



Dear Parent

Honing creative writing skills is the need of the hour. British Council brings yet another opportunity for students and teachers alike. Capture what '**Belonging**' means to you by putting down your thoughts in the form of a story for the 'Commonwealth Class Story writing competition.'

Information for Students

- Students will be split into two different age categories: 7 to 10 year olds and 11 to 14 year olds. Students should write a story set in their own country and based around the theme of '**Belonging**'
- The story must be written in English
- The story should be illustrated. Take a look at books carrying illustrations in a book store /on internet. Participants are free to choose the medium of their illustrations (for example, they can be hand-drawn, using a computer/tablet etc.)
- The word limit of the story for the 7-10 year olds category is 300 words
- The word limit of the story for the 11-14 year olds category is 500 words.

Entering the Competition

- The competition is open to students attending/working at a school recognised by the government of a Commonwealth country.
- The deadline for story submissions is **9:00 AM on Monday 14 November 2016**.
- Entering the Commonwealth Story Competition couldn't be simpler:
 1. Scan, take a photo or save a PDF version of your story;
 2. Complete the competition entry form and upload your story by following this link;
https://britishcouncil2.formstack.com/forms/schools_online_shorty_story_competition
 3. Read and tick the box to indicate you have read the competition terms of reference and submit everything by clicking the 'Submit Form' button.

Shortlisting and Prizes

- Entries will be shortlisted and judged by a panel of judges selected by British Council in the UK.
- The following prizes will be given to students awarded first, second and third place in the competition:
- First prize: a '**River of Stories Anthology**' published by the Commonwealth Education Trust for the school AND a £100 book token or equivalent for the student
- Second prize: £50 book token or equivalent for the student
- Third prize: £30 book token or equivalent for the student.


Principal