



“What a lot we lost when we stopped writing letters. You can't reread a phone call.”

- Liz Carpenter

In this age of text messages, emails and social media, ‘**the handwritten letter**’ seems to be a losing art. But it’s an art worth bringing back, because sending a letter is the next best thing to showing up personally at someone’s door. And the **RGS Guildford Dubai Children’s Letter Writing Competition** is here to bring some of that forgotten magic back into our world.

In keeping with this year’s festival theme, ‘**Old Friends**’, this competition will focus on companionship, good times, creating lasting memories and reconnecting with friends who we may have lost contact with. This summer vacation, let’s try our hand at writing that perfect letter!

General guidelines and important dates:

- The letter must be on a **single side** of an A4 sheet of paper, using your best handwriting.
- **Write a letter to an ‘Old Friend’, telling them about a book that you will always cherish as your friend. The letter should be addressed to someone who you consider as an ‘Old Friend’- someone who you may have known for many years or someone who is old in years.**
- The word limit is **200 words max.**
- Entries should be handwritten using a fountain pen or any other type of ink pen. Your penmanship matters.
- Complete all sections of the online entry form, attaching your scanned handwritten letter in **PDF format**.
- Entries can be in Arabic or English. To submit your letter in Arabic, please click [**here**](#).
- You should submit under the appropriate age category (Ages: 9-13, 14-18), which relates to your age in accordance with the submission date, **5 December 2022**.

Please be sure to check out **further instructions**, judging criteria and other details:
<https://www.elfdubai.org/en/letter-writing-competition>

Furthermore, ELF is offering a free workshop for interested students. If you want to learn how to write a winning and absorbing letter, please join this exciting and enriching workshop via **Zoom** with competition judge **Yvette Judge**.

Date: **Sunday, 26th June, 11:00 am – 12: noon.**

[Click here](#) to register for the workshop.