

How this competition can help meet key aspects of the current school's curriculum:

Maths

Students will need to collect and analyse data in order to see the effects of their intervention. This will mean comparing the results of two groups of participants that are involved to see differences in their effects.

Science

A clinical trial, like any scientific experiment, requires participants to stick to a defined set of rules and procedures in order to get the best results. The project also teaches children the foundation processes around where evidence for healthcare decisions are made.

Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE)

The START competition will help students question the choices they make around their own health and wellbeing and create a sense of personal responsibility for the everyday decisions they make. By working in a team, as a class or as a school, the students will be able to see each other's strengths in delivering such a project.

English / Irish

The students will be challenged to explain the project to those involved; this may mean younger pupils or family members or the wider community. The final presentation of the project findings will require students to compile the findings in a clear and concise way.

Visual arts

There are no restrictions in the format for which the findings can be presented. Students are encouraged to be creative and use any format they wish.

Information & communication technology (ICT)

The project will require research by the students to understand the processes involved. A wide range of online resources will be made available to students. Students can also use technology to present their work.