

SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION 2027

In this tenth year of the **Columban Schools Competition**, we are looking for students in Britain and Ireland (aged 13-18 inclusive, parental permission required) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

STAYING HUMAN IN THE AGE OF AI: CARING FOR PEOPLE, PLANET AND THE COMMON GOOD

In May 2026, Pope Leo published the Encyclical **'Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.'**

In it he writes: **“No computational system, however sophisticated, can create a heart that gives itself, or a conscience that discerns good from evil. Even when machines excel in efficiency, a human face that asks to be gazed upon remains the centre of our history. This human face is the fullness toward which history is moving”** (No 233)

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 9TH FEBRUARY 2027
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS: 23RD MARCH 2027

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