The Avril Bruten Award 2024

Applications for The Avril Bruten Award 2024 are now open! This award, supported by the Avril Bruten Fund, is intended to foster and reward creative writing by students of St Hugh's College.

A prize of £250 is to be awarded for the best piece of creative writing by a current St Hugh's student.

Please note: a student who wins the Award once may not enter again.

Categories of writing that are included in the scope of the Award include: poetry; short prose fiction; drama; memoir and life writing; travel writing. You can submit one short piece, or a selection, including extracts from a longer work.

Entries must be no more than 6,000 words (or 40 lines for poetry) - typed and in English - and should be previously unpublished. They should have a title, by which they can be identified, but should not include the name of the author, so that they can be judged anonymously.

The deadline for entries is 12pm on Monday 5th February 2024 (Week 4)

Entries should be sent to college.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk
Entrants are taken to have given their permission for their entry, or an extract from it, to be printed in the College Chronicle or Newsletter, or published on the College website, should the editors wish to do so.

The Award winner will be announced at an event on Friday 1st March 2024, at which some of the students entering will have the opportunity to read from their work. We will also hear from the judge, and from Avril Bruten’s own work.

Entries will be judged by acclaimed poet

Mary Jean Chan