

2021 Winners Announced!

The theme of the 2021 Olympiad was 'People and Personas' and the anthology was entitled *This is my Story*, which consisted of a selection of stories told from a first-person perspective. Genres included in the collection are a dramatic monologue, four poems, a travelogue, two short stories and an extract from a novella. Both the anthology and study guide were compiled by the 2021 Chief Examiner, Yvette Morgan and were published by the Eastern Cape Branch of SACEE.

The 2021 examiners were Yvette Morgan (Home Language) and Tasneem Dolley (First Additional Language).

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2021 saw a decrease of 36% in the number of entrants, but the 4482 entries received exceeded the anticipated target by 1982. The exam was written on 16th March 2021.

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.

Congratulations to the 2021 English Olympiad Winners!

Home Language (HL) TOP 20 in RANK ORDER:

Rank	Title	First name	Last name	School
1	Ms	Faye	Crawford	Epworth High School
2	Mr	Sazi	Bongwe	St John's College
3	Ms	Vanessa	Visser	Hoërskool Linden
4	Ms	Rozelle	Hartzenberg	Gymnasium High School, Paarl
5	Ms	Raeesah	Jadwat	St John's College
6	Ms	Grace	Ross	St Anne's Diocesan College
7	Ms	Sarah	Nanabhay	St John's College
8	Ms	Erin	Commaile	Rhenish Girls' High
9	Ms	Stephanie	Bergesen	St Mary's School, Waverley
10	Mr	Ydhan	Naidoo	St John's College
11	Ms	Harshitha	Vempati	Crawford College Sandton
12	Ms	Rachel	Taljard	Ashton Ballito College
13	Mr	Nabeel	Seedat	St Andrew's School, Bloemfontein
14	Ms	Isabella	Andrighetto	St Stithians Girls College, Randburg
15	Ms	Vanya	Blignaut	Hartbeespoort High School
16	Ms	Gabriella	Hoskins	Parktown High School for Girls
17	Ms	Angela	Wang	St Andrew's School for Girls
18	Ms	Asithandile	Msomi	Kloof High School
19	Ms	Amy	Irlam	Pinelands High School
20	Ms	Jenna	Viviers	Clarendon High School for Girls

The complete Top 100 (Home Language) results list, in rank order is available [here](#).

First Additional Language (FAL) Top 20 in RANK ORDER:

Rank	Title	First Name	Surname	School
1	Mr	Pinashe	Manyengawana	Blue Hills College
2	Ms	Inam	Nojilana	Walmer High School
3	Ms	Anais	Herman	Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof
4	Ms	Logan-Leigh	van Staden	Otto du Plessis High School
5	Ms	Elizabeth	van Eeden	Curro Nelspruit
6	Ms	Chevonne	Erasmus	Curro Hermanus
7	Mr	Ian	Olivier	Pearson High School
8	Ms	Nshalati	Maluleke	Khanyisa Education Centre
9	Mr	Jacques	Klopper	Bergvlam High School
10	Ms	Samara	Laubscher	Hugenote Hoërskool
11	Ms	Kutenda	Jange	Khanyisa Education Centre
12	Mr	Luke	Swingler	Curro Hermanus
13	Ms	Musa	Ncwadi	Ntsika Secondary School
14	Ms	Kirsty-Leigh	Philander	Otto du Plessis High School
15	Ms	Nyeleti	Mbombi	Khanyisa Education Centre
16	Ms	Sandiswa	Booi	Ntsika Secondary School
17	Mr	Sive	Teyise	Ntsika Secondary School
18	Ms	Nwabisa	Sami	Ntsika Secondary School
19	Ms	Zenobia	Kemoeti	Oudtshoorn High School
20*	Ms	Khanyisa	Baloyi	Khanyisa Education Centre
20*	Ms	Carine	Meyer	Swartland High School

*Tied in 20th place

The complete Top 20 (First Additional Language) results list in rank order is available [here](#).

Prizes awarded for the 2021 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.