

January 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Mark Grist Workshops

During this half term your child will be studying poetry as part of the English Curriculum in Year 7. We have a fantastic opportunity for your child to attend a workshop run by Mark Grist, a performance poet, during this unit of study. Mark Grist has recently risen to national fame due to his unique style of performance poetry.

The workshops will run on **Friday 26th January 2018**. All students will have at least an hour to take part in a number of exciting and inspiring activities, mostly during their timetabled English lessons.

The workshops will be extremely useful for your child as they will develop their writing skills and creativity – the skills that will be useful for their GCSE studies in the coming years. In addition, we hope some students will use their work with Mark as inspiration to enter the Inter-House Poetry competition which also runs this half term.

In order to enable the workshop to go ahead we request a voluntary contribution of £2.50°, please note that the workshop may not take place if insufficient contributions are received.

If you would like your child to take part in the workshops please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school no later than **Tuesday 23rd January 2018.**

Cheques should be made payable to **Brine Leas School** and returned with the permission slip in an envelope to the Drop Box outside Student Reception.

Cash payments can be accepted when a cheque is not possible. Students may take cash payments directly to the Finance Office and this will be receipted in the student's planner.

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals / has in the past been on Free School Meals since 2011 / is currently a Child in Service since January 2011/ is currently a Cared for Child or has ever been looked after by an English or Welsh local authority then some assistance can be applied for through the Pupil Premium Fund. Please return the permission slip below with the Pupil Premium assistance application ticked. If your form is returned to school showing the Pupil Premium option and we don't appear to have your child on our Pupil Premium records we may need to contact you to clarify.

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B L S It is the policy of Brine Leas to support families when financial hardship may preclude a student from attending a visit, therefore if you have any problems, please contact Mrs K Bradshaw and the matter will be deal with confidentially.

If you would like any more information regarding these workshops please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number.

Yours faithfully
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Mrs A Sharman Head of English ASN/SJ/AE/SDD
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PERMISSION SLIP - MARK GRIST WORKSHOPS - MRS SHARMAN
I would like my child Progress Group to attend the above workshop.
My contribution option is:
☐ I have enclosed a cheque for £2.50 made payable to Brine Leas School. *Please post in to the Drop Box at Student Reception.*
☐ I enclose a cash contribution that my child will take to the Finance Office with their planner for a receipt to be provided.
☐ My child is on the Pupil Premium register and I would like to apply for assistance towards the workshop.
☐ I do not wish to make a contribution on this occasion.

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY 2018