Posters

A picture tells a thousand words, so have your say.

2026 Poster titles:

- **Natural History Illustration** (hand drawn only) - *Draw and label a detailed plant, animal or fossil like a scientific illustrator.*
- **Clues from Ancient Life** - *How do fossils help us understand what life was like millions of years ago? What they reveal about Earth's history, climate and evolution?*
- **Everyday Chemistry: Good or Gross?** - *Explore the chemistry of everyday substances—some helpful, some harmful.*
- **Algae Alert: When Blooms Become Dangerous** - *Show how toxic algae blooms form, and why they matter for ecosystems and health.*
- **Space Watchers: How We Use Satellites to Study Earth** - *Visualise how satellites track weather, climate and disasters from space.*
- **Waste Not** - *Show creative science solutions for reusing, recycling or reducing waste.*
- **Pollinators in Action** - *Show how pollinators like bees, birds and insects help plants grow—and why we need to protect them to keep ecosystems and food systems healthy*
- **Harvesting Tomorrow** - *Explore how science is helping us design smarter farms—using less water, protecting soil, reducing emissions, and producing food in new ways.*
- **Carbon in Balance** - *Show how carbon moves through plants, animals, air and soil—and explain how greenhouse gases are disrupting the balance and warming the planet.*
- **Under the Surface** - *Explore soil, roots, fungi and life below ground.*

A successful SASTA Oliphant Science Awards Poster entry:

- **HAS A STRONG SCIENCE MESSAGE AND ACCURATE SCIENCE CONTENT.**
- Communicates a single idea clearly.
- Shows good quality artistic skills and imagination, giving the poster visual appeal.
- Uses minimal words (try using fewer than 25 words). The judges will favour entries that give a visual message without the use of a lot of text.
- Can be easily read from a distance.

Rules for Posters:

- The poster must be on one of the titles listed above. Please ensure this title is clearly identified on your entry.
- The poster must be the work of one person (No group entries or unacknowledged assistance by an adult).
- **New for 2026:** The poster must be original and the student's own work. Students may use reference materials for inspiration, but copying text, images, or graphics directly from other sources is not permitted.
- The poster must be original.
- The poster must be on lightweight card no larger than 51cm x 65cm.
- **No corflute, glass, wood or other heavy frame or backing permitted.**
- The poster must not weigh more than 200g.
- The poster may be a collage of other pictures or made using computer assisted graphics. **All images and graphics need to be attributed.**
- The poster must be flat. (No three-dimensional material attached).
- **New for 2026: You must include a short written statement (around 100 words) outlining:**
  - The message the poster is intended to convey
  - Acknowledgement of reference materials
  - **Any AI prompts used, as per the Oliphant Science Awards AI policy**

In presenting your poster entry:

- You must securely attach your Identification Label (your Coordinator will give you this label) **to the back of your entry.**

KEY DATES:

- **Wednesday 5 August:** Poster entry delivered onsite