HOW TO IMPRESS THE JUDGES!!!

1. Be enthusiastic about your project.
2. Have an original idea with good, solid reasons for your choice of project.
3. Accurately use scientific methods.
4. Be interested and involved in your project.
5. Communicate clearly and effectively when you discuss your project with judges and visitors.
6. Display skill in carrying out your experimental work.
7. Clearly understand the results and conclusions.
8. Have a detailed project notebook and report.
9. Ensure that your visual display is attractive, bright and easily followed.

JUDGING

Judges evaluate and focus on;

1. what you did in the current year
2. how well you followed the scientific methodologies
3. the detail and accuracy of research as documented in your report and notebook
4. whether experimental procedures were used in the best possible way

Judges look for well thought out research. They look at how significant your project is in its field, as well as how thorough you were. Did you finish what you set out to do? leave something out?

Judges applaud those students who can speak freely and confidently about their work. They are not interested in memorised speeches - they simply want to TALK with you about your research to see if you have a good grasp of your project from start to finish. Besides asking the obvious questions, judges often ask questions to test your insight into your projects such as "What was your role?" "What didn't you do?" and "What would be your next step?"