



## Young Writer 2024 Competition Rules

The competition is open to 7-17 year olds (school years 3 to 12).

Closing date: TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2024

Entry is FREE

Only 1 entry per entrant.

300 word stories on the theme - "**Clues**"

Submitted pieces must not have been published elsewhere and must be the entrant's own original work. Translations of anyone else's work are not eligible.

Copyright remains with the writer.

Entries may be published on Litfest websites and social media, read at Litfest events and included in a printed anthology.

Entries **MUST** be in English.

The subject line of the email must state: **Young Writer Competition 2024.**

Entries **MUST** be attached as a Word Document. Please give your name, age, school year and contact details in the body of the email, as well as the title and word count of your submission.

The entry and consent form below must be completed and digitally signed by you and your parent/guardian/carer and be emailed with your entry.

NB: Schools who already have permission from parents/guardians/carers need complete only one form on behalf of the school.

Entries **MUST** be single spaced, in legible 12pt fonts such as Times New Roman or Arial.

Email your submissions to: [wlf.youngwriter@gmail.com](mailto:wlf.youngwriter@gmail.com)

Reference: YW competition 2024

The winner and runners up will be announced at the launch of the Worcestershire Literary Festival on Sunday 9th June and notified via email. We hope winners will read at the Black Pear Press anthology launch planned for later in the year.

The theme for this year is: “**Clues**” - All styles and genres welcome!

Entry into the competition signifies agreement to these rules;

Age Groups (in current school years)

**JUNIOR:** School Years 3-6

**INTERMEDIATE:** School Years 7-9

**SENIOR:** School Years 10-12

All entries will be judged by a panel of academic judges, selected for their experience in literature, journalism or related experience.

It is essential the entry and consent form are completed for application to be accepted  
No handwritten submissions will be accepted. If you are unable to type your entry please email: [martindriscoll@yahoo.com](mailto:martindriscoll@yahoo.com)