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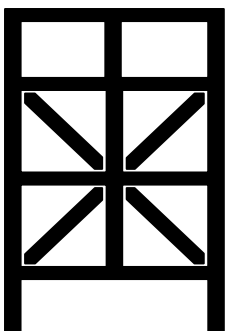
# ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

Enrichment through English



## CALL FOR ENTRIES

A joint venture of the Grahamstown Foundation and the South African Council for English Education



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## AIMS OF THE ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

The English Olympiad is a competition which aims to enrich learners through the study of English and to encourage critical thinking and creative writing. It draws around 8000 entries each year who write the English Olympiad examination. The competition is organised jointly by the Grahamstown Foundation and the South African Council for English Education (SACEE).

### WHO MAY ENTER?

The competition is open to ALL learners who will be in Grades 10, 11 and 12 in 2018, that is, those learners who are currently in Grades 9 to 11.

### WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF THE EXAMINATION?

Candidates are required to prepare for a **3-hour, open-book examination**. Candidates may use the anthology during the examination, enabling more creative answers.

There is a choice of a **Home Language (HL)** or **First Additional Language (FAL)** examination. The FAL examination paper is based on the same anthology and theme as the HL paper, but with less material to study. It is by no means an easier paper, but there will be fewer question choices and simpler language used in some of the questions.

All schools are encouraged to enter their candidates to write the HL paper. However, candidates may choose to write the FAL paper, but **only if they are registered at their school for English FAL as an FET subject**.

Teachers must indicate clearly on the Entry Form whether their candidates are writing the HL paper or the FAL paper. **If there is no indication for the FAL exam, it is *assumed* that the candidates will write the HL exam.**

### WHEN AND WHERE?

The English Olympiad will be written at your school on **Tuesday, 6 March 2018**.

Schools may start the examination at any time between **11h00 and 14h00 on the examination day**, provided the Candidates are allowed 3 hours to write.

**Please note** : It is not possible, for practical and security reasons, to allow schools to write the Examination on different dates. **Schools are requested to ensure that the date and time of the examination are included in their calendars for 2018**. Please make sure that your Candidates will be able to write on this day.

The date of the examination is determined by the time needed to process the results so that the Top 15 Candidates can be invited to attend the National Schools Festival in July.

*The 2017 English Olympiad Top 15 Winners at the Prize Giving Ceremony held during the National Schools Festival in July.*



## WHAT ARE THE REWARDS?

ALL CANDIDATES who complete the English Olympiad sufficiently enough to warrant assessment, receive a certificate indicating their exam evaluation (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Merit or Participation). Candidates who do not complete the paper, or whose answers are clearly insufficient, will not receive a certificate.

### Top 100 Home Language (HL)

In June 2018, the names of the top 100 are available in A-Z order. After the Prize Giving in July, the rank order is announced.

### Top 20 HL

Candidates ranked between **4th and 20th positions** will receive **cash prizes, and/or books, or book vouchers.**

### Top 15 HL

The Top 15 candidates are invited to attend the **National Schools Festival in Grahamstown in July**, free of charge. The English Olympiad Prize Giving is held during the National Schools Festival, where the Top 15 are awarded on stage.

### Top 3 HL

The 2018 Top 3 Candidates will receive substantial cash prizes as follows:

**First place: R33 000; Second place: R30 000; Third place: R27 000.**

These rewards broaden the winners' opportunities for possible further study, or travel

### Top 10 First Additional Language (FAL)

The Top 10 candidates who write the First Additional Language (FAL) examination paper will receive **cash prizes, and/or books, or book vouchers.**

### Rhodes University scholarships

The Top 42 Home Language candidates, and the Top 8 First Additional Language candidates will be offered **free tuition scholarships for their first year of any course of study at Rhodes University** immediately upon successful completion of their Matriculation examination, subject to meeting the University's entry requirements.

## WHAT IS THE SYLLABUS FOR 2018?

The **THEME** for the 2018 English Olympiad is “**War and Peace**”. The anthology, and prescribed text, is entitled ***We will remember them***, which consists of a selection of poetry, and a language section which focuses on the language of propaganda.

All candidates, HL and FAL must study the anthology to prepare for the examination.

The 2018 examination paper will consist of three sections:

Section A: an essay (50 marks)

Section B: a piece of transactional / creative writing (20 marks)

Section C: questions on the language compartment (30 marks)

Every candidate receives a copy of the anthology, together with a Study Guide, both of which are included in the entry fee.

***Note that the Study Guide may not be taken into the exam.***

The organizers of the English Olympiad cannot permit the use of photocopies. It is illegal in terms of copyright laws.

## HOW TO ENTER

Entries are only accepted through schools. Please complete both sides of the enclosed **Entry Form**, and fax/email it to the Olympiad Officer before the closing dates below:

### **MAIN CLOSING DATE: Friday 29 September 2017 (R125.00)**

If your school enters **before or on 8 September** your entries will cost **R125.00** each.

