

# Gisborough Priory 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Short Story Competition

As part of our 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations Gisborough Priory Project invites young people up to and including the age of 18 to write a fictional short story in no more than 900 words (not including the title) on the theme of Gisborough Priory.

## **AGE CATEGORIES / KEY STAGES**

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

- 5 – 7 / Key Stage 1
- 8 – 11 / Key Stage 2
- 12 – 14 / Key Stage 3
- 15 – 16 / Key Stage 4
- 17 – 18 / Key Stage 5

## **PRIZES**

The winner of each category will receive:

- A wooden trophy, handmade by one of the Gisborough Priory Project volunteers, with wood from the Priory Gardens.
- A certificate
- Their story published in a specially designed 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet
- A copy of the English Heritage Gisborough Priory Guide Book

## **RULES**

1. Entry is free.
2. One entry per young writer.
3. The theme of the story must be Gisborough Priory.
4. The story may be in any genre/style and may be set at any time in the last 900 years or even in the future.
5. Stories must not be longer than 900 words (not including the title). There is no minimum number of words.
6. Entries can be submitted by post, email or through our website at [gisboroughprioryproject.org.uk](http://gisboroughprioryproject.org.uk).
7. All entries must be accompanied by an application form.
8. Postal entries will not be returned so please keep a copy.
9. Emailed entries should be submitted in a Word document.
10. There are no specific formatting requirements – font type, font size, line spacing etc. Writers may format their work in the way they feel most appropriate.
11. All entries, electronic or postal, must have a word count at the top of the page.
12. Entries will be read and judged anonymously and therefore the entrants name and contact details should only appear on the application form and not anywhere on their story.
13. Entries will be judged on: originality, plot, characterisation, language and enjoyment.
14. Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been previously published, in print or online, or have been submitted for another writing competition.
15. The judges' decision is final, and no individual correspondence will be entered into.
16. Entrants will not be contacted individually about the competition results unless they are category winners.
17. The category winners will be contacted in September 2019.



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## APPLICATION FORM

Name: .....

Age / Key Stage (At 19 July 2019): .....

Preferred contact details (email, address or telephone number): .....

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**Parent/carer Please give your name and signature below to confirm that we may contact the above young person if they are a category winner.**

Parent carer/name: .....

Parent/carer signature: .....

Date: .....

**Please complete and attach this form when submitting your entry.**

**CLOSING DATE: 19 JULY 2019**

Please send postal entries to:

**Gisborough Priory**

**Church Street**

**Guisborough**

**TS14 6HG**

or email to:

**900words@gisboroughprioryproject.org.uk**

or go to our website:

**[www.gisboroughprioryproject.org.uk](http://www.gisboroughprioryproject.org.uk)**

Please note all personal information submitted will only be used for the purpose of administering the competition and will be destroyed once all winners have been notified.