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Bourne teenager aims to design programme cover

Help student achieve top Boat Race prize

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A teenager is calling on the public to help him win £1,000 in a prestigious national 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 shortlisted 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 competiton 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 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 materials.

Bourne Grammar School student Ben Goldsworthy.

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 sixth form 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."

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