



Test Project

Hairdressing

Stage 1- Entry Stage
2026

Photographic Entry

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World Skills UK Hairdressing Competitions 2026

Stage 1 Test Project Brief

Test A – Stage 1 – Entry Stage

Thank you for your interest in taking part in the **World Skills UK 2026 Hairdressing Competitions**

These are open level competitions, to be undertaken via photographic entry

MODEL REQUIREMENTS

All Competitors will be required to produce their look on the following Tuition Head: Tuition Head - **TH1137**



(if this is unavailable we will accept your work to be completed on the following alternative head – **TH1136**)

Tuition Heads are to be purchased from Banbury Postiche -

www.banburypostiche.co.uk

Test A - Ladies Long Hair Styling

Description:

You should create a fashionable Ladies hairstyle that is suitable for a festival - (think Coachella / Glastonbury etc)

Your style must contain a degree of wave / curls / movement / texture

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 the final score.

Detail:

Hairstyle

The hairstyle must be reflective of current fashion trends and be suitable for a festival vibe

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

- All Down
- All Up
- Combination of up & Down
- With or without Ornamentation

Styling & Finishing

The finished look must show wave / curls / movement / texture
Styling must be clean and appropriate to the finished look

Test A Rules

Colour:

The tuition head **MUST NOT** be coloured and **MUST** be of its original colour as purchased

Cutting:

The tuition head **MUST NOT** be cut

Styling & Finishing

All styling products can be used. These **MUST** be of a Professional Brand
(No Consumer / Supermarket Brands)

The finished look must show waves or curls and movement / Texture
Styling must be clean and appropriate to the finished look

Test A Marking

Your images will be judged on the following factors:

- **Hairstyle**
- **Styling & Finishing**

will be judged from all 4 aspects (Front / Back / Left & Right)

- Your final result will be judged on the following factors:

Hairstyle:

This will be judged from all 4 aspects (Front / Back / Left & Right)

The judges will be looking for

- **Shape, balance & structure of your style**
- **Creativity of your style**
- **Degree of difficulty in the creation of your style**
- **Cohesiveness of your style from all aspects**

Styling & Finishing

This will be 1 total mark taking into account the overall styling across all 4 of the images

The judges will be looking for

- **Quality of the final finish – is it clean, is it a polished finish**
- **Appropriate use of styling products**
- **If pins / grips are used, are they visible**

The finished look must show waves or curls and movement / Texture

If NO waves or Curls and movement / texture are present, then the lowest score available will be awarded, regardless of the above criteria

NB if the images are NOT clear, then these images will be awarded the lowest score available

Submitting your Photographic Entry

Competitors will need to produce and submit **FOUR** images of their final work. These images **MUST BE** Clearly taken from the **front/ back/ left Profile / right Profile**
Any missing images will be marked as a zero

For more details refer to the technical handbook

NB -Please note that photos should not be digitally edited or enhanced and should be the candidates own work

All Photographs must be added to the supplied Powerpoint template,

****ANY ENTRIES NOT ON THE SUPPLIED POWERPOINT TEMPLATE WILL NOT BE ELIGABLE FOR JUDGING****

NB, This completed template can be saved as a PDF and sent as a PDF file to save size

Once completed, all entries should be sent to
Richard Howell via email at -

worldskillsuk.hairdressing@loreal.com

- **only send 1 entry per email**
- **ONLY send the completed power point template as an attachment – DO NOT send as a share point or drop box link**

the deadline for all entries to be Submitted is Midday on –
Tuesday 14th April 2026

Please ensure that the following information is clearly included with all entries:

- College or salon name
- Competitors name
- Competitor Contact details (Email & Telephone Number)
- Tutor Contact Details (Email & Telephone Number)
- Preferred Date of National Qualifier Heat (**See Technical Handbook for the dates**)

ALL Competitors **MUST BE REGISTERED** for the competition via the World Skills UK Website,
<https://www.worldskillsuk.org/skills/national-competitions/>



Registrations are open from

2nd March 2026 – 27th March 2026

any entries from Non-Registered Competitors **WILL NOT** be judged

Please ensure that all **Primary** contact details when registering and on the Photos are for the organizing TUTOR

For more in-depth details on the competition, please download the **Hairdressing Technical Handbook** available via the World Skills UK web site -
<https://www.worldskillsuk.org/skills/national-competitions/>

All data provided by yourselves, will be treated fully in line with our Data Privacy policy as laid out in the **Hairdressing Technical Handbook**