

TOP OF THE BENCH (ToTB) REGIONAL HEATS AND FINAL, 2023

Royal Society of Chemistry East Anglia Section

This year's competition will be in two parts, where all teams can participate in the regional heats (1), with the top schools being selected to participate in the regional final (2). Should your school get through to the final, we will be awarding prizes for individual team members and vouchers for schools to purchase new chemistry equipment.

The winning team/school from the regional final will then go on to participate in the National Final in the spring of 2024.

The Team

Your ToTB teams must comprise of four students – two from Year 9, one from Year 10 and one from Year 11. An entry form has been provided at the end of this document. If your school has registered, we kindly ask you to return the form on page 2 to rsceastcompetitions@gmail.com by **Wednesday 11th October**.

Important Dates

1. REGIONAL HEATS – 16th October to 20th October 2023

At **09:00 on Monday 16th October 2023**, all schools will be provided with a link to a Google Form quiz, which needs to be completed and submitted by **17:00 on Friday 20th October 2023**. This quiz should be answered as a team under the supervision of a teacher

The results of this round will be communicated to you in the week commencing 23rd October 2023.

2. REGIONAL FINAL

If you are selected to participate in the regional final, this round will consist of a Science Investigation Day to be held at UEA by December 2023 (date yet to be confirmed).

We hope you can participate in TOTB 2023 and look forward to receiving your school's submissions.

Ms Karen Pardoe and Dr Rianne Lord
RSC East Anglia Committee

Please return this form to: rsceastcompetitions@gmail.com by Wednesday 11th October, 2023

School name & contact email	Postcode	Has the school entered before? (Y/N)	Student	Gender	Disability ¹	Do you require any adjustments or assistance?
				With which gender do you mostly identify? o Male o Female o Non-binary/gender diverse o Self describe o Prefer not to say	Do you consider yourself to have a disability as defined below? o Yes o No o Prefer not to say	
			Student 1 (Year 9)			
			Student 2 (Year 9)			
			Student 3 (Year 10)			
			Student 4 (Year 11)			

¹ The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has 'a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.' For example, this can include diabetes, learning difficulties, hearing or speech impairments, arthritis, heart problems, depression, epilepsy etc.