### **LATE ENTRY CLOSING DATE: Friday 27 October 2017 (R140.00)**

If your school enters **between 9 September and 27 October**, your entries will cost **R140.00** each. **Please note that entering earlier will benefit your candidates as they will receive their texts earlier and have more time to prepare.**

**Teachers may purchase separate copies of the Anthology at R35.00 per copy.**

**A once-off POSTAGE COST of R100 per school is applicable for the first postage of STUDY MATERIALS sent to schools. Further study materials requested will incur additional postage costs.**

**International Schools (schools outside the Republic of South Africa) must ascertain and pay the full courier costs of all postage.**

**Entry Forms and proof of payment** must be received by the Olympiad Officer **before the entry closing dates**, to qualify for the respective Entry Fees outlined above. **Entries will not be processed without a proof of payment.**

Remember to include the **postage fee of R100** when submitting your school's entries. Note: additional courier charges apply if a second application for study materials is made.

## WHAT DOES THE ENTRY FEE COVER?

The Entry Fee covers the administration, study and exam materials for the exam (one anthology and study guide for each entrant to study plus examination question paper and booklet), and postage costs for study and exam materials and certificates as follows:

- ⇒ **Study and exam materials:** One parcel of Study materials sent by PostNet Counter-to-Counter or SAPO Registered Mail **and** Exam materials sent to the same address.
- ⇒ **Certificates:** sent by ordinary post.

## DETAILED ASSESSMENTS

Provision has been made for a limited number of candidates to apply for comment on their examination scripts. Application should be made on the entry form in the space provided. Each Detailed Assessment costs **R150.00 over and above the actual entry fee. A maximum of 2 Detailed Assessments per school is allowed.** The assessment will be sent to the candidate via their school after the results have been released.

The deadline for requests for Detailed Assessments is **Friday 27 October 2017.**

## ENGLISH OLYMPIAD SPONSORSHIP (EOS)

There are a limited number of partial bursaries for students who cannot afford the entry fees. If your Candidates are not able to afford the full entry fee, please request that your:

- **Candidates** each write and sign a **short letter of application saying:**
  - **why they would like to write the Examination**
  - **how they plan to prepare** for the Examination, and
  - **confirming** that they **will write the Examination on 6 March 2018.**
- **School Principals** to write a **supporting letter** to endorse their candidates' bursary applications. Note: There is a limit to the bursaries available.

Please submit the letters to the Olympiad Officer with your Entry Form.

Bursaries will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, and will be based on the commitment of applicant school's learners to writing the exam in previous years. The cost of an EOS entry is a contribution of **R25.00** per entry.

**Please do not send through payment until the Olympiad Officer has confirmed approval of your bursary applications.**

The closing date for bursary applications is **29 September 2017.**

## BANKING DETAILS FOR ALL PAYMENTS

Name: The Grahamstown Foundation  
Bank: Standard Bank  
Branch: Grahamstown  
Branch code: 050 917  
Account number: 081 996 071

**\*\*NB\*\* Reference to appear on Deposit Slip/EFT: EO & your School's Name**

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Enter your candidates as early as possible!
- ◆ Both sides of the attached entry form must be completed fully (complete **all** sections).
- ◆ Please make sure that you indicate whether your candidates have been entered for the **Home Language (HL)** or **First Additional Language (FAL)** examinations. If you do not indicate, we will assume that they have been entered to write the HL paper.
- ◆ Entry forms must be faxed or emailed to the Olympiad Officer by the closing dates set out, along with **proof of payment**.
- ◆ The entry fee due depends on whether or not you meet our **early-bird closing date: FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2017**. This fee is **R125**.
- ◆ If you miss the early closing date, the late entry fee will be **R140**. The final closing date for late entries is **FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2017**. Meeting the earlier closing date will **benefit your pupils** in two ways: they will have more time to prepare, and they will **save R15** on their entry fees.
- ◆ Include the **postage fee of R100** when making payment, and on your entry form indicate the PostNet branch to be used for counter-to-counter, or a reliable postage address for Registered Mail through the SAPO.
- ◆ The Grahamstown Foundation cannot be held responsible for the loss of texts in the post or courier. Should your correctly addressed parcel be returned to our offices, you will be liable for an additional postage fee for the parcel to be re-sent to your school.
- ◆ Entries are accepted only through schools.



# The English Olympiad is online!

## [www.saenglisholympiad.org.za](http://www.saenglisholympiad.org.za)

### Visit our website to:

- Print out the Call for Entries and Entry Form
- Check that your school's information is accurate and up to date at all times—notify the Olympiad Office if there are any changes
- View your Candidates' entries\*—notify the office to update your entrants' information (changes and spelling)
- View your Candidates' results\* once released in June!
- View the rank order of the Top 100 winners in mid-July!

\*Please note that each school requires a Username and Password, issued by the Olympiad Officer, to view entries online. You will receive these with confirmation of your entries.

Contact the Olympiad Officer for more information:

Tel: 046 603 1145

Email: [olympiad@foundation.org.za](mailto:olympiad@foundation.org.za)

### Save the date!

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*Dr Malcolm Venter, National Chair of the South African Council for English Education, and the winner of the 2017 English Olympiad, Ms Shraya Moodley of Epworth High School.*

**If you wish to enter the 2018 English Olympiad, please complete the enclosed Entry Form and return it to:**

**The Olympiad Officer**

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