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The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2025

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that **The Queen's Commonwealth Competition 2025** has been recently launched, and this year's theme is 'Our Commonwealth Journey'. 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 20 April 2025**, followed by a **second draft submission on 28 April 2025** and the **final submission on 10 May 2025**. 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 23 May 2011 (under 14 years of age))

Word limit: Maximum 750 words

1. Together, we represent a third of humanity, with all the splendidly diverse complexity that this entails." - His Majesty King Charles. Learning new information can take us on journeys to new places. Write about a time you learned something interesting about a different Commonwealth country from your own.
2. Commonwealth states range from small island nations like Nauru to larger countries like India. Write an account of a sea voyage from one Commonwealth country to a small island Commonwealth nation. What do you see, who do you meet?
3. You embark on a very special journey when you discover a secret door that takes you into your favourite book! What happens next?
4. October 2024 saw Commonwealth leaders travel to Samoa for the 2024 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). Imagine what an animal CHOGM would look like! Which animals travel there? What do they discuss?

TOPICS FOR THE SENIOR CATEGORY (Born between 23 May 2006 and 23 May 2011 (14-18 years of age))

Word limit: Maximum 1500 words

1. Equal access to education is enshrined in the Commonwealth Charter as one of the key values and aspirations that unite the Commonwealth. While the Commonwealth has come a long way on the journey towards this, there is still progress to be made. Imagine a Commonwealth in which everyone has the same access to education.
2. National legends and folklore can take us on a journey through history and culture. Retell a famous folklore from your own or another Commonwealth country in a surprising way.



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3. "Human beings have always needed the connection of literature – its wisdom as well as its sheer escapism." - Her Majesty Queen Camilla. Books can take us on journeys to the wildest and most unexpected places! Write about a time a book took you on a journey; how did it affect you?
4. From tiny seeds to large redwoods, trees and plants experience changes and growth throughout their life cycles. Write a story about the life journey of a plant growing in the centre of your community; what does it experience?

<https://www.royalcwsociety.org/essay-competition/qcec2025>

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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