

engage in the future

2020 National Creative Awards

When the details of the *engage in their future* 2020 National Creative Awards were planned, nobody could have had any idea just how relevant the theme - Connections - would become. With the Coronavirus pandemic causing so much disruption and uncertainty, our connections became more important than ever. So not only did the National Creative Awards offer an outlet for creativity at a crucial time, it was around a theme that couldn't have been more topical!

The unusual circumstances also illustrated the versatility of the scheme as it proved to be as appropriate for home study packages for those not in school, as it was as a classroom project for those in school.

Participation and enthusiasm amongst students and staff was certainly not affected by the circumstances with the Connections theme really seeming to resonate with everyone that took part. It led to some incredible creativity, effort and diversity around how the idea was interpreted across the three creative categories and key stage groups.



Winner of the KS3 photography category



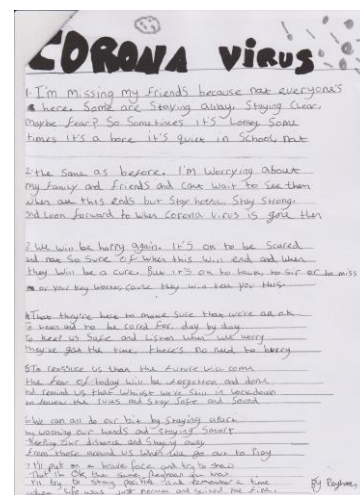
2020 National Creative Awards trophies

The National Creative Awards has always encouraged and celebrated the creativity of students and staff from the national network of member schools. But when the winners of the 2020 scheme were announced in early June, the positivity of this story at such a challenging time was even more welcome. Social media provided a platform to share the good news widely, offer congratulations and celebrate success.

Although how the winning students are presented with their trophy, certificate and framed copy of their entry may be slightly different this year, Vision for Education as sponsors of the 2020 National Creative Awards, are embracing the "new normal" of video calls and have offered to reach

out to all the schools with winning students to support their celebration of their student's success.

The National Creative Awards is highly valued by so many across the network of members as it provides a national platform to express and competitively share creativity amongst peers. *engage in their future* would like to thank everyone that took part and those that supported them, and congratulate everyone for sharing their amazing, inspirational creativity especially given the challenging times we all found ourselves in.



Winner of the KS1&2 poetry category

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