

English At Aspire!

Poetry Live!

This half term, year 11 travelled to Manchester to the annual Poetry Live event. 60 students had the opportunity to hear some of the power and conflict poems live and the opportunity to ask the poets themselves questions on their work. This was an amazing opportunity for students to see in person some of the amazing talents in current British literature. Along with exam talks giving students guidance for their GCSE papers.



Excellence in English Awards This Term!

Aaron S
Nancee B
D'Andrae E
Lillyjane B
Princess C
Amelia H
Rayan R
Rogan L
Lily U
Declan J
Laurynn DC
Robyn B
Rheo M
Faith W
Rawez A
Ruby M
Alfie S
Maisie M
Lily T
Praise D
Lacey D
Georgia T
Nicola B
Mia S
Jessica J
Paige N
AJ B
Brandon R
Harley B
Bethany D
Millie G
Kaden G
Amelia D
Freya D
Lily-Mae M
Dylan B
Ruby A



Nathan Parker Visits Aspire!

Nathan Parker, a Blackpool born published author visited Aspire throughout this half term to conduct various workshops with years 9, 10 and 11. The purpose of Nathan's visit was to inspire and help the students to create a fresh and modern narrative piece of writing. Using his expertise, he was able to walk through his own thought process when publishing his own work whilst engaging with the students to get their narrative imaginations flowing!

Walking Talking Mock Exams!

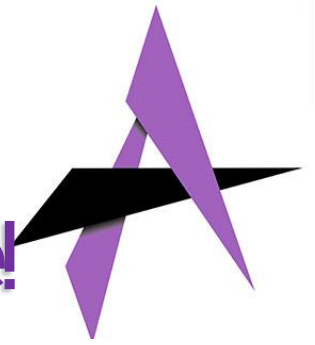
Y11 sat two walking talking mocks in aid of their preparation for the summer exams! Both of these exams were for the English Language GCSE. Students are studying our exciting new exam board this year and they have continued to show resilience and hard work whilst learning this GCSE. We would like to say a huge thank you as a department to our Y11 students for working hard and being so cooperative with the extra mocks. They have really embraced the opportunity for extra practice by doing extra revision and attending lesson 6 sessions. Keep it up year 11!

WALKING-TALKING-MOCK



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LITERACY AND ORACY TAKEOVER!

Literacy and oracy are something that we pride ourselves in teaching at Aspire, setting up our students with the tools they need to succeed in life. 'Success nothing less!'

In our department we have been preaching about reading and talking like a subject specialist, by engaging students with reading and oracy tasks.

We have conducted had various workshops with our amazing WIKI team which has shown fantastic results in helping students improve on their reading and spelling.

We have also been delivering oracy assessments across the school. For example, year 9 have delivered speeches on romantic poetry, expressing their opinions on who they think the most rebellious romantic was!

We also encourage students to come down to one our clubs on Thursdays 3-4 to develop their literacy and oracy.

Debate club C11

Creative writing club C3

Oracy is not:

Speaking with a particular **accent, dialect** or even **language**.
Every child – irrespective of their background – should be empowered to find, develop and express their **authentic voice**.



Coming up next half term...

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

YEAR 7: SURVIVAL WRITING

YEAR 8: VICTORIAN VILLAINS

YEAR 9: AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL WRITING

YEAR 10: POWER AND CONFLICT POETRY

YEAR 11: ONGOING BESPOKE REVISION.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WORLD BOOK DAY

AN INSPECTOR CALLS TRIP Y11