## **Poetry and Visual Arts** Project 2022

A collection of poems and artwork Exploring the themes of 'Hope', 'Making Connections' and 'Lessons Learned'.







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Welcome to Staffordshire University's

# Poetry and Visual Arts Project 2022

This collection of poetry and visual artwork was created largely by students from Staffordshire University's PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) partner schools. I'm sure you'll agree that we have some very talented young people in our creative county.

The collection includes **poems** or **visual art** based on one of three themes:

## HOPE MAKING CONNECTIONS LESSONS LEARNED

Students from years 7-13 were invited to write a poem or create a piece of visual art based on one of three themes: Making Connections, Hope, Lessons Learned. The themes this year were also chosen by young people from our area. Everyone's contribution was welcome, with all work submitted included in the anthology here. Poems and artwork are also presented in the raw format in which they were sent; there has been no editing.

The aim of the project was to give students the opportunity to be creative and have a voice or an outlet in these unprecedented times. Submissions were not assessed and there were no mark schemes; we wanted students to enjoy being creative and use it as an opportunity to voice their opinions, vent their emotions, have a little fun and challenge themselves to do something



they've never done before. Sadly, we don't often get the chance to offer this kind of creative opportunity in secondary classrooms.

Finally, thank you to our colleagues in the PGCE department at Staffordshire University who have been supportive of this project from the beginning. Thank you also to the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 PGCE trainees, for creating the student handbook and to the teachers in local schools who have encouraged their students to take part. The most important thanks, however, go to the students who participated and created some amazing, thought-provoking and emotional poems and artwork, leaving a legacy and reminder for future generations.

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PGCE English Course Leader Project Organiser May 2022

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PGCE Art and Design Course Leader Project Organiser

#### **Unwanted Pain**

What is this unwanted pain? Digging deeper inside my veins "Was I ex

It hurts but i still smile like her

The feeling of pain is like a storm

cant ruminate

#### MM

Year 9 - Co-op Academy

#### Hope

Hope is that you will carry, Hope is that will to carry on, When you are down and out of life, Hope is that flame that burns, Where there is darkness around you, Hope is a smile which brightens , Even a dull in your life , As that is the only way to life , Just keep your hope alive!

AA

Year 7 - Co-op Academy

# HOPE

"Was I expecting this" I said still smile like her

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**KO** 

Year 7 - Endon High School

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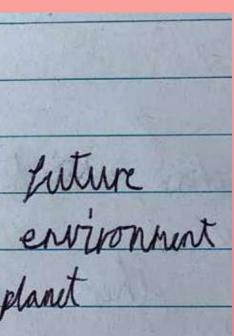
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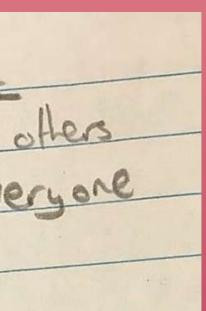
Year 7 - Endon High School

GG

Year 7 - Endon High School

NA Year 7 - Endon High School





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## **EP** Year 7 - Endon High School

Look beyound the hate And chaotic troubles in life For you'll find a rainbou Varleness has no had when light overpowers it Support in the soul

## TC

Year 7 - Endon High School

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BC

Year 7 - Endon High School

Hope jumps in the air Freedom flowing into all, It will warm you heart



Year 8 - Endon High School

Sunlight breaks open The silence of the dark night, Bringing hope again.

## HF

Year 7 - Endon High School

> There is always hope Always believe in yourself Should never give up

AS

Endon High School

Loving the way you live and the way you look.

If you feel down, just remember – life is like a new page, you never know what will happen.

Fear is just a word. Be brave.

Ecstasy is a feeling of intense joy: embrace it.

LAB

Year 8 - Endon High School

Begging on his knees, Praying that he will not die. Hope will bring him back.

AW

Year 8 - Endon High School

Sunlight breaks open The silence of the dark night Bringing hope again

Having Only Positive

Energy

## HF

Endon High School

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## MA

Endon High School

Moonlight is coming We better go to sleep Before we get tired

### Hope

Hardwork at school Opinions and facts Positive energy Excellent education

## **OA**

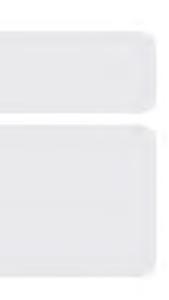
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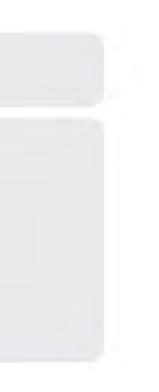
There is always hope Even the darkest of times There will always be light

