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# ALL Best Short Foreign Film

Are you the next Amélie? Or the future Pedro Almodóvar? If so, this competition is for you! We are looking for creative, independent groups of Year 8 and 9 students to take part in the Association for Language Learning Short Foreign Film Competition. The criteria:

- It must include 'A Surprise'
- Students must be in groups of 3-5
- The film can be in ANY language
- It should be 3-4 minutes long

Teachers can use the project as an add-on to a unit of work or an extended homework project, or even as a discreet unit of work in itself. The film can be about anything, but must include 'A Surprise', in whatever form that may take. The entire film should be in the foreign language.

Schools can organise the initial stages of the challenge in a way best suited to their circumstances and once a winning group of pupils from each teaching group is identified, schools can then choose to enter their overall winning team into the competition to win a place at the finals event to take place at the state-of-the-art School of Modern Languages building at Bristol University on Monday 1 July 2024. Entries must be submitted to [allwestofengland@gmail.com](mailto:allwestofengland@gmail.com) by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Films must be no longer than 4 minutes. ALL will provide a certificate of participation to each member of the team whose entry is submitted to the ALL judging panel. Prizes will be awarded at the finals event to the winning team and to the second- and third-placed runners up.

## Timeline:

March – May 2024  
Up to Friday 24 May 2024  
Wednesday 5 June 2024  
Wednesday 12 June 2024  
Monday 1 July 2024

Groups plan and shoot their short film and class winners are identified  
School finals event identifies the overall winning group in the school  
Deadline for entries for schools wanting to take part in the overall final  
Schools will be notified if their team has won a place at the overall final  
Finals event at Bristol University (16.00-18.00)



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## Further Information & Rules

Schools must be located in one of the following local authorities – Gloucestershire, South Gloucs, Bristol, North Somerset, Bath & NE Somerset, Somerset and Wiltshire.

Entries can be in any language. Subtitles must be included for languages other than French, German and Spanish. Participating pupils must be in the Year 8 or 9 age range (12-14 years old). Any native speakers should be evenly distributed throughout the teams in any particular class group, and should not dominate the dialogue of the film.

Schools are free to organise the project in a way that suits their particular set of circumstances, and devote as much curriculum time as they feel suitable for their students. Successful entries in the past have been launched in during a single lesson and set as a creative home learning project so as not to take too much curriculum time. ALL are not in a position to provide any teaching resources beyond the project brief.

Schools who submit an entry to the ALL judging panel will receive certificates of participation for each member of that team.

Each school can only submit one entry to compete for a place at the overall finals event. The team representing the school and entering the competition to win a place at the finals event must comprise between three and five students of Year 8 or 9 age.

The entry submitted to the ALL judging committee must be in a common file format (such as .wmv or .mp4) and the audio must be of suitable quality to enable judging. It must be submitted in electronic format, either by emailing a web link to the video (uploaded for example to YouTube or on a school website). Full details can be found on the entry form.

Entries must be received by email before 12pm on Wednesday 5 June 2024. No late entries will be accepted. The ALL judging panel will then meet to identify the school teams who will be invited to the finals event in Bristol. Winning schools will be notified by Wednesday 12 June 2024 and will be given further information on the finals event taking place in July.

The judging panel's decision (both in selecting the participating schools and in selecting the winners at the finals event) is final and no discussion will be entered in to.

## Judging Criteria

There is no expectation that the level of language used by groups of Year 8 or 9 students will be of a particular standard, reflecting the fact that some pupils may be in their first or second year of learning the language.

The following aspects will be considered when the ALL judging team makes decisions, both in selecting the school teams invited to the finals event and in awarding prizes at the finals event itself. It is suggested that teachers and schools use this as a guide when selecting their class winners and overall school winning team.

### Language Skills

- Demonstration of a good accent and pronunciation
- Evidence of a good variety of language

### Teamwork and communication skills

- Evidence that each member of the team has played a role in the film
- Each member of the team should speak, but there is no requirement that each pupil speaks for an equal amount of time

### Creative Thinking skills

- The story should show character and plot development

### Confidence

- Pupils speak confidently and fluidly in the foreign language
- The video maintains the interest of the audience



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# Entry Form 2024

If you are completing this form electronically, it should be emailed to [allwestofengland@gmail.com](mailto:allwestofengland@gmail.com) along with the team's video file/link in a common file format (such as .wmv or .mp4)

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 5 June 2024. Entries must be received either by email by 12pm. No late entries will be accepted.

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| School Name   |  |
| Teacher Name  |  |
| Teacher Email Address   |  |
| School Phone Number   |  |
| School Postal Address   |  |
| Language of the Winning Presentation                          |  |
| Film Title  |  |
| First names of Students in the Winning Team (min 3 and max 5) |  |

The teacher contact details on this form will be used to make contact with the winning school teams invited to take part in the finals event at Bristol University.

### GPDR statement

All names and video files submitted will not be shared beyond the judging panel and will be deleted following the finals event at Bristol University in July 2024. By agreeing to enter the competition, it is understood that the school has permission to share any students' faces in the video and that it will be shown during the finals event at Bristol University. If there are any issues regarding GDPR, we recommend students use their imagination to create characters which avoid showing students' faces e.g. animations, masks etc.