

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**New Chiltern timetable features art by local youngsters**

Seven pupils at The Chalfonts Independent Grammar School have been announced among the winners of Chiltern Railways' recent competition to design the cover of the winter/spring timetable.

The overall winning entry came from Jessie Taylor, 13, who will have her artwork featured on the front cover of Chiltern's main timetables which came into effect on Sunday 10 December.

Jessie was amongst nine winners, ranging from 6 to 13 years of age, that were chosen from entries submitted by schools and community groups across Chiltern's rail network.

In a presentation that took place today at Chalfonts Independent Grammar School, the winners received a Chiltern Railways goodie bag, a framed certificate and a free family rail pass for a day of travel anywhere on the Chiltern Railways network.

As well as being featured on the new timetables, the winning artworks can also be seen in a temporary exhibition at Birmingham Moor Street station for the next six months.

Alan Riley, Chiltern's Interim Customer Services Director said:

"We run the timetable art competition with the aim of engaging with our community and encouraging the artistic interests of the children who live and study along our line. The standard of artwork that was submitted was very high and it was wonderful to see Chiltern Railways represented through the eyes of so many talented kids."

Deborah Franses Bean, Head Art at The Chalfonts Independent Grammar School said:

"I encourage pupils to enter art competitions to give them more confidence outside of the classroom. I remember as a child entering and being a runner up or winner in a Blue Peter, Clarks shoes and Harrow county art competitions, this created such a confidence in me that I grew up to become an artist and always knew that this was my strength".

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