

2020 Winners Announced!

After a delay brought on by the dreaded virus, the winners of the 2020 English Olympiad were made known in mid-July.

The theme of the 2020 Olympiad was 'Consequences' and the anthology was entitled *Aftermath*, which consisted of a selection of mixed genres including 'Faustus', a short story entitled 'A Bag of Sweets' and a modern radio play 'Taxi'.

The examiners were Yvette Morgan (Home Language) and Tasneem Dolley (First Additional Language).

This year we made some progress in increasing the number of candidates entering the Olympiad. After "flattening out" in 2019 we are now, once again, increasing the numbers - 2020 saw 1711 more entries than the previous year.

The exam was written on Tuesday, 3 March. This was just before the Covid-19 pandemic broke out so we were grateful that they were able to write.

Normally the Top 15 HL winners and the top 5 FAL winners are given a trip to the National Schools Festival in Makhanda in July with all expenses paid. This year there was no Schools Festival because of the Coronavirus, which meant, sadly, that there was no prize-giving.

Sincere thanks must go to:

- Prarochna Rama, the Olympiad Officer for the Grahamstown Foundation, which is responsible for the administration of the Olympiad.
- Dr Di Ayliff-McDermott, who has retired after many years as the National Academic Co-ordinator of the Olympiad.
- De Beers, which has sponsored the event for more than two decades.

Prizes awarded for the English Olympiad are as follows:

1. The Top 3 HL candidates receive R33000, R30000 and R27000 respectively.
2. The Top 10 candidates in the FAL exam receive various cash prizes from SACEE.
3. The top 42 candidates in the HL exam and the top 8 candidates in the FAL exam receive free tuition scholarships for their first year of study at Rhodes University, immediately upon successful completion of the matriculation examinations, and subject to meeting the university's entry requirements.
4. All candidates who complete the paper with sufficient comment receive certificates indicating a classified evaluation ranging from Participation to Gold.

2020 English Olympiad HL Top 20

RANK	Title	First name	Surname	School
1	Ms	La'mia	Dadabhay	Roshnee Islamic School
2	Ms	Holly	Munks	Durban Girls College
3	Ms	Samira	Salduker	Durban Girls College
4	Mr	Jack	Brand	Fairmont High School
5	Ms	Samantha	Collins	St Marys School, Waverley
6	Ms	Gemma	Mills	Cornwall Hill College
7	Ms	Emma	Craig	St Marys School, Waverley

8	Ms	Colombe	Obono Eyono	Westville Girls High
9	Ms	Lilitha	Nkuhlu	St Annes Diocesan College
10	Mr	Andi	Qu	St Johns College
11	Mr	Johann	Kok	Pretoria Boys High
12	Mr	James	Thompson	St Dunstans College
13	Ms	Gabriella	Hoskins	Parktown High School for Girls
14	Ms	Maria Jagoda	Simpson	Cornwall Hill College
15	Ms	Jordyn	Soldin	York High School

2020 English Olympiad FAL Top 10

RANK	Title	First Name	Surname	School
1	Ms	Tinyko	Jeleni	Khanyisa Education Centre
2	Ms	Marli	Du Preez	DF Malherbe High School
3	Mr	Tsianda	Netsianda	Mbilwi Secondary School
4	Ms	Kwenama	Mkhize	Zenex - Izimpande Zokukhanya
5	Ms	Yanga	Jonas	Maths and Science Leadership Academy
6	Mr	Samuel	Mamaphomolo	Machabeng College Lesotho
7	Ms	Alethea	Vermeulen	Swartland High School
8	Ms	Kayla	Craddock	Otto du Plessis High School
9	Mr	Jason	Parker	Otto du Plessis High School
10	Mr	Mukundi Mueletshedzi	Mushaphi	Mbilwi Secondary School

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[Top 100 \(Home Language\)](#)

[Top 19 \(First Additional Language\)](#)