



The current Rector of St Andrews, Srdja Popovic was elected on a ‘revolutionary’ platform – placing the students at the centre. A century ago, his predecessor J.M.Barrie offered a similar challenge to students. To commemorate the centenary, on 9th October 2019, The J.M.Barrie Literary Society launches:

The Rector’s Challenge:

“I want you to take up this position: ‘Youth have for too long left exclusively in our hands the decisions in national matters that are more vital to them than us.’”

Discuss this statement from J.M.Barrie’s 1922 Rectorial Address ‘Courage’ and its relevance to the modern world.

We invite St Andrews students to submit an essay (or creative response) of between 1000- 3000 words. Deadline January 6th 2020.

Submit your original work to J.M.Barrie Lit Soc via email jmbarriesociety@gmail.com in Word or PDF format.

Prize/s:

Publication in the J.M.Barrie 160th anniversary Journal. (9th May 2020)

Free membership of J.M.Barrie Literary Society for 2020.

For more information: www.jmbarriesociety.co.uk/st-andrews.html.

Note, the full text of ‘Courage’ is available to download for free from the JMB Lit Soc website.