We are writing to let you know that The Christopher Salmon Foundation, in conjunction with Wirral Poetry Festival and Wirral Libraries, will be launching the next Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition.

The theme for this year’s competition is **Dream.** The competition is open to entrants under 19 years of age, being educated in Wirral. **Entry** **is Free**. A **£100** Prize will be awarded to the winner of each of the following five age categories. **Age 7 and under (KS 1), Age 8-11 (KS 2), Age 11-13 (KS 3), Age 14-16 (KS 4) and Age 16-19 (in full time education).**

The competition was set up following the sudden death in February 2009 of our youngest son when he was aged just 15. Chris was a pupil of Calday Grammar School and had a real passion and talent for writing poetry. In his memory we set up the foundation and started the poetry competition with the aim of encouraging young people to express themselves through poetry. Over the last 14 years the quality of the entries we have received has been phenomenal and it has been so heart-warming to see the fabulous work of such talented young poets in Wirral.

Entries must be submitted using the official entry form which is obtainable either from the website [**wirralpoetryfestival.org.uk/Christopher**](http://wirralpoetryfestival.org.uk/Christopher)**Salmon** or in hard copy from any Wirral Library. Entries can either be submitted by email to [**chrissalmonpoetry@wirral.gov.uk**](mailto:chrissalmonpoetry@wirral.gov.uk) or hard copy entries submitted by post or by hand delivery: FAO Diane Mitchell at Birkenhead Central Library, Borough Road, Birkenhead. CH41 2XB.The closing date for the receipt of poetry competition entries is noon on **Thursday 28th March 2024.**

For further details and for the full terms and conditions please visit any of the following websites  [www.wirral.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/libraries" \t "_blank) , [wirralpoetryfestival.org.uk/christophersalmon](http://wirralpoetryfestival.org.uk/christophersalmon) or [www.chrissalmon.org.uk](http://www.chrissalmon.org.uk/)  from January 2024.

We look forward to receiving your entries and thank you so much for your support over the last 14 years, as it has meant a great deal to us to continue to keep Chris’s memory alive.

Yours sincerely

Julie, Rich and Jonny Salmon

The Trustees of The Christopher Salmon Foundation.

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