



NEXT STEPS FILM FEST



Varndean
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Entry Requirements, the small print.

Please get in contact with any questions or queries you may have.

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Entry form link: [Google Form](#)

1. Eligibility

The *Next Steps Film Fest* is open to all students in Year 10 and Year 11. Submissions are also welcome from equivalent age home educated children and those not in traditional education. You do not need to submit a film to attend the festival!

2. Film Requirements

- ★ Maximum duration of work submitted: 5 minutes (including credits), no minimum length. There are no genre restrictions, if it's 'moving image', it will be considered!
- ★ Film content must be age-appropriate and suitable for a school audience, BBFC 12A certificate max. You can read the BBFC's [12A guidelines here](#). This doesn't mean you can't make a film about a challenging topic or difficult subject, just consider how you present it.

3. Submission Guidelines

- ★ Deadline for submissions: Friday 17 Oct 2025, via Google form.
- ★ Successful entrants will be informed by email by Friday 24 Oct 2025.

- ★ To submit a film simply complete the festival entry form ([Google Form](#)).
- ★ It is free to submit your film! There is no cost of entry.
- ★ All participants must have parent, carer or guardian consent to enter, given via entry form.
- ★ Please make sure any 'sharing' settings on the link you provide for the work are enabled correctly so the film can be viewed initially and downloaded later if chosen for the screening.
- ★ Pay attention to the copyright disclaimer on the Google Form. By entering a film you confirm that you hold the rights or have permission to use all material in your film and that your film does not infringe on the rights of any individual or organisation. Use of copyrighted material without permission is strictly prohibited and any film found to include unlicensed content will not be screened. You are responsible for making sure you have permission to use any material in your film that you have not created yourself, such as:
 - music and sound effects
 - video clips and still images
 - logos, artwork, and graphic assets
 - scripts, dialogue, and / or creative writing
- ★ Entrants must provide, if requested, relevant paperwork or proof of the above. You may also need to provide a talent release form, for each person who appears visibly or audibly in the film and / or a location release form, if filming occurs on private property or in restricted public spaces. Note: templates for release forms are easily found online (or ask an AI platform to create one for you) and can be completed retrospectively, after submitting your film. A [CC licence](#) may cover you.
- ★ All contributors must be credited appropriately; this is what credits in films are for!
- ★ It will be assumed that films made as a group have the consent of all members for submission into the festival.

4. Rights & Usage of Work Submitted

- ★ By submitting a film work, participants grant *Next Steps Film Fest* the non-exclusive, royalty-free right to screen it at the festival and related events and use stills, excerpts from it for educational or publicity purposes.
- ★ Copyright remains with the filmmaker(s).