



Young Photographers Showcase Their Skills

Young photographers from schools across a West Norfolk education trust showed off their skills behind the lens in an annual competition.

Run by the West Norfolk Academies Trust in association with the King's Lynn & District Camera Club, the WNAT Photography Competition was renamed this year as the David Ashfield Photography Cup, in honour of a KLDCC member who had recently died.

"The competition started in 2024 as a collaboration between WNAT and the KLDCC, who use the Springwood High School for their weekly Monday meetings," explained KLDCC Chair Brian Sadler, who organised the event with Emma Pearman from WNAT.

"That was a great success, so we decided to build upon that and make the competition a regular event to encourage youngsters into photography.

"The late David Ashfield was a pivotal and influential member of the KLDCC, so we decided to honour his memory by naming the competition after him."

Competition categories comprised Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4, and Key Stage 5, plus one for WNAT staff, and almost 150 entries were received from Years 3 to 13 across the Trust's member schools.

Those participating included Marshland High School in West Walton, St Clement's High School in Terrington St Clement, Smithdon High School in Hunstanton, and host Springwood High School in King's Lynn, as well as primaries at Clenchwarton, Gaywood, Heacham Junior, Snettisham, Walpole Cross Keys, and West Lynn.

WNAT undertook the first round of judging, shortlisting ten images from each of the five categories to go through to the final at Springwood, where experienced circuit judge and honorary KLDCC member Allan Livingstone had the task of selecting the winners.

The first place category prizes went to Ava Frear for Key Stage 5; Thomas Scotney for Key Stage 4; Scarlett Chapman for Key Stage 3; and Sydney Cottrill for Key Stage 2; while Lee Sedgley won the Staff Award.

An additional award went to overall winner Ava, who was presented with the David Ashfield Cup by the late Mr Ashfield's daughters, Jill Smithson and Sally Ashfield – a former Deputy Headteacher at Springwood.

