

Terms & Conditions.

Solar Innovation Challenge 2026.

1. Promoter.

The promoter of the Solar Innovation Challenge 2026 (the “Competition”) is eEnergy Group plc (“eEnergy”), in partnership with delivery partners under the GBESP Midlands Lot 1 programme.

2. Eligibility.

2.1 The Competition is open to pupils attending secondary schools participating in the GBESP Midlands Lot 1 programme in England.

2.2 Entries must be submitted via a teacher on behalf of the school. Individual pupils may not submit entries to us directly.

2.3 Employees of eEnergy and their immediate family members may participate only via their eligible school, and shall not receive any additional advantage in the judging process.

3. Competition period.

3.1 The Competition opens on the date notified by eEnergy to participating schools and closes at 5pm on 30 January 2026 (the “Closing Date”).

3.2 Entries received after the Closing Date will not be considered.

4. How to enter.

4.1 To enter, pupils must create a submission responding to the Competition brief provided on the official landing page and in teacher guidance.

4.2 Accepted formats include:

- (a) Written explanation (maximum 500 words);
- (b) Drawings or diagrams (scanned or photographed);
- (c) Short video (maximum 5 minutes);
- (d) Model or prototype (photographed or filmed, with a short explanation).

4.3 Each entry must be submitted by a teacher by email to innovation.challenge@eenergy.com by the Closing Date.

4.4 Teachers must include the school name, pupil name(s) and year group(s) with each entry.

5. Entry requirements.

5.1 Entries must be the original work of the pupil and must not infringe any third-party rights (including copyright, trademarks or privacy rights).

5.2 Entries must not contain any material that is offensive, discriminatory, unlawful, defamatory or otherwise inappropriate for a school setting. eEnergy reserves the right to disqualify any such entries.

5.3 Each entry must be from an individual pupil. Group, joint or class entries are not permitted and will be disqualified. Teachers may support and guide pupils, but only one named pupil can be the entrant and prize recipient.

6. Judging and selection of winners.

6.1 All eligible entries will be assessed by a judging panel appointed by eEnergy, anticipated to include:

- Harvey Sinclair – CEO, eEnergy
- Cass Swallow – CMO, eEnergy
- Shaun Beattie – Commercial Director - Solar, eEnergy
- Mark Dolling – Chief Partnership Officer, eEnergy
- Cleo Ibberson – Cluster Lead, RAFT (Retrofit Action for Tomorrow)
- Gemma Taylor - Associate Director, Sustainability – Education Sector Lead, Mace

6.2 Entries will be judged against the published criteria: Creativity (30%), Practicality (25%), Impact (25%), Presentation (20%).

6.3 The panel's decision is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.

7. Prizes.

7.1 There will be two prize-winning entries in total across all eligible entries, awarded as follows:

(a) First Prize – “Solar Trailblazer”

The First Prize winner will receive:

- One *Solar Innovation Pack* for the winning pupil, comprising: solar-powered headphones, solar speaker, solar torch and solar power bank;
- 100 trees planted in the pupil's name; and
- A £350 donation to the winning pupil's school Sustainability Fund.

(b) Runner-Up Prize – “Solar Changemaker”

The Runner-Up will receive:

- One *Solar Innovation Pack* for the pupil, comprising: solar-powered torch and solar power bank;
- 50 trees planted in the pupil’s name; and
- A £150 donation to the pupil’s school Sustainability Fund.

7.2 Prizes are non-exchangeable and non-transferable. eEnergy reserves the right to substitute any element of a prize (including specific items within the Solar Innovation Packs and the tree-planting provider) with an alternative of equal or greater value if necessary.

8. Notification of winners.

8.1 Winning schools will be notified by email using the contact details provided on entry.

8.2 If a school does not respond within a reasonable period of 1 week, eEnergy reserves the right to select an alternative winning entry.

9. Use of entries and publicity.

9.1 By entering, schools grant eEnergy a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide licence to use, reproduce, display, publish and communicate entries (in whole or in part) in connection with:

(a) The Dudley College event (Feb 2026);

(b) Promotion of the GBESP Midlands Lot 1 programme;

(c) eEnergy’s educational and marketing materials, including digital and social channels.

9.2 Where reasonably practicable, pupils will be credited by first name, initial and school (e.g. “Sam H, Greenfield School”).

9.3 Any use will be subject to the school’s safeguarding and consent requirements.

10. Data protection.

10.1 eEnergy will process personal data (including pupil and teacher names, school details and contact information) in accordance with applicable data protection laws and its privacy notice.

10.2 Personal data will be used solely for the purposes of administering the Competition, judging entries, prize fulfilment, and any agreed publicity.

11. Safeguarding.

11.1 Schools are responsible for ensuring that appropriate parental/guardian consents are obtained for pupil participation, including for any images or videos submitted.

11.2 No images of pupils will be used publicly by eEnergy without confirmation from the school that relevant consents are in place.

12. General.

12.1 eEnergy reserves the right to cancel, suspend or amend the Competition where it becomes necessary to do so due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

12.2 These Terms & Conditions shall be governed by English law, and any disputes shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.