

The Annual Phil Lee-Kelland Scholarship



What is it?

The Phil Lee-Kelland Scholarship is an annual award created to remember our former teacher and friend. He worked here for 5 years and knew the school, our team, and pupils very well because he was always happy to meet people from around the world! You can read more about Phil at the end of this document.

We are offering places to study at Purley Language College to students who can demonstrate a passion for life and learning English like Phil did.

There are 3 scholarship prizes, in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The first-place entry wins a completely free 3-week stay at Purley Language College, plus more!

We are looking for students who can write a story or essay, or make a presentation or video which talks about ideas which Phil was passionate about.

How to enter

To enter the competition and win the scholarship, you need to submit a piece of work about one of Phil's passions or favourite things.

You can see our suggested topics for your category in **'further details'**

Age 16-21

- You can write a story, or an essay, or record a video of yourself giving a presentation or speech
- Please write between 200-350 words, or submit a 3-4 minute video

Age 21-28

- You can write a story, or an essay, or record a video of yourself giving a presentation or speech
- Please write between 400-500 words, or submit a 4-5 minute video

You need to complete [the form](#) to enter. We would like to know a bit about yourself, and you can submit your competition piece.

You can copy or type your story or essay into the form. For videos you need to put it on youtube and tell us the link on the form e.g www.youtube.co.uk/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ

You should send us your work by 31st October 2018. We will choose a winner by 15th December 2018.

The prize must be used by 30th August 2019.

We will contact all winners with the exact terms of the scholarship and will list the winners on our website.



The Prizes

The **first-place** winner will receive:

- 3 weeks free tuition
- 3 weeks free full-board homestay accommodation
- A special scholarship certificate and letter of recommendation
- A place on the Phil Lee-Kelland honours board for life

The **second-place** winner will receive:

- 50% discount on 3 weeks tuition and homestay accommodation
- Special scholarship certificate

The **third-place** winner will receive:

- 25% discount on tuition and homestay accommodation
- Special scholarship certificate

How will my work be judged?

The winning entries will be judged by a careful process involving many individuals from the college and outside. The judges include our team past and present, our pupils, and Phil's loved ones.

We will be looking at effort, originality, depth of thought, and exploration of the ideas that Phil held dear. We know you are students- your English level is not being tested. Phil loved mistakes in English that came from trying to express yourself so **don't be shy!**

Terms and conditions

1. Purley Language College reserves the right to determine the dates of study.
2. Prizes do not include transport tickets, flights, activities, insurance or entrances to attractions. Winners must cover any additional and unforeseen expenses themselves.
3. Purley Language College will choose the homestay family; the room may be shared with another student of the same gender.
4. The prizes are non-transferrable.
5. The prizes must be used within 1 year of the awardee being notified.
6. Awardees will be notified by email and communication with the school will be by email.
7. The College's decision is final and binding.
8. Winners aged 14 and 15 will need to attend at times when the school has students of this age, usually this is in summer.

Further information

We have chosen the categories that you can write or speak about because they represent Phil well.

You should choose one that inspires you the most.

There are slightly different topics based on the age of the entrant:



Age 14-20

Being alone	Travel	Being Creative
Not using a mobile phone	Not being on social media	Being different
Boats and the sea	Nature and animals	A book that changed me

Age 21-28

Enjoying time with friends and family	Being alone	Not having a mobile phone
Not being on social media	Being creative	Being true to yourself/ Knowing yourself
A book that changed me	Being generous with your time and effort for others	Feminism and equality

We particularly encourage teachers to organise entries from within their own classes. It doesn't matter if you have studied with us before.

Applicants are welcome to ask for further information. If you would like to know more, please write to thephilscholarship@purleyschool.co.uk

More about Phil

Phil was one of our staff members for 5 years. He started by leading excursions, but he was so popular and so good at helping students with their English that he soon trained to be an English teacher. He represented Purley Language College in Korea and Italy as well as London, and loved to travel the world. He described himself as 'probably the most photographed person in the world' because everyone wanted a picture with his big smile!



His favourite places in the world were ones where he either found a lot of excitement and business, or complete peace and quiet. Although he loved nightlife and dancing, he also would spend hours quietly looking at trees or the sea - and if he could do that with a new friend from a different place then that was better! He particularly loved Italy and Baltic countries.

When he died suddenly in 2016 we wanted to commemorate him at our college and help continue his energetic work

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When I was younger I didn't know how to make the world a better place... But teaching foreign students and making learning exciting made me feel like I already had, in my own fun way.

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- Phil in 2016