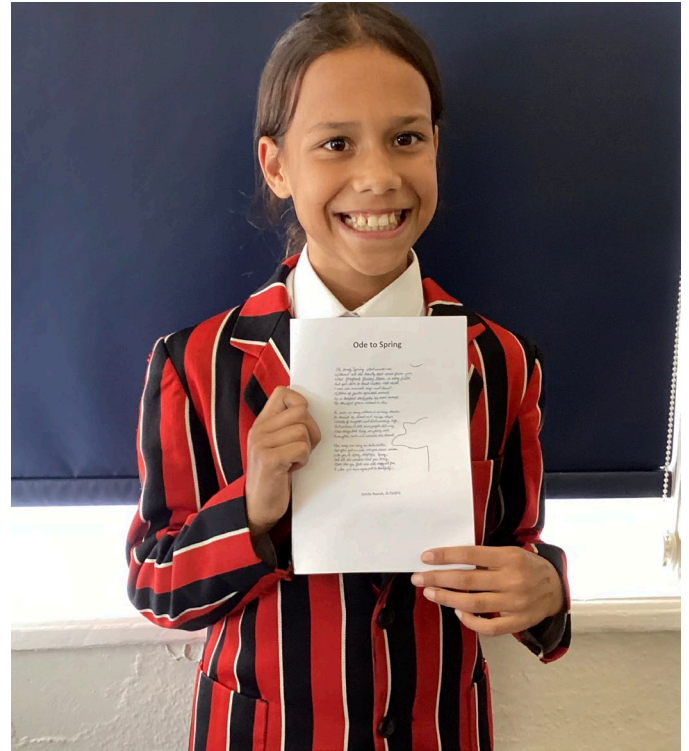


A Special Trip to Rugby School

During the summer term of Year 5, I was delighted to learn that I had won a place on a special trip to Rugby School following my entry in the Ode Poetry Competition. As someone who loves poetry, I was thrilled to discover that my poem had been awarded a *Highly Commended* certificate!

Although the journey to Rugby was long, it was certainly worth it. I attended alongside four other pupils and enjoyed a fantastic day packed with creative activities.



Our poetry workshop began with a fun haiku race before we explored a humorous poem by Lemn Sissay and wrote our own poems in a similar style. After a delicious cake break, we drew maps of journeys and then read a poem by Hannah Lowe. Inspired by both the poem and our maps, we created our own original pieces of poetry. Our workshop leader was incredibly kind and inspiring, making the experience even more enjoyable.

A highlight of the day was visiting the impressive Rugby School library. In this beautiful and inspiring space, we took part in a quiz and worked together to solve a range of book-themed puzzles.

The teachers we met were exceptionally welcoming, the activities were engaging and enjoyable, and the whole experience was truly unforgettable. I am very grateful for the opportunity and it has inspired me to continue developing my love of poetry.