



Brine Leas School

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February 2020

Re: Mark Grist Performance

Dear Parent/ Guardian

On Thursday 12th March, your child will be involved in a workshop with the renowned performance poet Mark Grist. Mark Grist rose to fame on Youtube and has since gone on to perform nationally with his own sell out tour; he has also performed at the Edinburgh Fringe festival. As part of his work, Mark Grist also comes into schools to help students learn about the joys of writing and words, and encourages students to be creative, especially when it comes to poetry.

As the GCSE English Literature syllabus requires all students to study poetry, every child at KS3 will spend time reading and writing poetry. During their workshop with Mark, every student in Year 7 will be writing and performing their own poems, leading them to the Year 7 Interhouse Poetry event which takes place on Friday 20th March. This event will be watched by the whole year group, with chosen students from every English class performing their own work; Mark Grist will be coming back to judge this event.

In order to enable the workshop to go ahead we request a voluntary contribution of £5.00, please note that the workshop may not take place if insufficient contributions are received. If you would like your child to take part, please make the contribution by logging onto WisePay. This is accessed through the link on the school website; please contact finance@brineleas.co.uk if you do not have your login details or have any questions about making a payment. The deadline for this is Friday 6th March 2020.

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals assistance is available funded by the school to cover the contribution, please choose the FSM option on WisePay.

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

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If you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Brown', with a decorative flourish at the end.

Mrs B Brown
English Department

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