

The 2025 English Olympiad

📢 BREAKING NEWS: 2025 English Olympiad Winners Revealed! 📢

The Grahamstown Foundation and the South African Council for English Education (SACEE) have officially announced the **Top 2025 English Olympiad Champions**—and what a year it has been!

With more than **5,500 young literary minds** from **264 schools across South Africa** (plus two from **Lesotho and Botswana**), the 2025 English Olympiad has once again proven to be the **ultimate celebration of language, literature, and critical thinking**. This year was extra special, marking the **50th edition** of this prestigious competition!

📖 This year's theme, "*Celebration*", was inspired by the powerful anthology *Let Us Celebrate: Love, Life, Land*—a dazzling collection of voices from Shakespeare to 21st-century school learners. Compiled by English Olympiad founder **Dr Malcolm Venter** and co-examiner **Yvette Morgan**, the anthology inspired fresh, bold, and insightful responses from Grades 9–12 learners in a challenging three-hour exam held on **March 4th**.

Now, the results are in! 📢📢

- The **Top 20 Home Language (HL)** and **Top 20 First Additional Language (FAL)** achievers are featured below.
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- View the full [Top 100 list](#) here.

"The Olympiad demands a considerable amount of preparation and original thinking," said **Dr Malcolm Venter**, National Chairperson of SACEE. "To be placed in the Top 50 is no small feat."

To every student who dared to dive deeper into English literature—**congratulations!** You've not just taken part in an exam. You've taken your voice, your thoughts, and your creativity beyond the classroom. 📖📖📖

Let's celebrate this remarkable achievement—**and the next generation of great thinkers and writers!**

Congratulations to the 2025 English Olympiad Winners!



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Yvette Morgan (2025 Co-Examiner), Mihir Modi (HL 1st place winner) and Malcolm Venter (2025 Examiner)[/caption]

Home Language (HL) TOP 20 in RANK ORDER:

Rank	Name	Surname	School	Grade
1	Mihir	Modi	Greenside High School	12
2	Amara	Odugwu	Merrifield Preparatory School and College	12
3	Hannah	Abrahams	St Andrew's School for Girls	11
4	Reitumetse	Molapo	St Mary's School, Waverley	12
5	Matida	Mukwashi	Southdowns College	11
6	Elizabeth	Houseman	Kingswood College	10
7	Ray	Ochieng	Maru-A-Pula	10
8	Katlego	Malapane	Cornwall Hill College	10
9	Yasthika	Narainsamy	Eden Schools Durban	11
10	Saskia	Pearse	St Stithians Girls' College	12
11	Ben	Cilliers	Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool	11
12	Noah	Tabensky	Graeme College Boys' High	12
13	Swasti	Moonsamy	Southdowns College	11
14	Sophie	Jewaskiewitz	St Mary DSG, Kloof	10
15	Anwar	Batayiya	Northern Muslim School	12
16	Christopher	Gielink	Northwood School	12
17	Shaista	Shaik	Port Shepstone Secondary	12
18	Mbali	Mpofu	Brescia House School	12
19	Kate	Meng	Parktown High School for Girls	12
20	Lwandle	Rikhotso	The Wykeham Collegiate	12

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

Rank	First name	Surname	School	Grade
1	Bohlale	Tsupa	Machabeng College	11
2	Nkoka	Furumele	Khanyisa Education Centre	12
3*	Ogilvie	Botha	Outeniqua High School	12
3*	Princess	Makoele	Hoërskool Driehoek	12
4	Lwandle	Gumede	Blue Hills College	12
5	Puseletso	Nkoko	Machabeng College	12
6	Lebogang	Khanyi	Khanyisa Education Centre	12
7	Lebohang	Bell	Machabeng College	9
8	Mashau	Tshikovhele	Mbilwi Secondary School	12
9	Hlompola	Potse	Machabeng College	11
10	Annabel	Theron	Strand High School	10
11	Anika	Van Der Walt	Strand High School	12
12	Monique	Buys	Hoërskool Oosterlig	12
13	Mokgethwa	Mokgope	German S Chiloane Secondary School	11
14	Nhlanhla	Miyambo	Khanyisa Education Centre	11
15	Ntivo	Hlomela	Khanyisa Education Centre	10
16	Lintle	Thaanyane	Machabeng College	11
17	Suzanne	Grové	Hoërskool Driehoek	12
18	Samila	Ntlebi	Blue Hills College	12
19	Sunell	Coetzee	Lutzville High School	11
20	Letlotlo	Molise	Machabeng College	11

*NOTE: these two candidates tied in 3rd place.