



VW/22 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: World Town Planning Day 2020 Schools Competition

The Geography Department would like to invite your son/daughter to enter a competition run by the Royal Town Planning Institute Competition who are the UK's leading planning body for spatial, sustainable and inclusive planning, and are the largest planning institute in Europe. The competition encourages students to use and improve upon a variety of skills such as independent research and investigation, design, literacy and presentation skills.

Entry is **not** compulsory, but if your son/daughter finds themselves "at a loose end" this half term, this is something they might like to try! It is open to all students, not just those studying geography, and has links with many curriculum themes.

The RTPI describe the competition as follows:

"As town planners, we are thinking about the ways towns and cities, as well as the countryside, will need to adapt in the future. This includes adjusting to the current pandemic and keeping people safe, but also looking at the lessons we've learned about working remotely, reduced travel, online shopping and the way we use our town centres and interact with each other. So, we want to hear ideas from your students - as the citizens and planners of the future - about how to make local communities and places more sustainable.

*The competition is to **pitch a plan for regeneration to the local council**. Identify a local area and ask your students: how do you think the place should change? And what issues must your local council planning department need to consider to make it happen?"*

Competition entries need to be sent via email to vwatson@saintolaves.net by Wednesday, 11th November 2020. The competition has two age categories: 11-15 and 16-18. More details can be found in the files section of each whole year groups' team page.

Winners will receive:

- up to £100 of vouchers
- a certificate
- an online careers skills session with a Chartered Town Planner
- plus a prize for St Olave's

Yours faithfully

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