GCSE Resit Hub Creative Writing Competition Information Sheet

The GCSE Resit Hub is thrilled to announce a Creative Writing Competition, exclusively for English GCSE resit learners. This is a fantastic opportunity for learners to showcase their creativity and writing skills. We encourage teachers to spread the word and get their learners involved!

Competition Details

- **Who can enter?**
  This competition is open to all English GCSE resit learners, aged 16-19, in post-16 settings across England and Wales.
- Competition entries could be developed as part of GCSE English lessons or might be an enrichment activity for your learners.

- **What can students write?**
  We invite entries of original creative writing on the broad theme of 'Me and My Place' (see the 'idea sheet' to help with ideas about writing on this them).

  Entries should be **no more than 500 words long, and** can be in any written form (poetry/prose/drama) and genre.

  Written submissions must be written by an individual student and should not be created, written or developed by AI.

- **Are there any additional resources to support this activity?**
  Yes! We have included some suggested activities and resources, which teachers may want to use to introduce the writing task and to support with some of the key skills associated with creative writing. These are designed to align with some aspects of the GCSE English Language exam (writing sections), and to encourage students to think about planning their writing, using imaginative and appropriate vocabulary, and structuring their written work.
- These resources are *completely optional*, designed to guide students through some of the writing process, to stimulate their thinking and to support teachers too. You do not have to use them, and you are, of course, welcome to use your own or any other resources to support students' writing if you would prefer.

- **What are we looking for?**
  We want to see imagination, creativity, and personal expression. There are no strict rules on genre or style, so let your students' creativity run wild!

- **Submissions** will be judged on the following criteria:
  - ✓ Originality and creativity
  - ✓ Enjoyment

- ✓ Language
- ✓ Organisation and structure

- **How to Submit Entries:**
  Entries should be submitted via the MS Form link here:
  https://forms.office.com/e/j0gLa3hAGT
- Teachers may wish to support students with submission, if needed.

- **Deadline for Entries:**
  All entries must be submitted by **5.00pm on Wednesday 16th October**.

Judging and Prizes

- **Judging:**
  Entries will be judged by a panel from the GCSE Resit Hub and external English specialists.
- Winning students and their teachers will be notified and invited to an online celebration and prizegiving event (see below).
- **Prizes:**
  Winners will receive vouchers as prizes. There are a total of six prizes – one first prize of £100 and five highly commended prizes of £50.
- All entrants will receive a certificate to acknowledge their participation in the competition.

Announcement of Winners and Celebration Event

Winners will be announced at an online event during the national **ESRC Festival of Social Science**, hosted by the University of Warwick. The event will take place on the afternoon of **8th November**, and all participating students and their teachers are invited to join us in celebrating the winners. Winning entries will be published on the GCSE Resit Hub website (with permission of the student authors).

How can teachers get involved?

- **Encourage participation:**
  Motivate your students to take part and support them in crafting their entries. This could be a wonderful classroom activity or an extracurricular project.
- **Spread the word:**
  Share the competition details with other post-16 GCSE English teachers and students who might be interested in participating.
- **Facilitate and support submission:**
  Support your students to submit their entries by the deadline of **5pm on Wednesday 16th October** using this link: https://forms.office.com/e/j0gLa3hAGT

Contact Us

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