



HIPPO

TheContest2026

Why Participate?

Boost Your School's Prestige: Showcase your institution on the global stage of educational excellence.

Inclusivity and Integration: Through our Hippo4Equity grants, we ensure equal opportunities for everyone.

High-quality Examinations: CEFR-aligned and developed by a UK awarding body, providing schools and students with an invaluable benchmark of progress.

Top-Notch Partners: Collaborate with renowned educational leaders like Bucksmore Education, Mizzou Academy, and Gatehouse Awards.

Worldwide Presence: Compete with schools and students from approximately 70 countries, enjoying a truly international experience.

Contest Stages

1. Preliminary Round

Tests available paper-based and online directly in candidates' schools or comfortably at home.

2. National Finals

A platform to select each country's top performers that brings together students from different cities.

3. Extra Rounds

Continental Round - The Qualifiers

First international round of the contest giving a second chance to National Finalists to reach the World Finals.

Play-off Qualifiers

A second chance to shine and experience the thrill of international environment, with or without parents!

5. World Finals

The best of the best compete for glory in Italy, taking OFQUAL-regulated, internationally recognised ESOL examinations by Gatehouse Awards UK!

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