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National Poetry Competition

CALLING ALL YOUNG POETS

Get creative with the divine
chocolate and Christian aid poetry
competition!

THEME

The theme for this competition is 'where does the chocolate journey begin?'

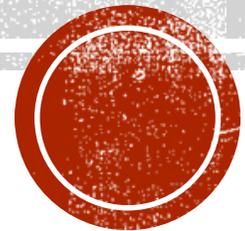
You may have learned about this already in worship, and it is up to you to conduct some research to help with any gaps in your knowledge.

Some links that might help you:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeUGvhINwHw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XbP4cn8xhU>

<https://www.divinechocolate.com/divine-story>



SOME BACKGROUND



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- **Cocoa grows on trees**

The key ingredient in chocolate is cocoa. Most of the cocoa you eat comes from the rainforests of West Africa, where poor farmers tend their cocoa trees on small family farms. This is where the chocolate journey begins.

- **The journey through history**

Among the Mayans and Aztecs of Central America where cocoa originated, cocoa beans were so important they were used as money. Nobles drank cocoa at royal feasts. In modern times, chocolate has come to symbolise romantic love and luxury.

- **From bean to bar**

Cocoa comes from the seeds of cocoa pods, which grow on the cocoa tree. Farmers harvest the cocoa, ferment it and dry it out in the sun, and then send it to factories to be made into delicious chocolate.

- **Into the future**

Changing weather patterns make it harder to grow cocoa, driving cocoa farmers to move and cut down the rainforest for new farms, which makes climate change worse. Through Fairtrade, we can support cocoa farmers to farm in a better way and protect the forest.



WILL THERE BE PRIZES?



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Yes!

The winning students will get a film of their poem being read by this year's guest judge, Onjali Raúf, winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019.

They will get book tokens.

And they will get lots of delicious Divine Chocolate goodies!

Good luck!





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THE RULES!

Remember this is the Divine Poetry Competition - if you write about chocolate products, don't write about other chocolate companies!

There are three categories in this competition: 7-11 year olds, 12-16 year olds, and 17 plus. This means anyone at Ian Ramsey CE Academy is able to enter.

You will need permission from a parent or guardian in order to enter this competition. This can be sent by email to Miss Pepper.

Any style of poem is fine, use your knowledge from class to find a poetry style that works for you.

Send all entries to Miss Pepper at peppere@ianramsey.org.uk before the 1st June 2020.