



October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

MULTILINGUAL POETRY SLAM: FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

For the eighth 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 wordplay. 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 other professional poets (Sam Berkson and Steve Larkin). 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 "Egalité, Communauté, Diversité". Students will be exploring ideas around equality, community and diversity.

There will be prizes to recognise a range of skills: Best Use of Languages, Best Imagery, Best Collaboration, Best Performance, Best Expression of Feelings and the 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 22 November students will travel to the Institut Français on the train. The itinerary will be:

- They will meet at the Steyne Road site at 7:25am and will return to Seaford 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 if you require a FSM if applicable)

If you would like your child to take part in this visit, please consent on ParentPay. If you do not have access to ParentPay please email parentpay@seafordhead.org with your child's details and an activation code will be sent to you.

The closing date for this visit is Monday 11 November 2024.

There are already more than 120 students signed up from schools in London and we only have 20 places, so if more than 20 students apply, we will have to use a ballot to select successful students.

Yours sincerely

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