

# Young Coders

Dear Educator, Parent or Guardian,

Firstly, thank you for taking this pack and considering giving the children you work with the opportunity to be in our **2025 Young Coders team**. We have included everything you need to support you and the children you work with to program a brilliant game ready to submit to our competition. [This year's theme is "Budgeting Better"](#).

Our Young Coders Competition is open for children in years Y4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 (P5, 6, 7 and S1 Scotland, Y5, 6, 7 and 8 Northern Ireland, ages 7 - 13) who can work individually or in teams of 2 - 6 children to create their project. There are two planning options:

- A 12-week course for absolute beginners (children, teachers, parents and guardians)
- A 6-week course for those who already have a little experience with using Scratch

Use these resources as part of your school's Computing curriculum, as an extracurricular club activity or as a parental guardian with your child at home.

As well as planning, this pack includes:

- Introductory assembly slides and script to launch the competition/club in your school
- A3 poster to remind children about the competition
- Educators/parent/guardian FAQs with all key information you need close at hand
- Student 'cheat sheet' with all the rules, so you don't have to keep reminding them!
- A Multiple Entry Form which allows you to submit multiple entries in one go

[The links to these documents are on page 2 of this letter.](#)

Participating in this competition, the children get a chance to become a part of the Young Coders Crew. Each winning child will receive a personalised certificate. Every entry will receive certificates of participation and feedback from the judges. **Both the winning UK primary and secondary schools** will also receive Prize Money:

First Prize: £200

Second Prize: £100

Third Prize: £50

Following receiving many entries from overseas, there will be a certificate for **'Best International Entry'**.



You can submit competition entries any time after **Monday 25th November 2024**, and the competition closes on **Friday 9th May 2025**. The winning entries will be notified by **Tuesday 17th June 2025**.

*The winner's presentation event will be held on Thursday 26th June 2025.*

Once again, thank you for all your hard work educating the children you work with! Whether you are a confident coder yourself or not, showing the children you're willing to have a go and giving them this opportunity will inspire them to expand their skill sets.

*~ Young Coders Team*

# Project Pack

1. Get the children excited about the competition with an assembly.
  - a. [Assembly Slides](#)
  - b. [Assembly Script](#)
  - c. [Poster](#)
  - d. [YC Website](#)
  
2. [Check the overview](#) and decide which set of planning suits you and your students best:
  - a. 12 weeks (complete beginners)
    - [Week 1](#)
    - [Week 2](#)
    - [Week 3](#)
    - [Week 4](#)
    - [Week 5](#)
    - [Week 6](#)
    - [Week 7](#)
    - [Week 8](#)
    - [Week 9](#)
    - [Week 10](#)
    - Weeks 11 and 12 are not linked out to a session as we have left flexibility for short terms, excursions or extra time you need to finish your projects
  - b. 6 weeks (some Scratch experience)
    - [Week 1](#)
    - [Week 2](#)
    - [Week 3](#)
    - [Week 4](#)
    - [Week 5](#)
    - Week 6 is not linked to a session as we have left this session flexible for short terms, excursions or extra time you need to finish your projects.
  
3. Keep these documents on hand for help and advice:
  - a. [Student Support Sheet](#)
  - b. [Teacher FAQs](#)
  - c. [Glossary](#)
  
4. Complete the form to submit entries by **Friday 9th May 2025**
  - a. Individual entries: [Competition Submission Form](#) *(Now open!)*  
 *How to use the Individual Entry Form for Young Coders!*
  - b. Multiple entries: [Multiple Entry Form](#)  
 *How to use the Multiple Entry Form for Young Coders! - 2023*