Fitzwilliam College Archaeology Essay Competition 2023

Fitzwilliam College is please to release the questions for the 2023 Archaeology essay competition:

1. To what extent does archaeology provide an alternative perspective to traditional historical narratives? Discuss with reference to at least one region/time period.

2. What was the more important architectural innovation in human history: the house or the ditch? Discuss with reference to at least one prehistoric example.

3. Do human societies necessarily have to be hierarchical? Discuss with reference to at least two case studies.

Competition Rules

This essay competition is for students in their penultimate year of education - Year 12 (Eng + Wales), S5 (Scotland), Y13 (NI) or equivalent overseas. 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:

Schools Liaison Officer
Fitzwilliam College
Cambridge
CB3 0DG

by **6pm** on **Wednesday 1st of March 2023**. If the PDF file is too large to submit to the online form, please email your submission to essaycompetitions@fitz.cam.ac.uk. Further submission information can be found on the essay competition website: 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. Guidance on referencing is available on the website. 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. A prizegiving ceremony will be held in summer 2023.

For further information about the competition, please contact:
essaycompetitions@fitz.cam.ac.uk.

For questions about the Archaeology course, please contact:
admissions@fitz.cam.ac.uk.