

## THE POETRY RECITATION COMPETITION 2018

**AIM:** To enjoy poetry and build confidence in performing to an audience.

### **When is the competition?**

- You will have opportunities to perform your poem in English lessons and your teacher will offer tips and advice.
- The Y3 semi-final will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the Atrium.
- The Y4 semi-final will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June in the Atrium.
- The grand final is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June in the EMH.

### **How long does my poem need to be?**

- Year 3 and 4 boys should learn and recite a poem of at least **12** lines. There is no maximum length.

### **What poem should I choose?**

- Boys need to find a poem to recite. There is no particular theme for the boys, so please choose a poem on any topic that you would like.
- If you have learned a poem for speech and drama lessons, please **DO NOT** use this poem for the competition. It is important that you start from the same point as the other boys in your class.

### **How can I learn a poem?**

- Break your poem down into small sections and learn it bit by bit.
- Record yourself reading your poem and learn by listening.
- Practise as much as you can in front of anyone who will listen to you!

### **What makes a good poetry performance?**

A successful poetry recital will:

- Reveal an excellent **KNOWLEDGE** and **UNDERSTANDING** of the poem's language and content
- Be **AUDIBLE** and **CLEAR** throughout the delivery
- Make use of **VOCAL TECHNIQUES** like volume, pace, pitch, pause and emphasis to engage the audience
- Show a strong sense of the **RHYTHM** of the poem
- Make use of **BODY LANGUAGE** and **GESTURE** to enhance\* the delivery (including eye contact to involve your listener)

\*It is important to realise that this is a **RECITAL** rather than a poetry performance, so actions should enhance rather than dominate the performance.

### **Will I get a grade?**

Your class teacher will award you one of the following:

- Outstanding (4 house points)
- Very good (3 house points)
- Good (2 house points)
- Satisfactory (1 house point)
- Unsatisfactory (0 house points)

The very best of luck!