

THE CORNELIA 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMPETITION 2025

THEME: 'Hope'

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the visit to Mayfield by Mother Cornelia Connelly and the subsequent gift of the Old Palace to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, a prize for an extended piece of writing or project was initiated in 2013. It successfully relaunched last year with the theme of 'Peace'.

This piece of work is to be both creative and cross-curricular, embracing the values of the Cornelian ethos, and is intended to give all the girls in the School, the opportunity to undertake an extended piece of research, which will widen their academic and cultural horizons.

The theme chosen for this year is 'Hope'.

Hope can be a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen or of wanting something to happen or be the case. There is also a spiritual meaning of hope. This year is the Jubilee Year of Hope, which gives it a special resonance. Hope can also be a girl's name. In centuries past, it also meant 'trust'. What does 'hope' mean to you?

You should think about all areas of the curriculum that you can explore, Music, Drama, Physical Education, Science, English Literature, Textiles, Art, Ceramics, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Modern Foreign Languages, Maths. How can you link in your skills to best portray 'Peace'?

Criteria

The work has to be by one pupil and must be their own work.

All preparatory work must be shown e.g. sketches or notes for a creative piece of work - an explanatory text must accompany the piece. Written work should be accompanied by a plan showing the development of ideas and evolution of the title.

All references should be acknowledged.

Entries should also be presented digitally using photographs where appropriate, although the judging will be solely on the actual physical entry.

All written work should be typed. As a guide, the length should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words. (Poems are accepted!)

Judging

Judging will involve senior members of School staff and School Governors. We would also hope to include some OCs on the judging panel.

Submission of your entry

Please submit your digital entry by the closing date by using the link to the Microsoft Form:
<https://forms.office.com/e/BdXGJcrJWx>

Any hard copies/pieces of work should be handed in to the School Office clearly named, but you must also submit a photograph to the email supplied.

Remember to include your name, your year group and your competitive house. Please submit your digital entry in Microsoft Word document format and for photographs please use 'pdf' or 'jpeg'. For a sculpture or textile entry, for instance, please take several photographs.

The Judges will be looking at:

- How the project reflects the values of the Cornelian Ethos.
- The originality of the project.
- The level of personal reflection and sense of enquiry.
- The quality of written communication or workmanship.
- Quality of preparation.
- Presentation.

Closing date

Closing date for submission of your project is **12pm on Thursday 1st May 2025.**

Prizes

The winner will be awarded the 150th Anniversary Competition Cup.

Each applicant will receive 5 house points for entering.

Shortlisted applicants will receive 10 house points.

The overall winner will receive 20 house points.

The winners will be announced at Mayfield Day, where there will also be an exhibition of all the shortlisted projects.

Super-curricular benefits

Doing the Cornelian Competition can:

- Help you to complete the Lower School Diploma.
- Enable you to make a really important contribution towards your Competitive House, if you are not sporty/musical/dramatic!
- Find out more about Cornelia if you are a new or short-stay pupil and help you feel more involved in School life.
- Be a way of developing your own interests and skills, exploring them further.
- Help you to meet your scholarship requirements and/or help with future scholarship applications.
- Be beneficial in applications for prefectships or other positions of responsibility in School.
- Give you experience in EPQ-style project study.
- Potentially enable you to participate in trips/exchanges to other Holy Society Schools.