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Dear Parents/Carers

The schools book "A Blind Bit of Difference" – An Anthology of Sensory Poetry from Joseph Clarke School, Centre of Excellence for Vision Impairment and Complex Needs, is soon to be launched at a professional theatre! You are all invited! We would love to see you there! In part to celebrate the school's centenary and the students' fantastic poetry and performance brought to life on stage!

This book has an ISBN barcode, which means that not only will it be stocked in The British Library itself (one of the biggest libraries in the world!) but also purchased and sold in national bookshops and bought for libraries all over the UK!!!

As parent/carer of a child at Joseph Clarke School you are being gifted a free ticket for yourself and one for your child and complimentary copy of the book (which you will receive later)! I love what the publisher has done and hope you like it and feel very proud. I feel very proud of them indeed! The beautiful cover artwork was created by student Ruqaiya Asim. They were an outstanding group of poets to work with and have now been given a once in a lifetime opportunity. Sense – National Deafblind charity, Extant Theatre – the UK's leading visual impairment company, In Sight Theatre and the very famous children's writer Michael Rosen, were so impressed they have sponsored the project and your brilliant students. Together with the Arts Council England, they have contributed funds so that your students can take the stage at the incredible Albany Theatre, where some of London's most talented actors, poets and dancers have graced the stage. The book will be launched here!

Details: 17th October 2018 at The Albany Theatre Deptford
Evening Launch: Doors open 5.30pm.
SHOW: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

There is a coach leaving the school at 4.00pm with other supporting students and staff. Parents are also invited and encouraged to be taken to the theatre on this coach. The coach will return to school shortly after 9.00pm. The seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Photography and filming: We already have permission to use professional photography of the students in school as promotional material for the launch and also for the school website. We now ask for permission for the group to be filmed live at the launch. This will allow other disabled children to watch the launch that are not able to attend because of their needs, for older generations that are involved with our charities to watch, and also for those that were not able to get tickets. WE ARE LIKELY TO SELL OUT!! This is aired live on the project website ablindbitofdifference.com (which will be launched next week with tickets). ALL PARENTS/CAREERS and immediate family go free! Additional tickets are £2 to students outside of Joseph Clarke School and £3 adults. This will be filmed by a very well-known film maker who has worked for the British Film Institute and lots of famous disabled companies.

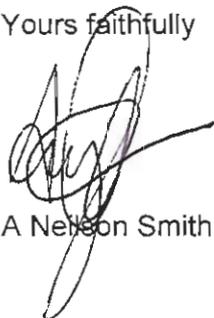
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Not only is the book something to be very proud of, but it is also something to add to their CV'S in the future. They will also have experience working in a professional theatre with 6 other professional adult disabled and visually impaired artists and have a live recorded piece of their work to keep and be proud of for life! Your students will perform alongside these very successful disabled performers!!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Nelson Smith', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

A Nelson Smith

Pupil Name:

Permission for live recording and airing.

Please indicate the number of people attending:

I would like a free ticket/s for the performance (limit for free tickets is 2).
(including your child)

I would like £3 ticket/s for the performance (Adult ticket).

I would like £2 ticket/s for the performance (Child ticket).

I would like seats on the coach leaving school at 4.00pm for the theatre.

I would like seats on the coach returning to Joseph Clarke School after the performance

Signed:

Please return to Amy Neilson Smith c/o The Headteacher, Joseph Clarke School by Friday 5th October 2018.

'The Event' & 'Tasting Colour'

This exciting event opens with a mouth-watering **'Tasting Colour'** buffet! Fully facilitated by the student-poets (AKA awesome 'metaphorical wizards!') the audience will be prompted to create your very own colourful language 'out loud' using taste and smell! Be prepared to get those creative juices flowing with a rainbow of electric popping candy, stormy dark chocolate, sofa-soft-like-a-hug cheese, jauntily juicy strawberries & more! The live show then begins as you take your seats!

Students will perform Spoken Word & Sound Poetry alongside the electrically incredible Zara Jayne (Deafblind actress & poet), the audaciously talented Abi Palmer (Multidisciplinary Disabled Artist & poet) & the unbelievably inspirational Miss Jacqui (Disabled performance poet, Spoken Word facilitator & proud wheelchair user!). Our intoxicatingly dynamic Resident Sound Poetry Composer & 'Poetry DJ' Stephanie Singer will record the 'Tasting Colour' talk, remix their sounds & voices & create an audio "mash-up"! There will be top-notch 'Pop-Up' Performances from Extant Theatre's 'Catching the Ghost' from the dangerously dynamic duo of visually impaired actors Chris Campion & Steven George. The event will end with book sales of

'A Blind Bit of Difference' and student-poet signings! There will be large projected text & BSL throughout & be filmed by Kate Dangerfield for the 'Accessible Film Project' (BFI/ Sense). The event will be live streamed for those who are not able to attend the launch in person, due to their needs/disabilities.

Your superstar-poets comments!

**"You don't have to see the colour,
you can eat the colour!"**

**"This is sooooo fun...I can't think about colour the
same anymore! It's so tasty!"**

"Popping candy is a rainbow exploding in my head!"

"I'm so full of colours I could burst into a rainbow!"

**"My tongue is a magic wand that tells me secrets
about the colours in the sky!"**

"My nose is a colour-hoover!"

"I can't wait to teach my Mum about Sensory Play!"

**"I know my Dad will love it...he loves food as much
as he loves me!"**