

# The James Dodding Poetry Award 2022

*Garstang-born James Dodding was a founder member of Garstang Poetry Appreciation Society. He played a major role in arts and theatre education in the United Kingdom, the USA and Canada. Many of his students went on to become household 'names' including David Bowie, Gary Oldman and Benedict Cumberbatch. James died in 2018, aged 87. These awards are in his honour to encourage creative talent among local young people.*

## Rules and entry form

Entries are invited from young people who live in or attend schools in the greater Garstang area.

There are two age categories:

Senior: ages 12 to 16 (on June 30, 2022)

Junior: ages 7 to 11 (on June 30, 2022)

## The prizes are:

Senior: first prize **£30** cash, small shield and poetry book. Second prize **£15**. Third prize **£10**.

Junior: first prize **£30** cash, small shield and poetry book. Second prize **£15**. Third prize **£10**.

The theme/topic for this year's award is open, ie it can be on any topic of the writer's choice.

There is no maximum or minimum length of poem. It should have a title. It can be in rhyme or free form. It can be typed or handwritten but **must** fit on one side of A4 paper.

Only one poem per entrant. This must not have previously been entered for any other award and must not have been published elsewhere. Entrants can apply independently or via their school.

The name of the first prize winner (senior) will be engraved on a shield which will be on permanent display in Garstang Arts Centre. The first prize winners in both categories will receive a mini-shield to keep. All prize winners will receive a certificate.

Closing time and date for entries is noon on **June 30, 2022**. Judging will take place during summer 2022 and the winners will be announced in August 2022. The prize presentation will be held at Garstang Arts Centre on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Photos of the winning entrants will appear in the local media.

**Please feel free to photocopy this letter / entry form.** Copies are also available from Garstang Arts Centre, Croston Road, Garstang, PR3 1HQ or Market Place News, 50A Market Place, Garstang, PR3 1ZA.

Entries should be sent in envelopes marked "**James Dodding Poetry award 2022**" and left at Garstang Arts Centre or Market Place News.

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## Entry form (please attach this to your entry):

I am entering the junior / senior category\* (\*delete as appropriate)

Name: .....

Address: .....

Age on June 30, 2022: .....

School: .....

Contact name and phone number of parent / guardian: .....

Note: if there are any queries please ask your parent / guardian (or your teacher if entering via your school) to email the organiser at [ant.garstang@gmail.com](mailto:ant.garstang@gmail.com)