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Young writers help school win national honours



Some of the Queen Elizabeth's School pupils who have taken part in the Stranger Sagas young writers' competition. L-R are Amelia Beeson, Andrew Rae, Samuel Pitcher, Ellie Wall and Michael Munro.

Students from Wimborne's Queen Elizabeth's (QE) School have used the power of words to win a national writing competition

The teenagers have been regularly entering the Young Writers' Stranger Sagas Competition, which challenges students to write a story in just 100 words.

With three rounds held in the autumn, spring and summer terms, the aspiring wordsmiths had to write about a strange event using various sentence starters.

And QE certainly rose to the challenge, with its 500-plus entries winning the top prize of best school, scooping £1,000.

In addition, 15 year-old Adam Nelsey, won an individual prize for his entry 'One Choice'.

Acting headteacher, Katie Boyes, said: "Our young writers have done us extremely proud indeed.

"I was thrilled that so many of our students participated and produced such high quality and consistently good work.

“It is a real honour to win the overall competition when our students’ work was up against so many fantastic entries from across the country.”

QE, which last month joined Wimborne Academy Trust, has exciting plans for its £1,000 prize money.

The school is planning to use the funds to create a reading 'oasis'- a comfortable space in the English department for quiet reading and reflection.

CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, Liz West, said: “This is a not only a wonderful honour for QE School and its students but is also an inspiration for all our pupils.

“Our first schools currently have a focus on vocabulary and seeing their older peers achieve national recognition will act as a real spur to achieve the best they can in English.

“A huge well done to all the students who entered and of course the staff in the English department who supported them.”

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