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# *Hairdressing*

*Pre Competition Activity Pack 2026*

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## Hairdressing Pre Competition Pack

The purpose of this pack is for colleges or training providers to have Competition modules that you can use as part of your curriculum to upskill and develop your students skills towards success in World Skills UK Hairdressing competition.

It has been proven that Pre Competition activity helps to develop students to succeed further in competition, with 4 out of the 8 finalists in 2023 having completed pre competition activity prior to entering the National competition.

At the same time they will help to develop and generate evidence that will enable your students to progress towards the World Skills National Competitions,

Each test has been designed to reflect a selection of tests that will be undertaken throughout the World Skills Hairdressing competitions

We have included a suggested duration for each test to reflect the timings at World Skills National Competitions

**Module A** – This Module reflects the World Skills UK Hairdressing Stage 1 entry Test,

It is designed to allow a student to generate natural evidence that can be used to submit their entry to World Skills UK Hairdressing Competitions

We would suggest that this Module is used as part of your pre competition activity

**Module B** – This Module reflects one of the test modules that competitors would be expected to complete at the World Skills UK Hairdressing Stage 2 – National Qualifier stage

It is designed to allow a student to up skill in readiness for World Skills UK Competitions

**Module C** – This Module reflects one of the test modules that competitors would be expected to complete at the World Skills UK Hairdressing Stage 2 – National Qualifier stage

It is designed to allow a student to up skill in readiness for World Skills UK Competitions

**Module D** – This Module reflects one of the test modules that competitors would be expected to complete at the World Skills UK Hairdressing Stage 3 – National Final stage

It is designed to allow a student to up skill in readiness for World Skills UK Competitions

### Model Requirements

You will be required to produce your looks a Tuition Head:

We would recommend the following Tuition Heads- **TH1136 or TH1137**

Tuition Heads are to be purchased from Banbury Postiche -

[www.banburypostiche.co.uk](http://www.banburypostiche.co.uk)

## TEST Modules

TEST	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED TEST DURATION
<b>Module A</b>	<b>Ladies Long Hair Styling</b> Modern commercial style with waves / curl and movement	<b>1 Hour</b> Test Duration
<b>Module B</b>	<b>Ladies Long Hair Styling</b> Editorial / Catwalk Design	<b>1 Hour &amp; 30 Minute</b> Test Duration
<b>Module C</b>	<b>Ladies Commercial Cut, Colour &amp; Style</b>	<b>3 Hour</b> Test Duration
<b>Module D</b>	<b>Ladies Bridal Style with Ornamentation</b>	<b>1 Hour &amp; 30 minute</b> Test Duration

NB – you can choose which Module/s meet your requirements, you do not need to be doing all modules

## Module A - Ladies Long Hair Styling

### Modern Commercial Style with waves / curl and movement

Recommended Duration of the Test – 1 Hour

#### Description

You should create a modern commercial Ladies hairstyle Style that shows wave / curl & movement

You are free to use Ornamentation to compliment your look, however this is not compulsory, and any Ornamentation used will NOT be independently judged or form part of your score.

#### Detail

##### Hairstyle:

The hairstyle should be classical in design yet still reflect current fashion trend

You have complete freedom when creating your Hairstyle and can be –

- Up
- Down
- Combination of both
- With or without Ornamentation

**You will be judged throughout the test on your working methods and your final result will be judged from all 4 aspects ( Front / Back / Left & Right )**

**Your work will be judged on the following factors:**

- Styling skills ( Blow drying / setting )
- Finishing skills
- Shape
- Balance
- Appropriate use of styling products

#### Test A Rules

##### Styling:

- The hair **MUST** be styled from wet ( No pre setting ) and must be either Blow dried or Set
- All styling products can be used. These **MUST** be of a Professional Brand (No Consumer / Supermarket Brands )
- Hair extensions are **NOT** allowed

##### Colour:

- The tuition head **MUST NOT** be coloured

##### Cutting:

- The tuition head **MUST NOT** be cut

## Ladies Long Hair Styling

### Editorial / Catwalk Design

**Recommended duration of the Test – 1 Hour & 30 Minutes**

#### Description:

You will be required to create a Ladies Long Hairstyle that is inspired by current Editorial / Catwalk looks  
You should produce an inspirational mood board that has inspired your look, this can be a DIGITAL mood board on your phone or tablet.  
You are free to use Ornamentation to compliment your look, however this is not compulsory, and any Ornamentation used will NOT be independently judged or form part of your score.

