



# COVID19 Winter Writing Competition

## Instructions for Submission



### All Categories

All pieces of writing should be submitted by email as PDF documents. The font is Times New Roman, 12 point. The email for submission is [COVID19.competition@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:COVID19.competition@cityu.edu.hk).

All submissions should have a title page. On the title page should be the following information:

- (1) the student's name, year group, and school,
- (2) the title of the submission,
- (3) the stream for which the essay is to be considered (DSE or Open), and
- (4) the category for the essay (Oral History or Back to the Future).

All pieces should be carefully reviewed before submission to ensure no spelling mistakes or formatting problems.

All submissions are to be in English. Either American or British spelling is acceptable, so long as it is consistent throughout the piece of work.

#### Junior (Secondary Years 1-3)

Submissions in these categories should be between 500-750 words long.

#### Senior Categories (Secondary Years 4 and above)

Submissions in these categories should be between 1000-1250 words long.

### Starting Ideas

#### Oral History

For this topic we are interested in learning how your life, the lives of your family members, the lives of your friends, teachers, coaches and others in your local community has been affected by COVID19. You need to explore ideas of life before, during, and (possibly) after the pandemic. What changed? How did it change? How much did it change? Was it all bad or were some changes positive? Talk to people, identify common themes, and write an interesting essay. We would love to read it!!

#### Back to the Future

This is more of a free-form creative writing piece. It can take a range of forms: an essay, a short story, a diary entry, a letter. It is up to you. For this topic, we are looking for pieces that start off with the changes now taking place here in Hong Kong and logically project those changes into the future. Remember you are at the centre of this piece of future writing. You are reflecting back on how your life changed over the last 50 years because of COVID19.

### Judging

A panel of judges will review the submissions. Judges will be drawn from Professors at City University as well as leading members of the community. Feedback may only be provided on shortlisted pieces. The decision of the judging panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

#### Enquiries

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