

June 2025

Dear Families,

Bradford Literature Festival 2025

Developing the literacy of our students at Dixons McMillan has always been a core part of what we do as a school and we are always looking for new ways to do this further. We are very fortunate that in Bradford we have a literature festival that has run every year over the last decade and has grown to now have an international reputation.

The Festival organisers run a number of free education sessions every year and have invited Dixons McMillan to attend again this year, following on from the excellent visits we had to the Festival in July 2024.

As such, all students in Years 7 to 9 will be attending so we can take up this fantastic opportunity to take part in this great event during Bradford's year as UK City of Culture. The sessions are:

- **Tuesday 1 July 2025** – Shaking up Shakespeare (Year 8) at St. George's Hall, Bradford
- **Wednesday 2 July 2025** – The Gothic (Year 9) at the Horton Building, University of Bradford
- **Thursday 3 July 2025** – Performance Poetry (Year 7) at Bradford Live (the old Odeon)

Each session will run during the school day from 09.30 until 14.30.

Students should arrive to school at the normal time. Students must wear their usual uniform and shoes, ensuring they look smart and professional as always. Packed lunches will be provided. Students will walk to each venue escorted on the day by a team of Dixons McMillan staff who will be on hand to supervise in the theatre, along with other theatre and festival staff. At the end of the session, students will be escorted back up to the academy and will leave at the normal time.

These sessions will be a great opportunity for our students to continue to develop their literacy, along with helping to support them further in English and all other subjects.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully,



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