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A WRITING COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
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Examples of topics for your message

Note: You do not have to choose from this list - any topic is eligible.

Issues

The environment. For example:

- is climate change caused by human activity - or is that a myth? Should we be taking any steps to combat climate change and if so, what?

Politics & world affairs. For example:

- should the UK seek to become a world leader as an independent nation, and if so in which areas and how? OR
- should the UK become a federal country (including the division of England into provinces)? What would be the advantages/disadvantages of doing that?

Development. For example:

- do you think that it is helpful to world progress for the United Nations to have set global goals to be achieved by 2030? Will these goals be achieved by the time your message is delivered, and what will be the effect if any of these goals are not attained?

Health & education. For example:

- should we seek to encourage high quality private education in the UK, or should we seek a situation where everyone attends good quality state schools and private schools are abolished? OR
- should we change how the NHS (National Health Service) works, and if so, in what way?

Transport. For example:

- is it wise to spend billions of pounds on HS2 or other high-speed railway lines?

Sport & leisure. For example:

- should technology be used to encourage or force people to be more active? If so, how? OR
- are the Arts important, or should progress focus on Science & Technology?

Buildings and structures

Famous buildings. For example:

- should we refurbish the Houses of Parliament (built in the mid-nineteenth century) at a cost of at least £4 billion, or should we re-locate Parliament to a new building, perhaps outside London?

Other buildings that you could write about: The Millennium Dome (London); Canterbury Cathedral (Canterbury); The Collyer Ferguson hall, University of Kent (Canterbury).

Housing & communities. For example:

- in designing and re-developing our towns and cities, should we seek to adopt the “15-minute city” principle planned for Paris? If that were done now, what do you think would be the effect on a place like Canterbury by the time your message is delivered?

Other housing/community buildings that you could write about: A house, flat or development in which you have lived; your school, youth club or community centre; your local town centre or shopping area.

Statues & structures. For example:

- should we continue to keep statues of well-known individuals such as that of Edward Colston, slave trader (Bristol)?

Other structures & statues that you could write about: The Angel of the North sculpture (Tyne & Wear); Nelson’s Column (London).

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