

# English House Competition: Poem of the Week



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## What?

Poetry can increase our understanding of the world. A poem, no matter how short, can demonstrate the power of language and the way in which words can be transformed to invoke images and emotion. 'Poem of the Week' is a competition designed to celebrate poetry by encouraging an enthusiasm for the written word as a form of creativity and expression.

## Why?

In effort to maintain consistency in relation to the activities that were delivered through English and the LRC prior to the Covid-19 restrictions that are now in place, we aim to reinforce the continued promotion of literacy and ensure our students still have a variety of ways to respond to and get involved in the strong reading and creative writing culture of the school.

## Who?

The 'Poem of the Week' competition is open to all students in Secondary Phase. Students have the opportunity to comment on a selected poem, before nominating a future poem of their choice. House Points will be awarded for participation and students may see their chosen poem displayed in the LRC and on the website.

## When?

The competition is held weekly and a new poem will be displayed online and in the LRC every Monday.

## How?

You can get involved with the 'Poem of the Week' competition by:

- Logging on to Accessit – our new library system – which can be found here: <https://uk.accessit.online/wl13>
- You will then see a link to the latest 'Poem of the Week' on the Accessit Home Page.
- Follow the link to read a copy or watch a video of the poem being read aloud.
- You can also access the link to the latest poem via the Library Twitter feed [@WHGSLibrary](#) or through the [Learning Resource Centre](#) section of the WHGS website.
- Once you have read or listened to the poem, send the following information through to Dr Rodgers in the English Department via email, or through Teams:
  - A comment about the poem – what you liked or disliked. What you think worked well.
  - A nominated poem of your own. This could be a poem written by a favourite poet or author, or a poem you have written yourself.
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