



20 March 2023

Dear Families

Year 8 Poet Visit - Thursday 11 May and Friday 12 May 2023

The English department is delighted to offer the opportunity to all of our year 8 students to take part in a 1 hour poetry workshop with the performance poet, Mark Grist.

Mark will be visiting Sackville School for 2 days on **Thursday 11 May and Friday 12 May 2023** to deliver a workshop with each English class, helping them to create their own spoken word performance poems. These will be inspired by their own lives and experiences; all of the amazing things they have achieved and hurdles they have overcome. Students should arrive at school at the usual time and wear full school uniform as normal. Classes will be having their workshop on the following days:

Thursday 11 May 2023 - 8F (EGN), 8G (JCK), 8H (JMR), 8I (JPN) and 8J (ZAA)

Friday 12 May 2023 - 8A (CHD), 8B (HMY), 8C (JCK), 8D (JPN) and 8E (ZAA)

A bit about Mark Grist:

An ex-teacher, Mark Grist is now a multi-award-winning poet and international battle rapper with over 40 million views for his poetry & rap videos online. He has been honoured in two categories at the Webby Awards, won two Lovie Awards for his poetry online and toured hundreds of schools around the world. Recently, Mark's work has appeared on BBC1, ITV, BBC Teach, Channel 4 and BBC 6 music and he recently starred in Redbull TV's 'Mark Grist Battles the World.'

You can see an example of one of Mark's poems here: [Snowflakes](#)

As this workshop event is during normal school time, we are asking families for a voluntary contribution of £6.00 towards the overall cost. Payment can be made via MCAS by **Monday 8 May 2023**, you will find the payment under the product section of the app. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the workshop, the workshop will not take place unless parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant we will use that to pay for the full cost of the workshop. Please get in touch with Mrs Nibloe (h nibloe@sackville.org.uk) if you **do not** wish us to do this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on lwernham@sackvilleschool.org.uk if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Wernham