



**ST. LOUIS SCHOOL**  
Circular No. 189 (22-23)

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

**Re: Nomination for Harvard Prize Book, Scholarship and Essay Award 2023**

We are pleased to inform you that the Harvard Prize Book 2023 is now open for school nomination. Secondary Five Students who wish to be nominated by school should scan and complete the Google form on the right ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0kbGZyNGvr8\\_Qd918nBGIvdU6ezi\\_dXW\\_3Bn9VwXXOIYkgQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0kbGZyNGvr8_Qd918nBGIvdU6ezi_dXW_3Bn9VwXXOIYkgQ/viewform)) by 11:00 p.m., 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 (Monday).



The details of the Harvard Prize Book, Scholarship and Essay Award are as follows:

**Harvard Prize Book**

The Harvard Club of Hong Kong Education Fund awards book prizes annually to three students per school. Each school can nominate up to **three Secondary 5 students** for their academic excellence in English and significant contributions to school in the previous academic year. Only the three nominees from each school are eligible to apply for the Scholarship and Essay Award.

**Essay Award**

Applicants will have to write a 500-word essay on the following topic:

*The past few years have brought the digital world into focus, with growing apps and platforms that create opportunities for virtual connection. This digital revolution has helped us connect to a greater number of people than we could in our immediate surroundings. But some argue that these connections are superficial, and cannot match the quality and depth of physical bonds.*

*Physical communities bring people together, provide a sense of belonging, and imbue us with purpose and meaning. Sometimes, physical communities grow naturally through shared values and consistent connection. Other times, these physical communities or tribes take a more dedicated effort to build and sustain.*

*Describe a time when you took an active role in building your physical community or tribe. What circumstances inspired you to take action? What were some challenges that you faced, and how did you overcome them? What lessons have you learned from this experience that you can use in the future to bring people together and foster belonging?*

Winners of the Essay Award will have their essay published on the Harvard Prize Book website.

**Scholarship**

The 2023 Harvard Prize Book Scholarship Winner will receive HKD 10,000. Scholarship winners are determined by need and merit. Students from families with an average monthly household income of HKD 40,000 and below are welcomed to apply for the Scholarship. Students who do not meet this requirement should apply for the Essay Award. Scholarship applicants will have to write a 500-word essay on the above topic and write a 250-word response to each of the following three short questions:

1. *What did you do last summer during your break? Please share a highlight.*
2. *If you were awarded the HK\$10,000 Scholarship prize money, what would you do with it? Please be reminded there are no right or wrong answers!*
3. *If you had unlimited time or money, what would you like to learn and why?*

### **Timeline**

11 p.m., 13 February, 2023 (Monday)	Interested Secondary Five students express their wish to be nominated by school by completing an online Google form.
17 February, 2023 (Friday)	Applicants will be notified of the selection results. Nominees will be selected based on their English writing results and contributions to school in the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic years.
11 p.m., 19 March 2023 (Sunday)	Deadline to submit an application for the Scholarship or Essay Award.
21 April 2023 (Friday)	Scholarship semi-finalists announced
29 April 2023 (Saturday)	Scholarship semi-finalists interviews
1 May 2023 (Monday)	Scholarship and Essay Award Winners announced
26 May 2023 (Friday)	Distribution of Prize Book and certificates & 2023 Scholarship and Essay Award Ceremony  The winning students will be required to collect their certificate and Prize Book from an arranged location (details to be sent out by email no later than 1 May 2023).

Thank you for your kind attention. For enquiries, please contact Ms NG Kar Wai Vivien at 2546 0117.

(Ms NG Kar Wai Vivien)  
*for Principal*