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### AUTUMN POETRY COMPETITION

The annual Poetry Competition organised by the Ministry of Culture, in conjunction with the Gibraltar Cultural Services, the Gibraltar Chronicle, attracted a total of 467 entries. This is the largest number of entries received since the competition was introduced in 2008. The Minister for Culture, the Hon Steven Linares, presented the awards on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 4.30pm at the John Mackintosh Hall.

Commenting on the competition Mr Linares said:

*‘The Poetry Competition gives another dimension to culture and adds a literary aspect to HM Government autumn cultural programme. I am extremely pleased with the high number of entries, but more importantly, with the quality of the entries.’*

*I would like to thank everyone involved in this venture, including the Gibraltar Chronicle, the Department of Education and especially the adjudicators Mr Charles Durante and Mrs Conchita Triay. However, I would like especially to thank the many individuals who put pen to paper and in doing so allowed us to enjoy their excellent work.’*

The Prize winners are:

<b>Overall Winner</b>	<b>Levi Attias</b>	<b>“A Child - Not A Bride”</b>
Runner-Up	Jackie Anderson	“In Life’s Morning”
Highly Commended	Samuel Benady	“Ballad of Literary “Progress”
Highly Commended	Christopher Pitaluga	“The Run”
Highly Commended	Peter Schirmer	“Glimpses of a Year Remembered”

**Winner Spanish Category** **Bathsheba Peralta** **“Luna de Verano”**

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**Winner School Years 4 – 5 Mia Hook** **“Dance is My Life”**  
**St. Anne’s Middle School**

Runner Up: Eva Nieboer “Autumn Poem”  
Loreto Convent

Highly Commended Leila Debono “My Dolphin Dream”  
St. Joseph’s Middle School

**Winner School Years 6 – 7 Angelika Bosco** **“September Morn”**  
**St. Joseph’s Middle School**

Runner Up: Jai Wilson–Smith “Super Senses of a  
St. Joseph’s Middle School Special Thinker”

**Winner School Years 8 – 11 Carmen Anderson** **“On the Boards”**  
**Westside School**

Runner Up: Sheridan Povedano “Nostalgia”  
Westside School

Highly Commended Kerry Edmunds “Endless Rhythm”  
Westside School

**Winner School Years 12 - 13 Louis Emmitt-Stern** **“Portrait”**  
**Westside School**

Runner Up: Ana Sharma “A Poem to a Lost Love”  
Westside School

Highly Commended: Alan George-Wszaborowski “What it is to be Mute”  
Bayside School

The Overall winner received a £300 cash prize and a trophy whilst the entry for the Best Poem in the Spanish language received a £50 cash prize and a trophy donated by the Ministry of Culture.

The winners in each school year category also received a trophy donated by the Ministry of Culture, as well as a £50 voucher and a pen kindly donated by the Gibraltar Chronicle.

Entries obtaining Runner-up Prizes and Highly Commended received their corresponding certificates from the Ministry for Culture and a pen also kindly donated by the Gibraltar Chronicle.

**All winning entries will be published in the Gibraltar Chronicle.**