

EDP &  Bayer CropScience



# young poets of the year *competition*

## What will the future be like?



Schools poetry contest on the theme of 'The Future'. There are two categories:  
1) 8 and 9-year-olds  
2) 10 and 11-year-olds.

## Great Prizes

- **£100** for winners and a day at **Norwich City FC**
- **£500** for winning schools and chance for six pupils to spend a day at the **Norwich City Study Support Centre**
- **£1,000** for charity
- **Winning poems** to be published in the **EDP**

### Final stage judges:



Actor/  
director  
and writer  
**Stephen  
Fry**



Writer  
**Raffaella  
Barker**

**Closing date for entries: July 15, 2005**

## The Competition

The **Eastern Daily Press** and Bayer CropScience (Norwich) are launching a schools poetry competition for pupils aged 8 to 11 years to reach its climax on National Poetry Day (October 6, 2005). Taking its cue from National Poetry Day, the theme of the competition is 'The Future'.

There are two age categories:  
1) 8 and 9-year-olds  
2) 10 and 11-year-olds  
(age as at closing date).

The idea is to challenge children to think creatively about the future –

anything from sci-fi to what they might be eating for tea.

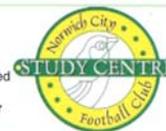
The winner of each age category will receive £100, plus a day out at Norwich City Football Club. Each of their schools will receive £500, plus the opportunity for six school-nominated pupils to spend a day at the Norwich City Study Support Centre.

In addition, Bayer CropScience will donate £500 each to two charities: **Families House** and the

EDP-backed **Hope and Homes for Children**.

To encourage social awareness and responsibility, the poetry competition winners will be asked to present the cheques to the charities.

Any queries, contact:  
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Competition website:  
[www.bayercropscience.co.uk/poetry](http://www.bayercropscience.co.uk/poetry)



## Judges

**First stage judging:**  
**Simon Proctor** (production editor, Eastern Daily Press)  
**Prof Denise Riley** (School of Literature and Creative Writing at the

University of East Anglia)  
**Jonathan Holloway** (Norfolk and Norwich Festival director)  
**Paulene Guise**  
(Bayer CropScience)

**Second stage judging and final decision:**  
**Stephen Fry** (actor, writer and director)  
**Raffaella Barker** (writer)

## Rules

The competition is open to pupils aged 8-11 in the EDP's circulation area.

It will be judged in two categories:  
1) 8 and 9-year-olds  
2) 10 and 11-year-olds  
(age as at the closing date).

Each poem should be on the theme of 'The Future' but can have its own title. It must be the poet's own work.

Poems can be of any length up to 40

lines (not including title) and should be written or typed on A4.

Each poem should have the poet's name, age and school on the back.

Entries will be read by the first stage judges who will select a shortlist for final judging by Stephen Fry and Raffaella Barker. The judges' decision is final.

The closing date for entries is July 15, 2005. All entries should be submitted via

the school and cannot be returned.

The two winners will be notified in early September via the schools and winners will be announced in the EDP in the autumn.

Winning poems – and a selection of others – will be published in the EDP and on the Web.

Normal Archant Regional competition rules apply.

## Entry Form (to be completed by school)

Please detach and return this form with all your school's entries to: **Paulene Guise, Bayer CropScience Ltd, Sweet Briar Road, Norwich, NR6 5AP** no later than **July 15, 2005**. Each poem should have the child's name, age and school on the back.

School name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Telephone.....

E-mail.....

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these poems are the children's own work

Signed.....

Name (please print).....

Position.....

Please complete the number of entries your school is enclosing:

Ages 8 & 9 ..... Ages 10 & 11 .....

We would be willing for the children's poems to be published in the EDP and on the Web if selected.

Signed.....

Name (please print).....