

It was great to see so many entries, sixty in all, for the Year 7 Poetry Competition. Students were asked to create an acrostic poem using the words Blessed Edward. This provided them with an opportunity to write about their thoughts, feelings and experiences of the school so far. Poetry can be a challenging medium in which to work but all entrants did really well.

Kevin Brooke, the school's Patron of Reading, judged the entries with help from our dedicated team of pupil librarians. He said: 'It's fantastic to see so many entries but it's really difficult to select just six poems.' Nevertheless he and the pupil librarians persevered with this enjoyable but difficult task. After much thought the final selection was made.

Congratulations go to the following poets: Nicole, Christian, Isabella, Paris, Eadie and Archie.

It is important to say that the chosen poems were representative of all the poems entered. The words of all our young poets give the reader an insight into their first few weeks at Blessed Edward and provides a fresh perspective for us. Mr Taylor, Head of Year 7, said: 'It was a delight to read the poems submitted. It not only showcased the creativity of the students but it was lovely to read so many positive comments of how they feel about their new school.'

Some of the comments from our poets are shared here:

'Empty your mind because it is a fresh start.' Archie.

'Such a complicated one way system.' Nicole.

'Definitely my favourite lesson is everything.' Isabella.

Headteacher Mr McClarey said: 'I would like to thank all the Year 7 students who took on the challenge of writing an acrostic poem which reflects the key values of our school. I was very impressed with the creativity and originality of the poems.'

Certificates were presented in assembly by Kevin to the students whose poems were selected. Well done and thank you to every student who submitted a poem.

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