

Pushkin Prize for Pupil

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An S2 pupil, Jennifer Mitchell, has been chosen as one of the winners for this year's prestigious Pushkin Prize for high quality creative writing which is open to pupils in S1/2.

Jennifer is one of twelve winners (two of them come from St Petersburg in Russia) and has been invited to attend a week's course at Moniak Mhor Writer's Centre near Beauly, Inverness-Shire. She will also attend a prize-giving ceremony in Edinburgh in April.

The judges were extremely impressed with her winning pieces entitled: "Earthquake," "Circle," and "An Untold Story," and said that the entries this year had been of very high quality.

Jennifer is very pleased with her prize. She said: "It's really exciting and I am looking forward to the prize giving and week away." Her English teacher, Dorothy Ross, who nominated and encouraged her to enter, said: "I am really delighted and it is a huge honour for her to be in the top twelve. It is thoroughly deserved because she worked so hard on her ideas which were so creative. I think she'll have a great time at the Writers Centre".

