



*...in 100 Words*

## **Under 17 Winners**

### **First prize:**

#### **The Heart of Abingdon – by Oscar Jopson (14)**

My whimpering eyes adjust to the overwhelming crimson glaze gleaming cheekily at me, I wander aimlessly through the gallant neighbours of the Thames – feeling the comforting cores of the coarse grasses. I inhale the thick vapour that springs passionately, from the irregular thrashings of the white water that quickly relaxes to join the eternal current. This current that birthed and reared the development of our community, creating an insurmountable megacity just downstream, now it radiates a calming white noise that my ears love so dearly. This glorious waterway will stand sentinel forever, for it is the heart of Abingdon.

### **Runners-up**

#### **Out of Quarantine by Ellie Hunter (11)**

Sammy ran down the street, her brown hair flying out behind her. Panting, she stopped outside a house. Unable to stand still, she rang the doorbell. Another beaming 11-year-old answered the door. The both squealed and ran towards each other.

“Amelia!” Sammy hugged her friend. “I’m so glad we don’t have to social distance anymore!”

“My mum says I’m allowed out until half five, like you, but I can’t knock on anyone else.” Amelia explained as they set off.

“That’s ok. My mum gave me some money, we could go to the nearby shops like Mostly Books!” Sammy offered.

#### **Abingdon – by Jorah Gurung (12)**

Abingdon is an amazing and friendly place to stay at. There's so much interesting history and facts about Abingdon. A Neolithic stone hand axe was found somewhere around Abingdon. It has been occupied from the early to middle Iron age and the remains of a late Iron Age defensive enclosure lies below the town centre.

Abingdon has built amazing houses with amazing neighbours! We all support privacy and there's a lot of friendly people you can make friends with. It has entertaining parks and lots of clubs! Abingdon is just like a huge family and will feel like you're home.

**Cher Monsieur Ville Populaire by Poppy Skidmore (14)**

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Mes Souvenirs De Vous



My best memory of all times was me and my twin sister were about to move in with our Dad and start a new fresh life and we got accepted into our new school the excitement and the nerves was such a rush to my system to be honest I wasn't scared at my first day I was just nervous but I didn't lose my cool I still did have a really good day and I have made a couple of really nice and supportive friends we all have a laugh just a bit too much, I also love

Mummy does!!!

