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Dear Parents and Carers

KS3 National Poet Laureate Competition Entry Consent

Your child has expressed an interest in entering the National Literacy Trust's Young Poet Laureate competition.

To enter the competition, students must be aged 7-14 and they need to enter an original poem (maximum of 40 lines) and a personal statement (of no more than 200 words) explaining why they would like to be a Young Poet Laureate.

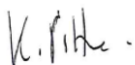
After entering the competition, any students shortlisted for the next round will need to attend a regional masterclass in March.

Students who are appointed as regional Young Poet Laureates in June, will then have their poetry published in an anthology and will need to attend events to celebrate their appointment. They will also be required to attend further events with national Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, to act as a champion for the role that poetry can play in public life.

Further information about the competition can be found [here](#).

All entries for the competition have to be submitted through the school, but also require parent/carer consent. In view of this, please complete the [consent form](#) to indicate whether or not you give consent for us to enter your child in the competition.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Pottle
Head of English