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Dear Parent/Carer,

Poetry by Heart 2024

Poetry By Heart 2024 was launched this week in English lessons. All students in Years 7-10 are being asked to learn a poem from the [Poetry by Heart website](#) as their compulsory PPA (homework) during the half-term period. Year 11-13 can enter optionally. The school final will take place on Wednesday 20 March in the school hall - more details will follow next half-term!

This brilliant oracy competition is an annual event in the school calendar; we have had great success over the last eight years with students being entered for the national finals each year. Last year's Isleworth & Syon finalist was Blake Lawrence, who was given the opportunity to perform at his poem on stage at Shakespeare's Globe.

As a result of his success and our school's ongoing relationship with Poetry by Heart, we have been gifted a year's **FREE** subscription to the Oxford English Dictionary Online for all staff, for which we are very grateful.

The most wonderful aspect of this competition is that it is open to absolutely everyone, and it captures the essence of Isleworth and Syon's approach to literacy teaching and learning, where developing confident and successful communicators are at the core.

If your son/ward is in Years 7-10, please make sure they complete the compulsory PPA by learning a poem from the website above. Keep an eye on the school's online newsletter, [The Isleworthian](#), for updates about the school final and student progress through the competition.

Yours faithfully,



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