#### Detail

##### Hairstyle:

You have complete freedom when creating your Hairstyle and can be –

- Up
- Down
- Combination of both
- With or without Ornamentation

**You will be judged throughout the test on your working methods and your final result will be judged from all 4 aspects ( Front / Back / Left & Right )**

**Your work will be judged on the following factors:**

- Styling skills ( Blow drying / setting )
- Finishing skills
- Shape
- Balance
- Appropriate use of styling products

#### Module B Rules

##### Styling:

- The hair **MUST** be styled from wet ( No pre setting ) and must be either Blow dried or Set
- All styling products can be used. These **MUST** be of a Professional Brand (No Consumer / Supermarket Brands )
- Hair extensions are **NOT** allowed

##### Colour:

- The tuition head **MUST NOT** be coloured

##### Cutting:

- The tuition head **MUST NOT** be cut

## Module C

### **Ladies Commercial Cut, Colour & Style –**

**Recommended duration of the Test – 3 Hours**

#### **Description**

you will be required to create a commercial Ladies Cut, Colour, & finished style

Your finished look MUST :-

- Be of chin length or shorter
- Contain a fringe
- Consist of a minimum of 2 colours with a minimum of 2 levels of difference in depth

#### **Detail**

**You will be judged throughout the test on your working methods and your final result will be judged from all 4 aspects ( Front / Back / Left & Right )**

**Your work will be judged on the following factors:**

- Colouring Skills
- Shade selection / colour choice
- Colour placement
- Colour result
- Cutting Skills
- Shape
- Balance
- Precision
- Styling skills ( Blow drying / setting )
- Finishing skills
- Appropriate use of styling products
- Health & Safety
- Sustainability

## Module C Rules

### Cutting:

- The haircut must be cut to a minimum of chin length or shorter
- **ALL** hairdressing cutting tools **ARE** allowed, if using clippers, grades **ARE** allowed
- **HEALTH & SAFETY** – you **MUST** keep your work area clean & tidy at all times - all hair is to be swept up before blow-drying  
Points will be deducted for breaches in health & safety

### Colouring:

- **ALL** of the hair **MUST** be coloured
- You **MUST** use a Minimum of **2 shades** with a minimum of **2 levels** of difference between the shades
- **ONLY OXIDATIVE COLOUR** can be used. (Permanent Colour / Quasi Colour / Pre Lighteners)  
**NO SEMI PERMANENT / DIRECT COLOURS** will be allowed
- Only Professional colour ranges can be used (No consumer colour ranges will be allowed)
- **SUSTAINABILITY** - Once all colours have been applied you will be required to show your colour bowls to one of the judges, who will then judge for colour wastage.  
Points will be deducted for excessive amounts of colour remaining per bowl ( Over 10g )
- **HEALTH & SAFETY** - Gloves and Aprons **MUST** be worn at all times when handling colour ( mixing, application, removal )  
Points will be deducted for breaches in health & safety

### Styling:

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- You must dry and style the hair in a professional manner (*no rough drying and only using heat styling tools*)
- All tools are allowed
- All styling products can be used. These must be of a Professional Brand (No Consumer / Supermarket Brands)
- **NO** hairpins, clips, bobby pins, hairbands or ornamentation can be used
- Hair extensions are **NOT** allowed

## Module D

### Ladies Bridal style with Ornamentation

**Recommended duration of the Test – 1 Hour & 30 Minutes**

#### **Description**

You will be required to produce a Ladies Bridal Style that reflect current Bridal Trends,  
You will be required to compliment your hairstyle with bridal themed ornamentation

