LANDAU FORTE COLLEGE DERBY

Landau Reader

Students take centre stage in poetry slam

We recently welcomed performance poets, Tamika and Molly to work alongside 60 Year 9 students and take part in a Spoken Word Power Poetry Project.

Students were given the opportunity to express themselves creatively using the power of voice. The theme of the project was 'places I'd like to go'.

Students worked in small groups or independently to produce a poem which was performed in a mini Slam. All students amazed the judges with fantastic performances from Deona and Emma, our runners up and Taha, Mohammed and Micah who came in third place.

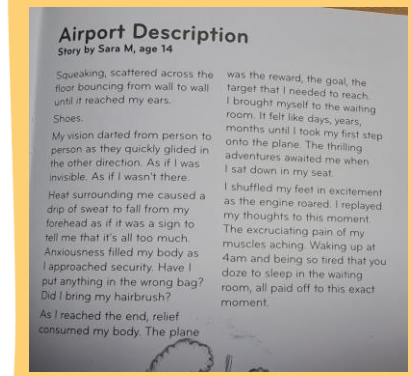
Congratulations to our Slam winners - Jahmi, Omar and Ryan! Please enjoy reading their winning poem.

My name is Drake,
And I ain't no snake.
These lives I take,
They're no longer awake.

Drake's music moves me like an ocean (Ocean)
Switch up that beat, put me in slow motion (Motion)
My gang moves like a storm trooper (Trooper)
The girl in my dm's is calling me ***super*** (Super)

I'm flying in my jet (Jet)
Ain't got no debt (Debt)
No need to sell my pet (Pet)
And no, I don't bet (Bet)

I'm set to land,
Boutta make a grand.
I arrive on the stage,
Free from my cage.



Airport Description
Story by Sara M, age 14

Squeaking, scattered across the floor bouncing from wall to wall until it reached my ears.

Shoes.

My vision darted from person to person as they quickly glided in the other direction. As if I was invisible. As if I wasn't there.

Heat surrounding me caused a drip of sweat to fall from my forehead as if it was a sign to tell me that it's all too much. Anxiousness filled my body as I approached security. Have I put anything in the wrong bag? Did I bring my hairbrush?

As I reached the end, relief consumed my body. The plane was the reward, the goal, the target that I needed to reach. I brought myself to the waiting room. It felt like days, years, months until I took my first step onto the plane. The thrilling adventures awaited me when I sat down in my seat.

I shuffled my feet in excitement as the engine roared. I replayed my thoughts to this moment. The excruciating pain of my muscles aching. Waking up at 4am and being so tired that you doze to sleep in the waiting room, all paid off to this exact moment.

My Aeroplane
Poem by Mariama K, age 11

When I was in class I made a paper plane. Everyone loved it, but I let it fly away. Gliding in the sky, flying care-free, being a pilot, that's what I wanted to be.

The next day I decided I wanted to make another one, not for anyone in my class, but just for fun. I stole one of my teachers' papers and started my aeroplane, but then my teacher came. She asked me why I stole her papers and I had to explain. She said I shouldn't have stolen and should have asked, and perhaps shouldn't have done it in the middle of class.

Everyday I dream of flying my plane, gliding in the sky, flying care-free, being a pilot, that's what I want to be.

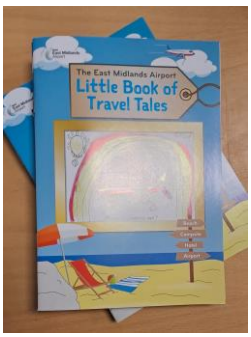
The engine is the heart of an aeroplane, but the pilot is the SOUL.

Publication fame!

Huge congratulations to four of our students who are competition winners in the World Book Day regional competition promoted by East Midlands Airport.

Well done to Sara, Mariama, Ashley and Hirah for their winning entries! As a winning school we received a £50 National Book Token to spend on library books and the students have received a special invitation to the airport to give out the book featuring their work,

If you plan on visiting the airport soon, keep an eye out for The East Midlands Little Book of Travel Tales!



Annual Showcase Competition

Fantastic prizes on offer!

Writing Competition for 4-18 year olds!
You could win £100 and a trophy!
Showcase your writing talent.
1,000 word limit.

Closing date: Friday 21st April
Please hand in at the IC desk to Miss Heaven or Miss Hare.

Please note this is a National competition from **Young Writers.**

Choose the best piece of writing you have done this year or write something completely new!

Please go to www.youngwriters.co.uk/challenge for more information.

Your Top Five Favourite Books in April 2023

Your top five favourite books in April 2023 as voted by you in Accelerated Reader:

1. ***Heartstopper*** Volume 3 by Alice Oseman.
2. ***One of us is lying*** by Karen M. McManus.
3. ***Heartstopper*** Volume 4 by Alice Oseman.
4. ***Naruto*** Volume 1 by Masashi Kishimoto
5. ***A series of unfortunate events: The wide window*** by Lemony Snicket

From TES online, Reading Corner.

Would you like to join a weekly reading club at College?

Why not join us on a **Tuesday after College, 3.30-4.00pm.** We will start meeting after the Easter break.

Open to all students.

We will be taking part in the **Barrington Stoke Young Editors scheme.**

Through the scheme we will be reading pre-published manuscripts and providing feedback to Barrington Stoke on improvements that can be made before the books' publication.

Just pop into the IC for more information and to sign up!

Read more, read wider

What does reading widely mean? Reading widely means reading beyond text books and school work, and including other reading materials such as journals in your daily reading diet.

There are now links on **Show my Homework** to wider reading, including journal articles specifically linked to the course content at GCSE and A level.

Benefits for reading widely include: greater subject knowledge, enhance vocabulary and deepening of critical thinking skills to name a few.

Reading Olympiad

Selected students in year 7, 8 and 9 are currently participating in the Reading Olympiad literacy programme.

This programme is designed to encourage students' engagement with reading and reward them for their successes.

We are looking forward to awarding our Bronze, Silver, Gold and World Record Awards soon!

Literacy programme success

Congratulations to our first round of graduates from our Fresh Start literacy intervention programme.

All our graduates received a Principal's Award as recognition for their hard work. Thank you for your perseverance and we hope you enjoy spending your Amazon voucher!