water will be provided for each entrant.

Competition Guidelines:

Task

To produce in one afternoon a technology task announced on the day of the tournament. Teams are required to produce a Project Portfolio to document and record their work.

It is essential that Teams have a nominated responsible member of staff in attendance at all times. They will not be allowed to assist students in the Task in any way. Please ensure (where applicable) that you have fulfilled local requirements for taking pupils out of school. A risk assessment can be provided when requested.

Materials

All tasks use a limited selection of materials which will be provided on the day in order to inspire creativity and planning in their use to achieve the specified aims. Teams do not necessarily have to use all the materials supplied but no extra materials shall be used.

Judges

Judges with appropriate skills, appointed by Rotary, will apply the judging criteria below.

Judging Criteria

Judges will consider each team's planning and teamwork, their design analysis, presentation and communication of ideas, their craft skills and appropriate use of materials and the final test of their product.

The judges will not enter into any discussion or correspondence regarding their decision; their decision will be final and not subject to any appeal.

Prizes

On completion of the task, competitors will receive a certificate of participation, and the winning team will receive the Technology Tournament Trophy.

How to enter

To enter the tournament, interested parties should complete the Entry Form and email it to the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock at: technologytournament@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk by **1st March 2025**. We can only accommodate a limited number of students so entries will be treated on a first come basis.

Youth Competitions

The Technology Tournament competition is one of several competitions for young people organised by The Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock. Among the others are Young Artist, Young Chef, Youth Debate, Young Musician, Athletics, Young Photographer, Young Citizens Awards and the Young Writer competitions.

To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities for young people, please contact your local Rotary Club at admin@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk

Working with Children

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, the vulnerable and those with disability.

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.

Photographs may be taken at the event and used by Rotary for publicity purposes and Schools are asked to confirm that parental permission for this has been obtained when registering their team on the day of the tournament.

Privacy Notice – Youth Competitions

Privacy Notice

[For the purpose of this privacy notice, Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI) also includes Rotary clubs and districts and their members. The use of the term 'you', 'your' also means that of your child where the competition Entrant is a minor, i.e. under the age of 18 years].

Members of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (“we”) value the trust you put in us to process your personal information and will always be open and honest about the information we collect and how we will use it. We will never do anything with your personal information that you wouldn't reasonably expect us to in relation to the Youth Competitions and we will always take every effort to protect your privacy.

The RIBI Privacy Notice is available on our website, www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk and explains how we collect, process and share personal information. This 'Privacy Notice – Youth Competitions' is supplementary to the general RIBI Privacy Notice and explains in more detail how you can expect your personal information to be specifically used in relation to the Youth Competition events.

How we use your personal information for Youth Competitions

1. We are collecting your personal information (and that of your child if a minor) for the organisation and administration of the youth competitions only, it will not be used for any other purpose.
2. Club, District or Rotary Public Relations Officers may use your personal information to make contact with you to discuss public relation opportunities and will gain your specific consent at that time for the use of your information, such as photographs/interviews for newspaper articles, club or district websites etc. Where the entrant is a minor only the parent/guardian will be contacted.

Providing your personal information to others for Youth Competitions

3. The personal information will only be shared with others that require it for their role/the services they provide for the organisation and administration of the youth competition events. Initially, this will be at club level competitions but should an entrant progress to district or national levels of the competition, the information will also be shared with those relevant organisers.
4. Depending on the Youth Competition, it may be necessary to share some of your information with third parties such as providers of venue hire and catering services. Under such circumstances only the minimum amount of information for the third-party service will be provided, i.e. for caterers, only the name and allergy/special dietary requirement will be disclosed, no other information.
5. Those individuals and organisations that have access to the personal information are also bound by the RIBI Privacy Notice.

Retaining and deleting your personal information

6. All reasonable steps will be taken by those concerned to ensure the personal information they have access to is kept securely and will not be shared with anyone who does not have a legitimate reason to have access to it in relation to the organisation and administration of the competitions.
7. For all youth competitions, personal information will be kept on file for 3 months after the date of the National Final for that specific competition. After this date, the information will be securely destroyed (either by shredding, incineration or deletion from electronic devices) at club, district and national level. This timeframe is necessary to allow for any disputes to be settled before the personal information is destroyed.

By signing the front of this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices in respect of the use of personal information for yourself (and your child, where applicable).

Entry Form 2025

Please read the above Rotary Technology Tournament Information Pack before completing this form. By signing this form, you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the contents of the Information Pack and Privacy Notice.

Please complete an entry form and submit it to the organiser, Rotarian Mark Jones, before **17:00 hours on 1st March 2025** by emailing it to: technologytournament@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk

Please Use CAPITAL LETTERS

School/College/Organisation:

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Name and details (Telephone number/email) of contact.

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Position:

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Address for Communication:

Name of Team Member No 1.

Age on 1st March 2025

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Name of Team Member No 2.

Age on 1st March 2025

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Name of Team Member No 3.

Age on 1st March 2025

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Name of Team Member No 4.

Age on 1st March 2025

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of: Grays Thurrock

Your Contact Rotarian Person: Rotarian Mark Jones

It is assumed that the member of school staff signing the entry form below has sought the permission from the parents/guardians of all student entrants under the age of 18 for the following:

- a. for the named Entrant to take part and be identified in the competition.
- b. for the information on this form to be used and shared, In accordance with the Privacy Notice, with appropriate competition organisers.

By signing this form, you are also acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices referred to within the Information Pack in respect of the use of personal information. In addition, you have agreement. From parents/guardians for photographic/video records to be taken and used by the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock for publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats.

Member of School Staff (Print name):

Signature:

Date: