**Local Skills Competition Endorsement Framework**

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**(Insert Organisation) celebrates the winners of its (insert skill) competition**

(Insert name of college) recently hosted a competition in (insert skill) to support students and apprentices in developing the high-level skills employers are looking for.

The competition, endorsed by WorldSkills UK, the world-class network, saw (insert details of what the students had to do).

The winners were (list position of students)

WorldSkills UK’s programmes are seen as an integral part of the post-16 education and training calendar. (insert organisation) has been working with WorldSkills UK to use its Local Skills Competitions Endorsement Framework to support its students and apprentices in developing their technical and employability skills to higher levels.

(Insert congratulations quote from host College / organisation)

**Parisa Shirazi, Director of Standards, WorldSkills UK said:** “Congratulations to all those who took part in the (insert competition). Competition-based learning is recognised by educators as one of the most powerful tools for driving quality improvement, as well as developing and assessing technical skills. This Framework is designed to raise standards, inspire ambition, and provide teaching staff and learners with access to world-class skills development to meet the rapidly changing demands of both existing and emerging industries.”

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**About WorldSkills UK**

WorldSkills UK is a four nations partnership between education, industry and UK governments. It is a world-class skills network acting as a catalyst for:

• raising standards, through international benchmarking and professional development

• championing future skills, through analysis of rapidly changing economic demand

• empowering young people, from all backgrounds, through competitions-based training and careers advocacy.

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