#### **Detail**

#### **Hairstyle:**

Your hairstyle must reflect a style that would be suitable for a bride & must be **100%** up

**You will be judged throughout the test on your working methods and your final result will be judged from all 4 aspects ( Front / Back / Left & Right )**

**Your work will be judged on the following factors:**

- Shape
- Balance
- Finish
- Use & Placement of Ornamentation
- Commerciality of the style
- Longevity of the style
- Appropriate use of styling products

## **Module D Rules**

#### **Styling:**

- You have free choice on your styling techniques, the hair can be dry styled or dried from wet
- All tools are allowed
- All styling products can be used. These must be of a Professional Brand (No Consumer / Supermarket Brands)
- Hair extensions are **NOT** allowed
- Bobby pins, Pins, Grips, Bands, Hairnets and padding are allowed, **BUT MUST NOT** be visible in the finished result

#### **Ornamentation:**

- You will need to compliment your hairstyle with Bridal Ornamentation

#### **Colour:**

- The tuition head **MUST NOT** be coloured

#### **Cutting:**

- The tuition head **MUST NOT** be cut



## Judging scheme

### Marking & Assessment

The pre competition modules are designed to reflect a wide range of Skills and knowledge of Hairdressers working towards, or at, Level 2 & level 3 Hairdressing qualifications as well as provide a pathway to World Skills UK Hairdressing National Competition

All of the Pre competition modules should be judged by a panel of experts ideally drawn from industry, as well as your colleges or training provider team, this panel should consist of 3 Judges

All Judges, should be looking for technical competency as well as excellence amongst the students.

All judges will therefore be required to take into account skills such as:

- Cutting : Shape/ Balance / Creativity / Attention to detail / Neatness of sectioning
- Colour : Application / Creativity / Placement / Colour Choice / Result
- Styling : Shape / Balance / Cleanliness of finish / product Choice / Product use
- Comply with H&S legislation
- Sustainability and Green objective

All Modules should be independently marked

Each judge should be allocated a Judge number

Each aspect will be judged via a judgement marking system of ( 1 – 4 Grading Scale ), there MUST be no more than 1 mark difference between all judges, an independent member of the team should be allotted to moderate and check the marks

Microsoft Form documents can be made available to you from – [Richard.howell@loreal.com](mailto:Richard.howell@loreal.com), should you wish to mark the modules digitally

For Judgement marking please refer to the grading system below

## Marking Scheme

### **1 performance is below industry standard /**

The result is very basic and does not display any degree of difficulty,

performance is executed with no degree strategy or structure

sectioning is untidy and messy, hair is not controlled

application of colours or products is messy, untidy and inconsistent

The style is messy, unbalances and has little or no form or structure

### **2 performance meets industry standard /**

The result is good but still basic, with only a basic degree of creativity, difficulty, strategy or structure

Sectioning is basic, with little or no control to the hair

Colours or products are only applied in a basic fashion

The style is fairly basic in design and not refined, but shows a certain degree of balance and structure

**3 performance meets and, in specific respects, exceeds industry standard /**

The result not only is creative and displays a good degree of difficulty, it is also conducted to a high standard

The performance is undertaken with clear thought and strategy,

Sectioning is neat and structured, hair is well controlled

A good use and application of Colour or products that are applied evenly and cleanly throughout

The style demonstrates a good degree of balance & Structure and is fairly cohesive throughout

The styling and finishing shows a good use and application of products and a neat and well balanced finish

**4 performance wholly exceeds industry standard and is judged as excellent /**

The result displays a high degree of creativity and difficulty and is also conducted to an excellent standard way above industry standard

The style is well thought out with an exceptionally high degree of thought & strategy

All colours or products are applied to a high degree of neatness and professionalism

sectioning is sharp and accurate throughout, the hair was fully controlled excellently throughout

The style demonstrates an exceptional degree of balance & Structure and is fully cohesive throughout

The styling and finishing demonstrates a high degree of neatness and professionalism throughout and the hair is finished to a flawless standard