

## Robert Louis Stevenson Club/Edinburgh Napier University

### Writing Competition for Senior School Students 2011-12

The Edinburgh Robert Louis Stevenson Club and Edinburgh Napier University are delighted to announce their first joint creative writing competition for senior school students (S4-S6) in the Edinburgh area. Robert Louis Stevenson, author of *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped* and *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, is one of Scotland's most famous writers, whose stories are still read for their dramatic storylines, their unforgettable atmosphere and their memorable characters. He also continues to inspire the work of such distinguished contemporary writers as Ian Rankin and James Robertson. The sponsors hope that this competition will stimulate the imagination of Edinburgh's senior school students and raise awareness of the rich breadth and power of Stevenson's work.

Students are invited to submit pieces of fiction, reflective writing or poetry inspired by Stevenson's life or works. Entries may be written in Scots or English. There will be four individual awards, but up to 12 candidates will have the opportunity to participate in a writing workshop led by an experienced published writer. James Robertson, author of such acclaimed novels as *The Fanatic*, *Joseph Knight*, *The Testament of Gideon Mack* and *And the Land Lay Still*, has indicated his willingness to take on this role for session 2011-12. Submissions will also be considered for publication in the prestigious *Journal of Stevenson Studies* and electronically on the Edinburgh Napier-based website devoted to Stevenson's life and work [www.robert-louis-stevenson.org](http://www.robert-louis-stevenson.org). Winning candidates will also receive a year's free membership of the Edinburgh Robert Louis Stevenson Club, which runs a lively annual programme of talks, outings, social events and a monthly book group in the house where Stevenson grew up at 17 Heriot Row in the heart of Edinburgh's New Town.

If successful, the organisers hope to open the competition in future years to students from schools throughout Scotland.

Further information about the competition and a downloadable submission form is available on the Edinburgh Napier website [www.robert-louis-stevenson.org](http://www.robert-louis-stevenson.org).