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# Ben needs votes to win contest

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**A teenager is calling on the public to help him win £1,000 in a design competition.**

Bourne Grammar School pupil Ben Goldsworthy entered a competition to design a poster and front cover for the programme of the 160th Boat Race between Oxford University and Cambridge University.

His abstract design is one of eight to be short-listed by the judges and is now part of a public vote to choose the winner.

Ben, 17, studied art at GCSE level but didn't continue with the subject for A-levels.

He said: "The £1,000

prize was my main reason for entering and I had nothing to lose.

"I'm proud to have got this far in the competition but don't want to jinx it by saying how I think I'll do against the other entries."

Ben's design took him a few hours to create. It is an abstract image of two boats going across the water displaying the team colours.

Members of the public can see all eight designs and vote for their favourite at [www.whichblueareyou.com/schools](http://www.whichblueareyou.com/schools) before the voting closes on Wednesday.

The winner will receive £1,000, an invitation to the BNY Mellon Boat Race gala dinner and £250 for their school to spend on art

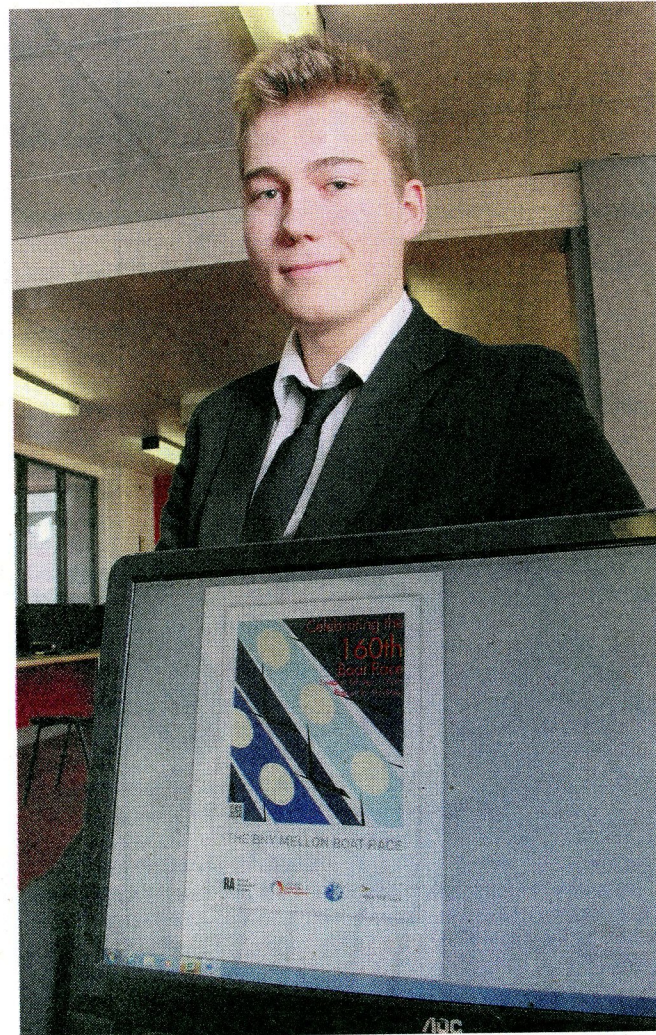
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If Ben wins the competition he plans to put the money towards his university course at Lancaster, where he hopes to study computer science.

Head of sixthform at Bourne Grammar School, Sarah Shales, said: "We are delighted that Ben has been shortlisted for designing a poster for the 160th Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race and wish him well for the voting phase.

"It will be a great personal achievement if he is successful in winning this competition."

Samantha Hurditch, of competition sponsor BNY Mellon, added: "The creativity and quality of the poster designs was really impressive, especially when you consider the age of the students."



Ben Goldsworthy with his poster

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## Emergency call to burning car

Police are trying to trace the owners of a car that was found alight in a field.

Emergency services were called to land off Tickencote Road, Exton, at about 11.05pm on Tuesday to find a silver Ford Ka on fire. There was no sign of the owner following a search of the area. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

## Still time to have say on policy

People still have time to have their say on Rutland County Council's review of its Licensing Policy. The council is launched its public consultation last month.

For details and to comment, visit the website at [www.rutland.gov.uk/licensing-information/licensing\\_act\\_2003.aspx](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/licensing-information/licensing_act_2003.aspx)