Fitzwilliam College Archaeology Essay Competition 2021

Fitzwilliam College is pleased to release the questions for the 2021 Archaeology essay competition:

1. What role have pandemics played in shaping human history?
2. How do archaeologists identify inequality in the past?
3. Did people living 10,000 years ago have better diets than we do today?

**Competition Rules**

This essay competition is for Lower Sixth Formers or Year 12 students (or equivalent). International applicants are welcomed but the essay must be written in English. Applicants will be required to enter their details online and to either upload one PDF copy of their essay electronically or post a hard copy to:

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Fitzwilliam College  
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by **10am on 30 April 2021**. Further submission information can be found on the essay competition website:  [https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/admissions/events-prospective-students/essay-competitions](https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/admissions/events-prospective-students/essay-competitions).

Your submission must be entirely your own work. When submitting your essay you will need to provide contact information for one of your teachers and if necessary we may contact them to verify that your submission is entirely your own work. Students are only permitted to enter one competition and may only submit one entry to their chosen competition. There is a strict limit of five submissions per school for each essay competition. If more than five students from the same school enter the same competition, a teacher from that school will be contacted and asked to select the five entries; failure to do so will result in all submissions from the school to that competition being disqualified.
Essays should be less than 2500 words long, and contain a list of works consulted and cited at the end. This bibliography is excluded from the word limit, but any footnotes are included. Applicants must ensure that pages are numbered and that their full name is on each page.

**Prizes:**
The prize fund (per competition) is £300 with a first prize of £200 and highly commended applicants being awarded a £25 book voucher. The prize giving ceremony will take place during the July Open days.

**For further information about the competition or the Archaeology course, please contact:**

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