

# English At Aspire!

## Visit from a local published author!

Independent author and spoken artist Nathan Parker curated some workshops with years 7, 10 and 11. The workshops focused the power of poetry. The students were given the opportunity to analyse and discuss some of Nathans own poems, as well as having the chance to create and perform their own. Y11 had a key focus on the power and conflict poems that they are currently studying at GCSE.



## Young Writers Competition!

Miss Woodhead organised an exciting competition for our year 7 students. The students had the opportunity to write a poem about living life 'through their eyes'. This focused on their skills on looking at different viewpoints of people around the world. This exciting opportunity allowed students to have their own poems published, along with the chance to win some fantastic prizes.



## Year 8 helping the community!

This half term the year 8 students have been studying a text called Stone Cold which tackles the challenges homeless people can face. The year 8 students along with the support of Mrs Gregory have collected non-perishable food products to donate to Street life. The students have shown compassion and also a greater understanding to the challenges we have in our community and this has also been reflected in their heartfelt articles they wrote this half term based on their own research on the issue.

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#### **Aspire students do what they can to support the needy in Blackpool!**

Homelessness has always been an issue in Blackpool, but it is now worsening. More people are becoming homeless every year and Blackpool's homelessness rate is higher than the national average. Blackpool Council (in their "Child Poverty Framework") states that "The level of poverty throughout the town, which, at 29.5%, is significantly higher than the national [...]"

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## Excellence in English

Well done to the following students who have stood out this half term for their fantastic work in English!

Pheobe B  
Daniel N  
Connierose Mc  
Abigail P  
Ava C  
Evie F  
Annabelle M  
Keelan H  
Chantelle J

Annabelle E  
Estera B  
Kadie S  
Leah C  
Kelsey B  
Pearl M  
Katie H  
Salina G  
JJ B  
William B  
Amelia D  
Callum S  
Racheal I  
Liga T  
Tyler T  
Dishana S  
Grace S  
Macy G  
Finley B  
Brandon B  
Ruby C

*Our students in the Gazette for their donations to street life*

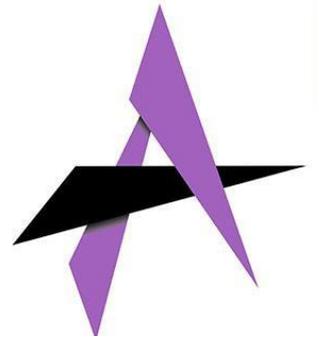
## YEAR 11 TRIP TO POETRY LIVE

The logo for 'gcse poetry live!' features the words 'gcse poetry' in a small, black, sans-serif font above the word 'live!' in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font. The exclamation mark is also red and matches the font style of 'live!'.

This half term the English department ran a trip to an event called Poetry Live. This event focused on the power and conflict poetry anthology that the students' study on their English Literature GCSE.

The students were given the fantastic opportunity to see famous poets; Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage and John Agard perform and discuss the poems that they have studied.

The event was a huge success and the students were exceptional in their respect and attention given to the poets and the ideas they shared. The students also had the opportunity to ask the poets questions to understand the poems in a new light and greater depth.



## Coming up next half term...

NEXT HALF TERM THE STUDENTS WILL BE STUDYING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

YEAR 7: SURVIVAL FICTION.

YEAR 8: VICTORIAN VILLAINS

YEAR 9: AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL WRITING

YEAR 10: POWER AND CONFLICT POETRY

YEAR 11: ONGOING BESPOKE REVISION AND THE INTRODUCTION TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL SUPER LECTURES.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE YEAR 7 SPELLING BEE!