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## **King's Academy College Park**

A King's Group Academy

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### **BBC 500 Words Competition**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that we are encouraging all of our Year 3 students to take part in the **BBC 500 Words writing competition**. You can find out more here: [BBC 500 Words](http://www.bbc.com/500words).

The competition is open to two age categories: **5–7** and **8–11 year-olds**. Please note that spelling, punctuation and grammar are *not* marked – as has always been the case with 500 Words, the focus is on our writers' brilliant creativity!

There are some fantastic prizes: each winner will take home a bundle of books, and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library. All winning stories will be illustrated by children's illustrators and published in a special *500 Words* winners' book produced by Oxford University Press.

Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves. There are very few rules for 500 Words but a few points to remember below when writing a story.

All 500 Words stories must:

- Be 500 words or fewer (title is not included in the count)
- Be written by an individual (not as part of a group)
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be written in prose (not rap or poetry)



Stories must not:

- Contain any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount a historical event (though they may use a real person or historical character as inspiration)
- Be created, written, or developed by AI

### **Submission Details**

- Stories should be written at home and then either brought into school or emailed to [contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk), FAO Mrs Jenner, 500 Words Competition.
- If your child would like their story submitted through school, you will also need to **complete the permission form**: [Parental Permission Form](#). We will be unable to submit your child's entry without this completed.
- The closing date for submitting entries to school is **Tuesday 4th November**.

We are very much looking forward to reading all of the children's stories. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their imagination and creativity!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jenner.

Kind regards,  
The Year 3 Team