



# 3rd COVID Writing Competition "Impact" Result

After three years of the pandemic, new challenges and opportunities have profoundly impacted our lifestyle. Our society, family and ourselves spent plenty of effort to adapt to these unprecedented changes. However, the mark Covid brought to our life can hardly be erased, and the shadow will remain in everyone's heart.

You may recall that the One Health research cluster has been running COVID19 Writing competitions over the last two years. These competitions have provided a literary space for secondary students to appreciate the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on their communities and families. In the past two completions, over 650 submissions have been received; all of which displayed a real passion for the subject. This year we will receive more than 250 submissions for the third, and very likely the last, writing competition on the pandemic. Future writing competitions will likely have a different epidemiological focus.

There were two themes to the competition – split between schools that follow the DSE curriculum and schools that follow the IB or other international curricula – that our Junior and Senior entrants could explore. The first was a Personal Reflection and the second was an Oral History.

In the Personal Reflection section, Junior and Senior students need to explore some questions with their own experience: How did COVID impact your life over the last three years? What was your life like before the pandemic? What is your life like now? In what ways has COVID had a lasting impact on who you are? In what ways do you think that your pre-COVID life will return once the pandemic recedes? Where do you go from here?

In the Oral History section, student participants need to talk with their family, friends, and people in their local community (teachers, people in their neighbourhood, clubs and societies) as an investigator. Then, write an oral history of the pandemic's social impacts over the last three years with these questions: How much of an impact has the pandemic had on their lives? How has their life changed since the start of the pandemic? How do they think Hong Kong has changed since the pandemic started? Are these good changes or bad changes or just changes? Do they think the changes will be permanent or will things shift back once the pandemic ends?

This year we received over 250 entries, a strong indicator of how much importance students and teachers placed on understanding these issues. The quality of writing again far exceeded expectations, with many writers displaying maturity and style well beyond their years. Although only sixteen prizes could be given, we also used a new award category, the Outstanding Writing Award, for those students whose work was among the best of the best.

The interest in the competition and the strength of the entries highlights the community interest in areas of One Health. It reinforces the need for City University and CLASS to continue reaching out beyond the campus to engage with a wider range of voices in this area. It showcases the need to pursue One Health as a key strategic goal of the University across a range of pedagogical platforms. We thank all the students, their families, teachers and schools for the amazing support and interest shown in this year's One Health Writing Competition.

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## Award List for DSE Stream

	Junior		Senior	
	<i>Personal Reflection</i>	<i>Oral History</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>	<i>Oral History</i>
First Place	Ng Wing Yau Nicole (Belilios Public School)	Liang Mei Teng (Heep Yunn School)	Lee Ka Yee Emily (Belilios Public School)  Tsoi Ngo Lam (Kowloon True Light School)	Lam Sum Ching (Heep Yunn School)
Second Place	Hui Yau Kiu Isis (Heep Yunn School)	Tang Siu Yan (YLPMSAA Tang Siu Tong Secondary School)	Tsang Mavis Olivia (Diocesan Girls' School)  Ng Wing Shan (Heep Yunn School)	Kwan Tsz Ki Karina (Kowloon True Light School)
Third Place	Chung Hei Man Isabel (Diocesan Girls' School)	Lam Sheung Chit, Thomas (Po Leung Kuk No.1 W.H.Cheung College)	Hui Lok Ching (S.K.H. Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School)  KUNG Nok Yi (SKH Li Ping Secondary School)	Wong Sau Yin (Tak Nga Secondary School)
Outstanding Paper	Lam Yat Yu (Heep Yunn School)	Chan Wing Yan (Heep Yunn School)	Yente Au (Fukien Secondary School (Kwun Tong))	Tang Hiu Wa (ELCHK Yuen Long Lutheran Secondary School)
	SHIN HANG EMMA CHENG (Heep Yunn School)	Hung Yuet Ka (Heep Yunn School)	LO PEI TING (Heep Yunn School)	Ho Sum Yat (S.K.H. Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School)
	Zheng Yuxi (Kau Yan College)	Au Yeung Dik Lam (YLPMSAA Tang Siu Tong Secondary School)	Ng Hiu Yuet (Holy Family Canossian College)	CHENG MAN HOI (TWGH Mrs. Fung Wong Fung Ting College)
	Adelaide Leung Hang Ping (Kowloon True Light School)		Siriwardena Mudiyansele, Nethmi N. (Marymount Secondary School)	
	Chow Tsz Hei (Kowloon True Light School)		Wong Wing Hei (S.K.H. Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School)	
	Darren Mercado (Po Leung Kuk Mrs. Ma Kam Ming - Cheung Fook Sien College)		Shiu Chun Fai (St Paul's College)	
	LAM SZE YI, LIVIA (Pope Paul VI College)		Khan Iman (St. Francis' Canossian College)	
	Chung Wing Yin Winnie (St. Margaret's Co-educational Secondary and Primary School)		Aliba Saghir (TWGHs C.Y.Ma Memorial College)	
	Sze Natalie (TWGHs Lui Yun Choy Memorial College)			
	Tang Wing Sum (Yuen Long Merchants Association Secondary School)			
Ng Wai Hang Dorcas (Saint Antonius Girls' College)				

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## Award List for Open Stream

	Junior		Senior	
	<i>Personal Reflection</i>	<i>Oral History</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>	<i>Oral History</i>
First Place	Lau Cho Kiu Trinity (Tuen Mun Catholic Secondary School)	Lee Noelle Cheuk Lok (Singapore International School)	Kwok Chinny Chin Yu (West Island School)	Rachel Jin Suh Yoon (Island School ESF)
Second Place	Yu Ming Wai Bernice (St. Paul's Co-educational College)	Wong Yu Hin (ELCHK Yuen Long Lutheran Secondary school)	Kwok Tsz Yau Jenna (Diocesan Girls' School)	Katrina Hon (Island School ESF)
Third Place	Kwok Ching Yee, Ariel (Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section))			
Outstanding Paper	Chan Yan Kiu Dallas (Christian And Missionary Alliance Sun Kei Secondary School)		Lai Hing Yu (St. Paul's Convent School)	
	Wang Hekai (ELCHK Yuen Long Lutheran Secondary School)		Tam Wing Yu (St. Paul's Convent School)	
			Mak Wing Tung Gloria (St. Paul's Co-educational College)	

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