



November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

MULTILINGUAL POETRY SLAM: FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

For the seventh year running, our MFL Department is organising the Multilingual Poetry Slam at the South Ken Kids Festival at the Institut Français in London, a leading literary festival for children and young adults.

What is a Poetry Slam? It is a poetry tournament performed live on stage by participants. It aims to celebrate students' language abilities, introducing them to poetry and word-play. They will develop their writing, translation and speaking skills, boosting their confidence and engagement with the French language.

The day will be run by Mr. Vidon and another professional poet (Sam Berkson). Students will write group poems, with peers of different ages, from different schools and perform their poems on stage at the end of the day alongside professional poets, who will be reading some of their own poetry. This year the theme is "Liberté, égalité, fraternité". Students will be exploring ideas around freedom, equality and solidarity.

There will be prizes for poets recognising a range of skills: Best Use of Languages, Best Imagery, Best Collaboration, Best Performance, Best Expression of Feelings and a Slam Prize.

Although there is no charge for students to enter the competition, you are asked to contribute £10.00 towards the cost of train travel.

On Friday 17th November students will travel to Institut Français on the train:

- They will meet at the Steyne Road site at 7.25am and return to the station at 6.50pm
- Key Stage 4 students will need to wear full school uniform
- All students will need to wear comfortable shoes for walking in London. They will need a coat in case of bad weather and lunch, snacks and drinks for the day (please contact Mr. Vidon who can organise FSM if applicable)

This year we have been able to get additional funding to pay for a videographer to make a small video about the event. In addition, the individual performances at the end of the day will be filmed for students to keep as a memento. A pamphlet will also be created with all the poets' work. We will send this to all students involved. These will be shared online on the Institut Website and through their social media outlets. Please complete the consents for these within ParentPay.

If you would like your child to take part in this visit, please complete the payment page on ParentPay. If you do not have a ParentPay login please contact parentpay@seafordhead.org with your child's name and year group. Similarly, contact Mr. Vidon for FSM help for this.

The closing date for this visit is **Sunday 12 November 2023**.

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There are already more than 70 students signed up from schools around Sussex and London, so unfortunately the limit for this event is **20 places**. It will go to a ballot if more than 20 students are interested in this trip.

Yours sincerely

Michael Vidon

Mr. Vidon
Teacher of French