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## Year 10 Experience Poetry Live!

On Wednesday 30th January, 44 Year 10 students attended the "Poetry Live!" event at Leeds Town Hall. This was an opportunity for students to hear the poems they are studying as part of their English Literature GCSE being spoken aloud by the poets themselves. The day also involved Q & A sessions with the poets and some useful tips from a Chief Examiner.

The poets who performed, included current Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, the fantastic Simon Armitage, the inspiring John Agard and Imtiaz Dharker - who finally told us what 'Tissue' is really all about!

The day wasn't just an opportunity for the students to brush up on their knowledge of the "Power & Conflict" poetry, but an opportunity to experience something culturally unique and hear stories from people of different ages, cultures and backgrounds - something which is often easily left undone in today's world of mobile phones.

Hopefully, the students will be able to share some useful and interesting information with you that they learned from the poets themselves. This information will also be of use to them when aiming for those all important marks in the exam!

*'I really enjoyed going to Poetry Live, it wasn't what I expected at all. Personally, listening to the real poets reading their work aloud changed my perspective and interpretation of what I thought I knew. Knowing their back stories to why they write it is really important to know. I think there should be more school trips like this because it has made me enjoy poetry so much more because I've seen them live.'*

- Nancy, Y10

## British Biology Olympiad

The British Biology Olympiad is a competition that is open to all post-16 students in the UK and is internationally recognised. It seeks to challenge and stimulate gifted students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. Another aim is to select a team to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad.

9,465 students took part in 2019's competition from 727 schools.

Students in Key Stage 5 biology took part in the British Biology Olympiad this month. The competition involved the completion of two forty five minute online papers after college.

Six students from the group achieved the following awards:

Elizabeth M (Y13) – Gold  
Will S (Y13) – Silver  
Elizabeth H (Y13) – Silver  
Ben K (Y13) – Silver  
Isabella S-D (Y13) – Commended



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## BBC Bitesize Visit Eggescliffe School

BBC Bitesize is well known amongst students and teachers as a great place to help with exam revision. So when the BBC contacted us to host a pilot project called "BBC Bitesize Careers Tour" to engage with students and inspire them to think about the creative digital media as a career choice, we jumped at the chance!

Not only did the students hear about the huge variety of job roles within the industry, they also got the chance to listen to 3 local people who have all made a successful career from the industry - one being a film producer who has worked with Elton John and Ed Sheeran; one who owns his own branding business and has pitched ideas to Princess Anne and another who worked as a games designer for Xbox and Play Station 4 games, but is now a lecturer in games design at Teesside University along with being a children's author.

The sessions were presented by CBBC and Radio 1 presenter Katie Thistleton, who made the sessions informative and interesting by giving her own take on how to make it in the media world (she's a qualified journalist) - a lot of hard work, and a little bit of luck!



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## Joy For Jacob As He Swims His Way To Success

We would like to take a moment to congratulate Jacob Papple on his amazing swimming success. As a school, we are so proud of Jacob and his achievements. It is clear how much hard work Jacob has put in, in order to achieve such great results. We're wishing you all the luck in any future competitions Jacob and we're right behind you!

Please see below just *some* of Jacob's achievements:

### 2016 N&D 50m Long Course Regional Championships

100m Breaststroke GOLD  
50m Breaststroke GOLD  
400m Individual Medley SILVER  
200m Breaststroke SILVER  
200m Individual Medley SILVER

### 2017 N&D 50m Long Course Regional Championships

200m Individual Medley SILVER  
200m Breaststroke SILVER  
400m Individual Medley BRONZE  
50m Breaststroke BRONZE

### 2017 NER 50m Long Course Regional Championships

200m Breaststroke BRONZE

### 2018 N&D 50m Long Course Regional Championships

100m Breaststroke SILVER  
200m Breaststroke BRONZE

### 2018 Welsh 50m Long Course National Championships

400m Individual Medley GOLD  
200m Individual Medley GOLD  
200m Breaststroke GOLD  
100m Breaststroke Bronze  
50m Breaststroke Finalist

## Important Dates

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Year 9 Final Options – Due In

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Year 11 Science Walking, Talking  
Mock

### 11<sup>th</sup> March - 15<sup>th</sup> March

GCSE Performance Music Exams

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Egglescliffe School PTA Wine  
Tasting Evening 7:00pm-10:00pm

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Subject Teacher Evening  
3:30pm-6:45pm

The complete school calendar is available on the school website [located here](#).