

De La Salle College Middle School

English Department

1<sup>st</sup> CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

**Topic:** “ *Sometimes Later is Too Late*”.

**Eligibility:** Youth ages 12-15 from Middle Schools in the region of Central Macedonia. In order for their work to be accepted, participants should agree to the Official Rules. These rules include certain requirements on this page and the Submission Form.

**Categories:** 2 (story, poem).

**Number of Winners:** 3 in each category.

**Prompt:** Choose one of the aforementioned categories and create either a story or a poem, purely inspired by our theme “ *Sometimes Later is Too Late*”.

**Marking system:** scale of 20

**Marking details:**

Task Achievement = 1-5 points	content / style / format
Organization = 1-5	coherence / cohesion
Grammar = 1-5	range / accuracy
Vocabulary = 1-5	range / accuracy / creativity / authenticity

All entries will be sent as serial numbers to the judges in order to ensure the transparency of the results. All entries as well as the decisions of the judges are final.

As soon as we receive your e-mail, we will send you a reply. The entries will not be returned. Winners will be notified by e-mail via their schools. Please send your e-mail to:

De La Salle College English Department:  
[writingcompetition@delasalle.gr](mailto:writingcompetition@delasalle.gr)

**Note:** De La Salle College reserves the right to announce the winners' first names and surnames and their schools on the official webpage of the school.

### **Submission Guidelines and Requirements:**

- ✓ All the criteria ranging from authenticity, creativity to coherence and cohesion should be met.
- ✓ Originality of work without professional help.
- ✓ All entrants need to fill out the official Submission Form along with their work in the allocated space.
- ✓ The following formatting criteria should be satisfied:
  - All entries should be typed ,saved and submitted in Word Format (Official Template) in the following way: Class (in Greek), Selected category (in English), Full name (in lower case Greek)  

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  - Calibri 12 Font.
  - 1000-1500 words in English for stories/ no word limit for poems.
- ✓ May submit up to two entries (one from each category).

### **Contest Winners:**

- ✓ Announced in March 2018.
- ✓ Published on the official website of our school.
- ✓ Names in our school's newspapers, yearbooks and press releases.

**Prizes:** To be announced. All participants will be granted with a certificate. A special ceremony will be held on De La Salle College premises.

### **Key Dates:**

Contest Starts: November 15, 2017

Contest Deadline: January 15, 2018 (23:59)

Judging: January 16, 2018- February 28, 2018

Winners Announced: March 2018

### **Panel of Judges:**

The distinctive judges are professional adults with extensive expertise in the respective fields. A Harvard graduate from the Department of Philosophy, Mr. Nickolas Bonstow, in the section of Poems and a highly acclaimed writer of Fiction, Mr. Gordon Hall, in the section of Stories.