

SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION



Have a story to tell? Now is the time to put pen to paper and bring your tales to life!

The Emirates Literature Festival

is here again and so is the

OUP Story Writing Competition.

Give wings to your words and pen a short story inspired by this year's festival theme:

“Beginnings”

General guidelines and important dates:

- Use your imagination and creativity to the full, but do remember that your inspiration is ‘Beginnings’.
- You may choose your own title in keeping with the theme.
- Participants must be full-time students in schools, colleges and universities.
- Complete all sections of the online entry, attaching your story as a Word document. Entries can be in Arabic or in English.

You should submit under the appropriate age category. Please note the word limit for each category:

- Ages 11 and under (maximum of 500 words)
- Ages 12-14 (maximum of 1000 words)
- Ages 15-17 (maximum of 1500 words)
- Age 18-25 (maximum of 2000 words)

Please be sure to check out further instructions, judging criteria and other details:

<https://www.elfdubai.org/en/story-writing-competition>

Watch a story writing workshop with renowned author Christopher Edge for some tips:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hNxz4IYRCg>

For Arabic please follow this link:

<https://www.elfdubai.org/ar/story-writing-competition-ar>

Last Date: 30 October 2023





RGS GUILDFORD

LETTER WRITING COMPETITION

What is the next best thing to showing up personally at someone's door?
Sending them a letter of course!

The RGS Guildford Dubai Children's Letter Writing Competition

is here to bring some of that forgotten magic back into our world.

The competition celebrates both the aesthetic of **handwriting** and that of a **well-crafted message**.

The theme for 2024 is '**Beginnings**'.

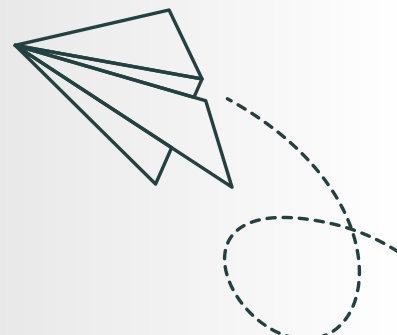
And this year, you will have to write a letter to an author suggesting an alternative 'beginning' to their already published story/book.

General guidelines and important dates:

- The competition is divided into the following categories:
 - Ages: 8-10
 - Ages: 11-13
 - Ages: 14-18
- The letter must be on a single side of an A4 sheet of paper, in your best handwriting.
- Write a letter to an author, suggesting an alternative 'beginning' to their story/book. Tell them why you want to change the original 'beginning' and why the new one would work better, in your opinion
- The recommended word limit is 200-400 words max.
- Entries can be in Arabic or English. To submit your letter in **Arabic**, please follow this link: <https://www.elfdubai.org/ar/letter-writing-competition-ar>
- Please be sure to check out **further instructions, judging criteria and other details**: <https://www.elfdubai.org/en/letter-writing-competition>

Watch the video of a workshop for effective letter writing here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPHavCW1uiY>

Last date: 11 December 2023



POETRY FOR ALL

The “**Emirates NBD Poetry For All**” competition gives a chance for aspiring performers to bring poetry to life. This is a poetry recitation competition in which students recite and perform renowned poems on stage.

If you think you are the right person to represent Saintz in this prestigious event, register for the preliminary round by joining the Google Classroom given below. You will be provided with further instructions and material in the GC.

GC Link:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlyMjE5NTUzNTcx?cjc=ekaip7j>

Class Code: *ekaip7j*

Please note: *This competition is open to students aged 9 - 16 years only.*

Last Date to Join: 25 September 2023

