



ST PIRAN'S

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Modern Foreign Languages Department

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Dear Parents

St Piran's French Poetry Competition

Over the past few years, we have taken a group of children to St Mary's School in Gerrards Cross to participate in their annual French Verse Festival. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond their control, they have had to cancel this year's festival.

However, in order for our enthusiastic and talented children not to miss out, Mrs Kennedy and I have decided to hold our own 'in-house' French Poetry Competition at St Piran's this year. The competition will be open to children in Middle and Upper School and we hope that between six and eight children from each year group will be able to take part.

As in previous years, we shall give our chosen poems to the children who express an interest in the competition. These children will have the opportunity to practise their poems at school, but should also practise at home as, after a couple of weeks, we will 'audition' the children and select those we consider to be the most suitable candidates for the competition itself.

The competition will be held during the morning of Thursday 9th March, which is the same day as the St Mary's Festival would have taken place. Nearer the time I will send further details to parents of children who reach the final stage of the process regarding timings and the general format of the competition.

Mrs Kennedy, the children and I are excited about this year's event, and hope you will support your child in whatever way you can.

If you have any questions at this stage regarding the competition, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Modern Foreign Languages.