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The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2024

15 April 2024

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that **The Queen's Commonwealth Competition 2024** has been recently launched, and this year's theme is 'One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth'. In this regard, we would like you to encourage your child to participate in this competition to voice their opinion through their writing. We, the English subject teachers, shall provide support to help them refine their drafts until they are ready with the final write-up!

Please note that all students are required to write an essay on any one of the following topics under the Junior and Senior Category (depending on their age group) and submit the **first draft on 21 April 2024**, followed by a **second draft submission on 1 May 2024** and the **final submission on 9 May 2024**. The school will upload the best entries on the competition website before the deadline. **This writing exercise will also be counted as a project for English for the Summer Term for ALL.**

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TOPICS FOR THE JUNIOR CATEGORY

BORN ON OR AFTER 16 MAY 2010 (UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

Word limit: Maximum 750 words

1. What new habit could you adopt to positively contribute towards a greener Commonwealth?
2. Write a dialogue between yourself and a grandparent about resilience and hope. What can you share with the older generation, and what can you learn from them?
3. You are taking part in a beach clean-up and discover that you can speak to sea creatures. What are they saying, and how do you respond?
4. You're on a school exchange in a Commonwealth country different to your own. How do you make friends with people your age? (Consider similarities and differences in culture that may unite you).

TOPICS FOR THE SENIOR CATEGORY

Born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2009 (14-18 years of age)

Word limit: Maximum 1500 words

1. "It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change." – Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. What small steps can you take to help tackle the climate crisis?
2. Write a speech highlighting what you think is the most challenging issue facing the world today, and how Commonwealth values can be used to solve it.
3. At the heart of Samoan way of life is 'aiga', meaning 'family' values including selflessness, hospitality, co-operation, respect and dignity. What core values and ideas from your culture can be used to enhance co-operation and community in the Commonwealth?



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4. The Commonwealth's London Declaration aimed to strive for peace, liberty and progress. Write a letter to your President or Prime Minister about how to achieve those aims. Please follow the link for further reference and to see the event flyer.

<https://www.royalcwsociety.org/essay-competition>

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Important notes to the Parents

The essay must be entirely the work of the student entering the contest. While students are encouraged to brainstorm and discuss topic options with their parents, they should write the construction and essay themselves. However, be sure the subject teacher will guide them.

Please note that the class-specific English subject teachers will share information about how to submit the drafts and the final version during class. You are requested to remind the students at home to be mindful of the above mentioned deadlines.

Thank you,

The English Teachers of Chittagong Grammar School – Dhaka



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