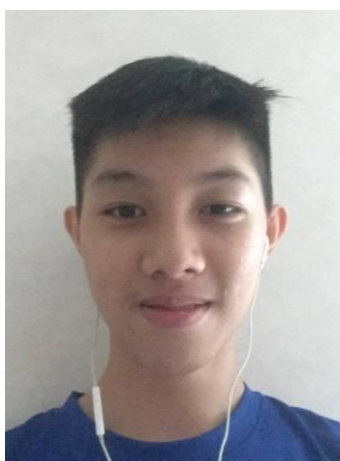


Students at the English Language Centre (ELC) Win International Writing Awards

Secondary Students at the English Language Centre (ELC) have received international awards for essays on written about youth, change and the climate crisis in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition in 2020.

“Because of the MCO our students and teachers switched to teaching and learning on line. Despite all the difficulties, our students continued to do well in this competition,” said ELC Academic Advisor Hu Ting Wen.

In the junior category, Chua Kah Yee received a gold award; Melvern Chai Charng Foh, a silver award and Joshua Chong Qi Xiang, a bronze award. In the senior category, Edmund Wong Li Hong obtained a silver award; Janice Mok Zi Xuan and Cherie Choo won bronze awards.



Edmund Wong Li Hong

Edmund Wong Li Hong’s entry is entitled, “Youth and Change: Dawn of the New Generation.” He said this on receiving the award: “Getting an award means your writing meets a certain standard, so it is good to know that my writing has improved over that month of agony. However, this also means there is lots of room for improvement. Even though you receive an award, it does not mean that your quality of writing has reached its peak! For me, I acknowledge that I can still improve and do better, therefore I will be joining the competition again this year in hopes of getting a better award. My advice to those who love writing or want to improve their English: Join writing competitions. Other than providing an avenue to improve the quality of your writing, they also serve as a benchmark to reflect on how far you have come and how much you have improved.”



Joshua Chong Qi Xiang

Joshua Chong Qi Xiang, whose essay is entitled “A letter from Mother Earth,” had this to say on receiving the award: “It is a dream come true for me...I owe this success to my English teachers who helped me master the techniques of writing.”



Chua Kah Yii

Chua Kah Yii wrote an essay entitled, “It’s not too late.” He reflected on his success: “When I got the award, I was ecstatic, it felt as if I reached the top of Mount Everest.”



Melvern Chai Charng Foh

Melvern Chai’s essay was entitled “Galazy abuzz about state of Earth.” He said, “This prize was one of the most valuable thing I have ever received as I have seldom gotten anything from past competitions. I was so excited to bring it home and show my parents.”



Cherie Choo

Cherie Choo's essay is entitled "Do It!" She commented: "I am extremely honoured to receive such an important award. It is an excellent morale-booster that will encourage me to continue doing my best work."

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest schools international writing competition. Previous winners include Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister of Singapore, writer Elspeth Huxley and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Mei Fong, demonstrating that the competition is a stepping stone to something more. ELC students have been entering and winning awards in this competition for over thirty years.

Read more about our past accomplishments at the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition:

2017: <https://www.theborneopost.com/2017/12/06/elc-students-win-awards-in-commonwealth-essay-competition/>

2015: <https://www.theborneopost.com/2015/07/04/elc-students-win-commonwealth-essay-awards/>

Read more about the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition:

https://www.royalcwsociety.org/the-qcec?gclid=CjwKCAjwTj2FBhAuEiwAIKu19o2vbKivMNmVFw_XyQHW34wRF-Mu4iwXNOCh27nJTQkk6CfQhEUfwRoCDMgQAvD_BwE