



12th October 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

Spoken Word Power Programme

I am delighted to inform you that Rooks Heath is partnering with EastSide Educational Trust, a leading creative education charity, to deliver the Spoken Word Power Programme to a select group of 50 Year 9 students for 2023-2024.

The programme will involve four half-day workshops for participating students, to take place in November (Tuesday 7th and 21st) and January/February (dates TBD). These workshops will be led by a professional poet, who will help the students to develop their own piece of spoken word poetry. On the days of the workshops, students will be out of lessons for two periods in either the morning or the afternoon, depending on the group to which they are allocated.

Excitingly, participating students will have several opportunities to have their work heard or read by a wider audience, such as at the World Poetry Day celebration in March, when nominated students will be invited to perform on stage in London’s West End in front of students and invited guests from schools around London. Please note that EastSide Trust will require permission for the right to capture and use video and images of the workshops and events for promotional material. This document will be sent to you upon your child’s selection for the programme.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your child to cultivate their creativity, oracy and language skills, and their self-confidence. If you wish for them to participate, please **sign the permission slip below** and ask your child to **return it to their tutor** by the **deadline of Friday 20th October**. Further information will follow should your child be selected to participate.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Hutchinson
Literacy Coordinator

I give permission for my child to participate in the Spoken Word Power programme.

Student Name:..... Tutor Group

Signed Date

