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To: Deputy Directors-General; Chief Directors; Directors; Heads: Curriculum Coordination and Advice; Circuit Managers; Managers: Strategic Information, Governance and People Management (SIGPM); Deputy Chief Education Specialists; Subject Advisers; Principals, English Heads of Departments, English Subject Heads and Language Teachers at high schools

Subject: Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition

1. The Department of Basic Education would like to encourage all learners to participate in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition.
2. The competition is open to all learners in the following categories:
 - Junior Category (born after May 2003 — under 14 years)
 - Senior Category (born between 02 May 1998 and 01 May 2003 — 14–18 years)
3. All entries must be in English.
4. Entrants are asked to present their work in the format that best conveys their message, be that an essay, poem, story, folk tale, script, reportage, monologue or any other writing style that is appropriate. Photos and drawings are encouraged, particularly in the Junior Category.
5. The theme for 2017 is **“The meaning, process and importance of peace in the Commonwealth and beyond”**.

Junior Category Topics

- What is in your Toolbox for Peace?
- My peaceful place
- How can children and young people come together to build a peaceful society?

- “Peace cannot be learnt from a book or from religion. You have to reach out and touch nations.” How does this relate to the Commonwealth?

Senior Category Topics

- Peace
 - Should you fight for peace?
 - Kofi Annan said, “Education is, quite simply, peace-building by another name.” Do you agree? Answer with reference to your country and/or the Commonwealth.
 - What is the cost of peace?
6. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation; however, the winners will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals according to the position achieved. A winner and runner-up from both the senior and junior categories will win a trip to London for a week-long series of educational and cultural events.
 7. All entries should be submitted directly to the Royal Commonwealth Society on their website at www.thercs.org/competition or via email to competitions@thercs.org.
 8. Closing date for submission is 01 May 2017.
 9. Kindly bring the contents of this minute to the attention of all members of staff.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

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