

CHISWICKBOOKFESTIVAL

Chiswick Book Festival Young People's Poetry Competition 2016

A Competition to encourage young people to enjoy creating their own poems.



You may wish to share poems you've already written at school or at home or you may wish to write a fresh poem especially for this competition.

- Allow your imagination to wander and write a poem that appeals to you.
- Prizes will be awarded within each year group.

The Competition is free and open to young people aged between 8-12 years on the closing date June 6th 2016, living in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

There are five year groups:

8 & 9 years old (Years 3 and 4)

10 & 11 years old (Years 5 and 6)

11 & 12 years old (Year 7)

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Rules

1. Only one poem can be entered per child.
2. All entries must be in English and the entrants own original work, with strictly no parental help in the writing of the poem. All entries must not have been previously published, broadcast or have won another competition (unless in an individual's school magazine).
3. Poems should be no longer than 30 lines.
4. Each poem must have a title.
5. Entries should preferably be handwritten (legibly) but typed copies are acceptable for Year 7 (ages 11-12).
6. Poems should be written on one side of A4.
7. Poems cannot be returned under any circumstances so please send copies only.
8. Poems will be judged anonymously so the name of the writer should not appear on the front of the manuscript.
9. All entries must be attached to the completed Entry Form.
Schools: Need only complete one entry form for all candidates.
10. Entrants must be 8-12 years on the closing date June 6th 2016.
11. All entries must be received by post by June 6th 2016 or earlier.
12. **Schools: Maximum of 30 entries per school. School stamp and child's name on the back of each poem.**

Please download your individual or school's entry form from The Chiswick Book Festival site or chiswickw4.com. Poems will not be accepted without an attached completed form.

Please send your entry (including entry form) marked 'Chiswick Book Festival Young People's Poetry Competition', by post to Neighbournet, The Courtyard, 4 Evelyn Road, London W4 5JL.

Note

1. Email entries will not be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted.
2. The copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems by entering the competition, grant the organisers of The Chiswick Book Festival permission to publish, broadcast and/or use in promotional displays their poem.
3. The judges' decision is final. No correspondence will be entered concerning this decision.

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