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# POETRY BY HEART

Choose a poem

Learn it by heart

Perform it out loud

## Poetry By Heart Event at Faringdon Community College:

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 4:30pm-6pm**

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to you with regards to an event that is being held at FCC on Friday 15th March, 5pm until 6pm.

As a part of FCC's ambition to instil a love for reading and literature in students, I have enrolled FCC in two national competitions – one of which is the Poetry By Heart competition. This competition is a national event, in which the students who enter are required to learn either one poem (freestyle) or two poems (classic) by heart, and then deliver them in front of an audience with all the emphasis and emotions that the poet intended.

I will host a poetry event on 15th March at 5pm until 6pm, where the students who are entering will perform in front of parents, students and selected teachers. The students will be recorded delivering their poems off by heart; the recordings of successful candidates, who I – along with a team of judges - feel have met the requirements to go on to the next round, will then be uploaded to the Poetry By Heart judges, who will then decide on some winners across the country.

If successful, student(s) will then be selected to attend the Grand Finale, in which they will have a night in a hotel in London paid for, as well as meals, a tour of The Globe theatre, tickets to a theatre production in The Globe the night before the Grand Finale, followed by the Grand Finale itself, in which students will then perform their poem(s) in front of the judges, teachers, families and special guests (poets) in The Globe theatre. The event is a very exciting opportunity, and I am hopeful that some of our students will make it to the Grand Finale. I have seen a great deal of talent from the contestants who have been attending my poetry club every Wednesday after school.

If your child is a contestant in the competition, please ensure both yourself and your child is aware of the above date – save the date and come along! I have also sent this information to tutors to share with their tutees and will send reminders.



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If your child is not a contestant, you are still welcome to join the evening, where you can see some of FCC's very talented students deliver poems off by heart! The evening will be as exciting and enjoyable as I can possibly make it; refreshments will be provided, and the aim is to sit back and enjoy some poetry and some good food. Even if you are not particularly enthused by poetry, you are welcome to come along for the cake and the company!

I will shortly send out a Google form to get an idea of how many people will be attending.

I hope to see you there!

With kind regards,

Katy Smith  
Teacher of English  
Challenge Leader: Reading



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