Creative Writing Event 2021-2022

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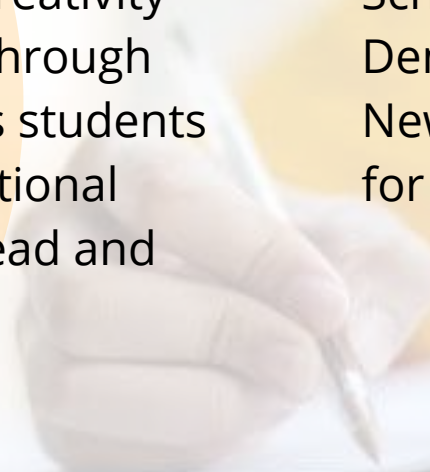NetSupport

Amity International School Abu Dhabi
is pleased to announce the second, annual
BSME Secondary School Writing Challenge

After the remarkable success of its inaugural year, with more than 60 entries from 31 schools, Amity International School Abu Dhabi is proud to be back with the only secondary school creative writing competition in the region, brought to you in association with British Schools in the Middle East.

Given the ongoing international situation with Covid-19, outlets for creativity have never been so important, and we look forward to seeing aspiring young writers yet again expressing themselves and providing us with more top-quality writing.

This online competition is aimed at providing students with an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and linguistic skills through writing. It also offers students access to an international audience who will read and judge their work.

Will anyone be able to defeat last year's winners, Kanzah Khan, Oryx International School, Oman, for A Game of Demise, and Maria Honeen, New English School, Kuwait, for Dangerous Affection?

The theme of the event this year is

'Stars'

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 runners up in the following age categories:

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

The Secondary Writing Competition has two great sponsors who are providing some
Fantastic Prizes

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Will provide prizes to the schools that the Winners and Runners up attend:

Winners:
60x **classroom.cloud** licences (classroom management and student safeguarding - value £300).
A 1-hour session with **Al Kingsley on Digital Strategy.**
A signed copy of Al's book **"My Secret #EdTech Diary: Looking at Educational Technology Through a Wider Lens"** for the schools' CPD library.

Runners-up:
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Will be presenting the Winners and Runners Up of each category, with an **Amazon voucher** for the value of 500 AED for the Winners and 200 AED for the Runners up.

We are thrilled to also confirm that a guest Collins author will be on the judging panel for the competition and will provide a reading of the two winning entries.

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 the 9th of December 2022.

3. The deadline for receiving actual event entries is Thursday the 3rd of March 2022. 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 the 3rd of March 2022.

13. The winners of the event will be announced by Thursday the 24th of March 2022.

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 9th of December 2021
Submission deadline	Thursday 3rd of March 2022
Judging period	Sunday 13th of March – Thursday 24th March 2022
Announcement of winners	Thursday 24th of March 2022

Click HERE to complete the Registration Form

Submit your work to:
pferris@amityabudhabi.ae