

10<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

Dear Families,

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to get involved with **The Canterbury Tales Writing Competition**.

If you are a writing enthusiast and want to be in with the chance of winning a cash prize for you and your school, we've got the competition for you! The Chaucer Heritage Trust was founded in 1992 and aims to further interest and appreciation of the works of Geoffrey Chaucer. The Chaucer Heritage is hosting its sixth annual writing competition for schools inspired by the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, considered by many to be the father of the English Language and England's greatest medieval poet. The special theme of the competition this year is **Promises, promises!**

### **Who can take part?**

The competition is open to all students of school age including not only those in schools and college communities, but also students who are home educated and in any other young people's community organisations.

The three age groups are: Junior – 5-10 years old, Intermediate – 11-14 years old and Senior – 15-18 years old. This will be the age of the participant on 28th February, 2023. Competitors must include their date of birth on the entry form.

### **Competition Guidelines**

Choose **ONE** of the following:

1. A poem or story about a broken promise
2. A poem or story about keeping promises
3. A description of a character that makes promises

### **Style**

- Your writing should invoke the spirit of Geoffrey Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales.
- All entries must be in English.
- Think carefully about the language – choosing the words which best convey your intended meaning and message.

- You are encouraged to use everyday language and colloquialisms but if appropriate please include explanations in brackets.
- Think carefully about the characters in your writing and what they say about the world you live in.

**Word Count**

The maximum word count is 500 words. There is no minimum word count.

**Deadlines**

All entries must be submitted by **28th February, 2023.**

**How to submit entries**

You can submit your entry at <http://chaucer.org.uk/submityourentry/>

**Prizes**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Prize for the Winning Entrant(s)</b>	<b>Prize for the Winning Entrant's School Library</b>
Junior (5-10 years old)	1 <sup>st</sup> £300 2 <sup>nd</sup> £150 3 <sup>rd</sup> £100	1 <sup>st</sup> £1000 2 <sup>nd</sup> £500 3 <sup>rd</sup> £250
Intermediate (11-14 years old)	1 <sup>st</sup> £300 2 <sup>nd</sup> £150 3 <sup>rd</sup> £100	1 <sup>st</sup> £1000 2 <sup>nd</sup> £500 3 <sup>rd</sup> £250
Senior (15-18 years old)	1 <sup>st</sup> £300 2 <sup>nd</sup> £150 3 <sup>rd</sup> £100	1 <sup>st</sup> £1000 2 <sup>nd</sup> £500 3 <sup>rd</sup> £250

**Further Information**

You can find more information at [www.chaucer.org.uk](http://www.chaucer.org.uk) or you can contact the trust at [admin@chaucer.org.uk](mailto:admin@chaucer.org.uk)

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