



The John Betjeman Poetry Competition for Young People 2013

Calling budding young writers! Enter our young poet competition for the chance to win a first prize of £1,000.

The John Betjeman Poetry Competition for Young People is open to 10-13 year-olds.

Each child is invited to send in (by post or online) one poem on the theme of 'place'. You can choose anywhere that is important to you – from your bedroom to somewhere you visited on holiday, from your favourite park to your favourite building. The subject of your poem could be a city or a garden or a beach or a street. We are asking you to capture in words what that place means to you.

The first prize of £1,000 is shared between the winning entrant and his or her school. The winner, runner-up, and second runner-up will each win four standard class tickets from St Pancras International to Paris, Brussels or Lille donated by Eurostar. Five finalists will receive £50 of book tokens. Entries will be judged by Susan Hill CBE. Full details and online entry form <http://www.betjemanpoetrycompetition.com/submit-your-entry/>.

Poems and completed entry forms can also be sent via post and should be addressed to:

The John Betjeman Poetry Competition for Young People, PO BOX 3850 , Royal Mail, Swan Lane, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, SN7 7JB.

Six one-day poetry workshops will be awarded to state schools entering the competition. All schools wishing to receive a poet visit should apply in writing via the website www.betjemanpoetrycompetition.com stating their reasons for the application. The trustees will consider all applications that fit the criteria and the schools selected to receive workshops will be notified in September.

The competition is free to enter and closes at midnight on 31st July.

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