

BSME Secondary Schools Writing Challenge 2020-2021
Inspiring a new generation of writers across the Middle East

Amity International School Abu Dhabi is pleased to launch the inaugural BSME secondary school writing event.

We are very proud to announce the establishment of a secondary school creative writing competition in association with British Schools in the Middle East. This will be an online competition, aimed at providing students with an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and linguistic skills through writing. It also offers students a platform to an international audience who will read and judge their work. Given the current international situation, outlets for creativity have never been so important and we look forward to seeing aspiring young writers expressing themselves and providing us with some top quality writing.



The theme of the event this year is 'Risk'.

The piece can be either continuous prose in any genre, poetry or a blend of both.

This is a purposefully open-ended task in both theme and form in order that schools can easily integrate the event into their curriculum and to allow students free rein to experiment and express themselves to the fullest extent.

Age Categories

The competition will award winners and two runners up in the following age categories:

KS3 (year 7-9) and KS4 (years 10 and 11)



Code of Conduct:

1. The event is open to students in Years 7-11 who have registered and attend a BSME member school.
2. If schools wish to participate in this event, they must complete the registration form by 3:00pm on or before Thursday 7th of January 2021.
3. The deadline for receiving actual event entries is Thursday 25th March 2021. Any entries after this period will not be considered.
4. Each participating school can submit two entries in the following categories:
KS3 – 800 words maximum
KS4 – 1000 words maximum
5. When submitting a student's entry, the school must choose their top two submissions per age category, then email the entries to pferris@amityabudhabi.ae with the subject: (SCHOOL NAME) entry BSME writing competition.
6. The judges will be looking for an entry that:
 - is well written, including the use of appropriate features
 - uses ambitious vocabulary
 - demonstrates creativity, imagination and style
 - engages the reader's attention using original ideas
 - is a true reflection of the student's ability
7. In all cases, all details on the entry form must be completed, including the student's first name and family name, and the school contact details (phone/email/postal address) of the teacher submitting the entry on the child's behalf.
8. Event organisers will not accept any late entries, or entries not successfully emailed.
9. By entering a piece of writing into the writing event, the entrant agrees and accepts:
The event guidelines expressed in the Code of Conduct, that BSME and Amity International School Abu Dhabi may publish entered poems or stories both in print and online, including on their websites and social media channels and for PR purposes; in such cases the writer's first name and school will be shown together with the poem or story.

10. Entries must be the original work of the entrant and not copied from any source. Students may collaborate over ideas; however final pieces of work must be composed and edited independently.
11. The judging panel will consist of members of Amity International School's staff and Student Council.
12. The judging panel will select one winning entry for each of the age categories from the entries received by the competition deadline of Thursday 25th March 2021.
13. The winners of the event will be announced by Thursday 3rd June 2021.
14. The decision of the judges is final and at the absolute discretion of the panel.
15. All entries submitted will receive a certificate of participation.
16. BSME will provide digital certificates to final and winning participants.
17. Winners will be showcased on the BSME websites and social media.
18. Prizes will be provided for the overall winning entry in each age group.

Event	Date
Registration deadline	Thursday 7 th of January 2021
Submission deadline	Thursday 25 th of March 2021
Judging period	Thursday 1 st of April – Monday 12 th April 2021
Announcement of winners	Thursday 27 rd of May 2021

Complete the registration form – [Registration Form](#)

Submit your work to – pferris@amityabudhabi.ae