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## Competition now open for *the Independent-Bosch* Technology Horizons Award

### Prizes for students and teachers on offer

*The Independent-Bosch* Technology Horizons Award has been designed to encourage the engineers of the future. Now in its fourth successful year, young people aged between 14 and 24 are asked to write a short essay in answer to the question, 'How can technology and engineering provide innovative solutions to today's global challenges?'

Run by Bosch, the Independent newspaper and the Royal Academy of Engineering, the competition has two age categories; 14-18 year-olds and 19-24 year olds. The winner of the 14-18 year category will receive £700, the second place finalist will receive £350, and five runners up will receive £150 each. In the 19-24 year category the winner will receive £1,000, the second place finalist will receive £500, and five runners up will receive £250 each.

The winner of the £1000 top prize in 2008 was Carmel Digweed a Journalism student from Sheffield University, she said, "This competition has proved to be brilliant for me as I got my work published in a national newspaper, something that will stand out on my CV when it comes to applying for jobs. I think more companies should follow Bosch's example and give young people the chance to have their say about technology and innovation in the future".

Speaking about the competition, Robert Meier, MD for Bosch in the UK said: "Bosch is a company that depends on the innovation and skill of our engineers to ensure that we remain at the forefront of automotive, consumer and industrial technologies. For us, this competition allows us the opportunity to engage with young people, open their eyes to the role of technology and engineering in our world today, and also encourage the engineers of the future".

The deadline to enter the competition is the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and winning entrants will be invited to attend a prestigious award ceremony in London in July where they can meet VIPs from the world of science and technology. Among the judges for 2009 is Johnny Ball, the TV presenter who is particularly well-known for science and technology programmes like *Think of a Number* and *Think Again*.

Full terms and conditions and advice on how to structure a winning essay, along with a film about the competition can be found at:

[www.independent.co.uk/student/competitions/article941025.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/student/competitions/article941025.html)

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