



"BBC Young Reporter is about tapping into what really matters to young people, and giving them an opportunity and a platform to tell their stories."

Tony Hall, BBC Director-General

If you are in Year 8 then this is a chance for you to tell the stories that matter to you. On Wednesday 6th March an elite team of Reading School journalists will be posting a series of reports on the BBC News website: will your story be one of them?

If you would like to be one of 2019's Young Reporters then follow these steps:

- Come up with a story idea which is important to you: it can be about one of your hobbies; your local community; an event going on in school; an issue which affects your life or the lives of your friends and family.
- It should not be a national or international current affairs story which is already getting plenty of coverage on the BBC. For example we do not need you to explain Brexit or inform us that the US President wants to build a border wall; *however* if your village sports hall gets funded by the EU and looks set to close down because of Brexit, or your grandmother emigrated from Mexico to the US and has an amazing tale to tell about her journey, then these would be personal and interesting angles to cover for Reading School's Young Reporter event.
- Outline your story idea in no more than fifty words, explaining why it is specifically relevant and interesting to our community in Reading School.
- Send your proposal in an email to rbaldock@reading-school.co.uk by 8.20 on Wednesday 30th January.
- If you would like to work with a partner on your story, you are welcome to submit an idea as part of a pair.
- We will pick the members of our Young Reporter team by considering which story ideas we think have the most promise and are the best planned.

You will need to commit to at least one compulsory lunchtime training session per week between now and March 6th if you would like to take part (regular day to be decided by the Young Reporters when we first meet).