

2016/17 Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award

Regulations and Conditions

Eligibility

1. All entries must be nominated by schools. The maximum number of entries for all three sections from each primary/ secondary school is **20**. Each student can submit more than one poem for one section but only one poem on each theme. If students want to participate in more than one section, they should submit different poems on different themes.

Primary Section: Full-time students from any primary schools adopting the local curriculum only.

Secondary Section: Full-time students from any secondary schools adopting the local curriculum only.

Open Section: All of the above + Full-time students from any primary/secondary schools adopting non-local curriculum.

2. The organiser reserves the right to reject any entries which fail to meet the following requirements:

- All entrants have to observe the rules and follow the procedures to submit their entries via their school online.
 - No personal information, such as school names and entrants' names, should appear in the entries.
 - Entries must be the original work of the entrants.
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3. Students can submit poems on any specified themes by the organiser and in any shape they like. The themes include:

	Primary Section	Secondary Section	Open Section
Theme	1. Friendship 2. Travelling 3. Machines 4. Pets 5. Festivals 6. Classrooms/School 7. The Young Achievers' Gallery *	1. Nature 2. Animals 3. Growing up 4. Poverty 5. Longing 6. Social media 7. The Young Achievers' Gallery *	

* The Young Achievers' Gallery is presented by the Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Students introduced at this Gallery have achieved high honours in national and international competitions in seven domains including science and technology, mathematics, languages and humanities, arts, design, thinking, and sports.

Students are welcomed to visit the Gallery to explore ideas for writing.

Address: Podium Level, West Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

Mon – Sat 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Opening Hours: (Lunch hour on Saturdays: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.)

Sun & Public Holidays: Closed

Website: <http://www.edb.gov.hk/yag>

Reservation Hotline: 3698 4490

4. **Each entry must be given a title.** The following are the basic rules that students are obliged to observe:

	Primary Section	Secondary Section	Open Section
Poetic form	Poetic form is open but entries should exhibit rhyme, rhythm, imagery and structure.	Poetic form is open but entries should exhibit rhyme, rhythm, imagery and structure, as well as the use of poetic devices, such as alliteration, simile and metaphor.	
Length	Nil. Students should decide on the most appropriate length to express the theme of their entry/entries.		

5. **Entries must not have been previously published, self-published or published on a website or broadcast before 1 June 2017.** Entries must be the original work of the entrants. Any infringement of competition rules and regulations will disqualify the entrant from taking part in the competition or winning an award.