

'TELL ME A STORY'

Writing competition for senior school students



Write story up to
1,500 words

3 age categories

Prizes for
students &
schools

Launch Nov 6

Submit entries by
Feb 15 2021

Winners
announced
March 15 2021

Prize
Presentation
April TBC





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Themes & Specifications

- **We're challenging students to write an original story up to 1,500 words about one of the following subjects:**
- What initiatives should the local community and schools be doing to reduce the impact of climate change.
- How would you survive being washed up on a desert island?
- A fictitious story on a subject of your own choosing.
- How you would like to see Harpenden 10 years from now.
- **The judges will be looking for:**
- An interesting, relevant and original read.
- It must be your own work
- It must not have been previously published or used elsewhere
- No spelling mistakes
- No more than 1,500 words; 14 point, double-spaced (if typed)
- Non-fiction work must include sources and references
- **Language is a powerful weapon use words well to impress the judges.**



Age Groups, Prizes and Timelines

- The competition will be open to 3 age groups: **11- 13 years;** **14 -15 years** and **16 - 18 years**
- There will be a 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize for each age group
- Prizes will be in the form of Book Tokens of £100, £50 & £25
- Each School with a winner will receive a donation of £100.
- Launch to students on Nov 6 via School web site. facebook etc. With a closing date of Jan 15 2021.
- Schools to check individual entries and select up to 40 final entries, split into the 3 age categories.
- Submit the final entries as A4 PDF's to The Harpenden Society by Feb 14 2021.
- The Judging panel will review each entry and announce winners by March 15 2021.
- Presentation details TBC subject to COVID restrictions.



A Judging panel of literary experts

- We have secured the services of 3 literary experts to help with the judging:
- Leigh Russell. Chair CWA Debut Dagger Award; Consultant Royal Literary Fellow. OVER A MILLION BOOKS SOLD
- Ion Mills. The owner of No Exit Press and Oldcastle Books, based in Harpenden.
- Amanda Thomas. Author of The Nonconformist Revolution, Cholera: The Victorian Plague; The Lambeth Cholera Outbreak of 1848-1849; Editorial Consultant at Harpendia.com

