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## **Universal Postal Union Letter Writing Competition**

The Royal Gibraltar Post Office in association with the Department of Education invites entries for the 2017 Letter-Writing Competition on behalf of the United Nations' Universal Postal Union.

The Competition is open to pupils attending school in Gibraltar who are aged 9 to 15 years at the time of writing.

The theme for 2017, which is the 46th year of the competition, is:

"Imagine that you are an advisor to the new UN Secretary General; which world issue would you help him tackle first and how would you advise him to solve it?"

Previous Winning entries as well as rules and entry forms are available on the Royal Gibraltar Post Office website wwwroyalgibraltar.post

Copies of the rules and entry forms are also available via the schools. The prizes that will be awarded for the local stage of the competition are as follows:

> 1st prize - a trophy and £300 2nd prize - a certificate and £200 3rd prize - a certificate and £100

The winner will then represent Gibraltar at international level in the United Nations Universal Postal Union main competition for 2017.

The winners of the international competition will be presented with gold, silver and Bronze medals, with the gold medal being presented at the United Nations Universal Postal Union headquarters in Berne, Switzerland. The international winner is invited to attend the presentation with all expenses paid.

In addition, a number of Special Mention Certificates and gifts are awarded to other meritorious entries.



In 2016, Miss Anna Grech form Westside Comprehensive School received a Special Mention Certificate and a number of other prizes. This was the first time a student from Gibraltar achieved such a high position in the competition.

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE SCHOOLS BY NO LATER AND MIDDAY ON FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2017.