

June 2024

Dear Families,

Developing the literacy of our students at Dixons McMillan has always been a core part of what we do as a school and we are always looking for new ways to do this further. We are very fortunate that in Bradford we have a literature festival that has run every year over the last decade and has grown to now have an international reputation.

The Festival organisers run a number of free school sessions every year and have invited all Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students from Dixons McMillan to attend this year. As such, all students in these year groups will be attending so we can take up this fantastic opportunity. The sessions are:

- **Wednesday 3 July 2024** – Shaking up Shakespeare (Year 7)
- **Thursday 4 July 2024** – Performance Poetry (Year 8)
- **Friday 5 July 2024** – Stand up and be Counted (Year 9)

Each session will run during the school day from 09.30 until 14.30 at St George's Hall, Bradford.

Students should arrive to school at the normal time. Students must wear their usual uniform and shoes, ensuring they look smart and professional as always. Packed lunches will be provided. Students will walk down escorted each day by a team of Dixons McMillan staff who will be on hand to supervise in the theatre, along with other theatre staff. At the end of the session, students will be escorted back up to the academy and will leave at the normal time.

These sessions will be a great opportunity for our students to continue to develop their literacy, along with helping to support them further in English and all other subjects.

Please get in contact if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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