

Writing Competition Rules ~ SENIOR SCHOOLS

Chalfont St Giles and Jordans Literary Festival 2020

All entries to be based on ONE of the following topics:

- 1) The Mayflower sailed to America 400 years ago, taking the Pilgrim Fathers who were escaping persecution. Today asylum seekers are leaving the Middle East today to try and make a new life in Europe. Imagine you are escaping from persecution and write a blog about your escape.
- 2) 50 years of fashion: the current trend for 'wear it once and throw it away' is causing more pollution. How would you solve this problem?
- 3) Crime and punishment: does 'crime pay'?

The two categories are:

- **Prose** ~ Fiction or non-fiction, maximum 1000 words
- **Poetry** ~ Maximum 30 lines of verse

Age Categories: 11 – 14 years *and* 15 – 18 years

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- Entries should preferably be typed, on white A4 paper, at least size 12 point font (fancy fonts should be avoided).
 - Hand written scripts should be written in black or blue ink in a legible hand, on wide ruled white A4 paper only.
 - Typed Prose entries must be double spaced. Poetry entries must be at least 1.5 line spaced.
 - There should be no illustrations of any kind on the manuscript.
 - The pages of each entry should be numbered and should be stapled with a single staple at the top left-hand corner.
 - No names or personal details to be written on the entered scripts, only the title of the piece should appear on the top of EVERY page of the entry.
 - Previously unpublished work to be entered only. The Committee reserves the right to publish any entry.
 - Each entry must have a correctly completed entry form attached securely to the front of it.
 - If you are leaving your entry at the Library, the envelope should be clearly marked on the outside with the following information:
LITERARY FESTIVAL COMPETITION ENTRY ~ 11-14 years / 15-18 years
(age category to be stated as appropriate)
 - Please enclose a large SAE if entries are to be returned.
 - The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
 - **Any entries which fail to follow these guidelines will be automatically disqualified.**

*All entries to be sent / delivered to your English Department or:
Chalfont St Giles Library,
High Street, Chalfont St Giles, HP8 4QA*

**Prize giving to be held at The Memorial Hall, Chalfont St Giles on
Sunday 24th May 2020 at 5.00pm**

Final date for entries ~ Wednesday 15th April 2020

First Prize £75.00 Second Prize £50.00 Third Prize £25.00