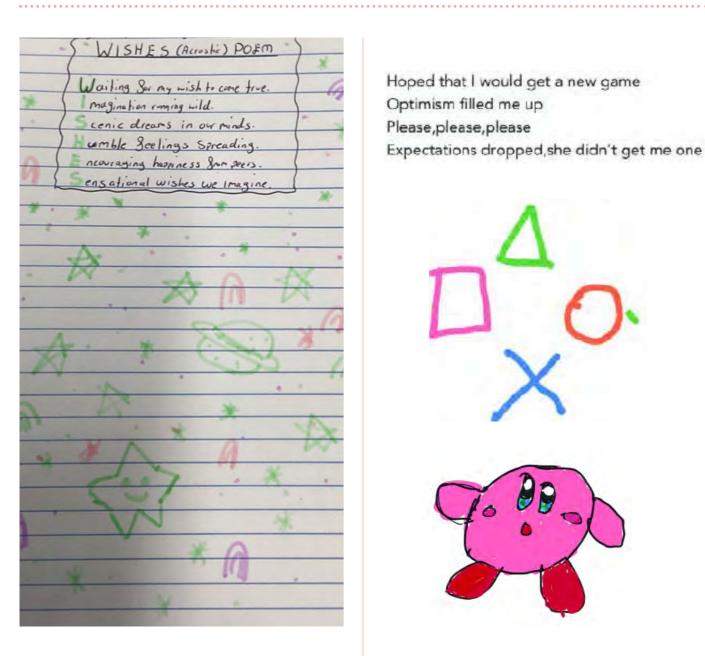
Community is great Only for the best of people Never Not making new friends Everyday new experiences Connections To past experiences In communication On a journey Never Sad

## ΖP

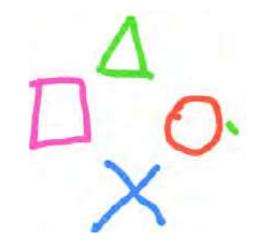
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**SO** Endon High School Hoped that I would get a new game Optimism filled me up Please, please, please Expectations dropped, she didn't get me one





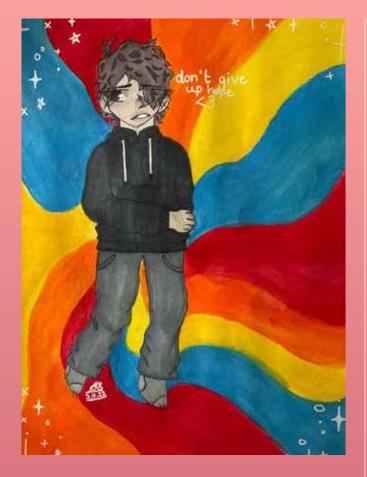
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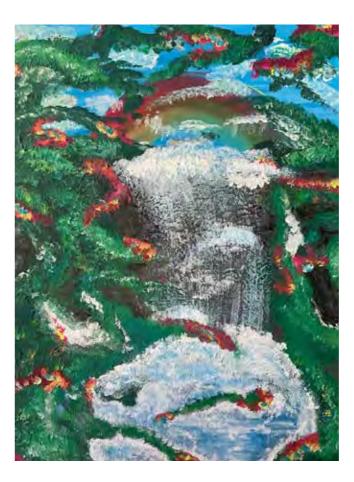
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E Year 7 - Madeley School







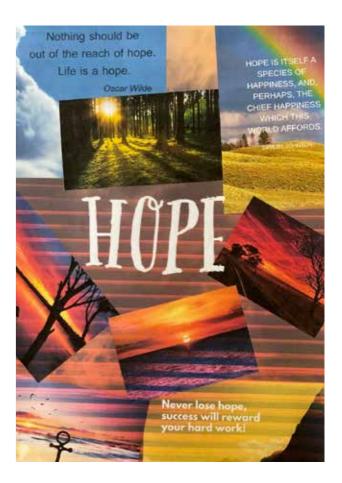
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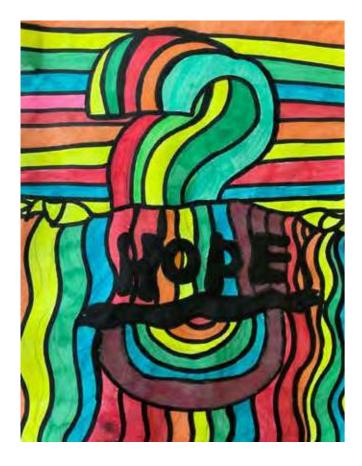
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Year 7 - Madeley School











Year 7 - Madeley School



J Year 7 - Madeley School



M Year 7 - Madeley School









## IA

Year 9 - St Joseph's College



**O** Year 7 - Madeley School



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Year 7 - Madeley School



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Year 7 - Madeley School



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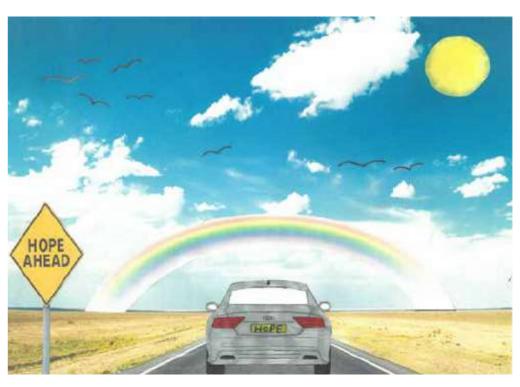


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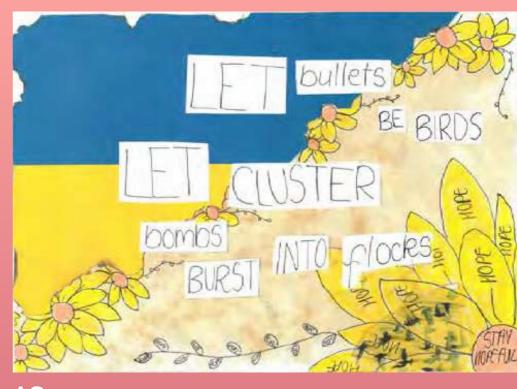


## MF



## PM

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AS Year 9 - St Joseph's College



**EB** Year 9 - St Joseph's College



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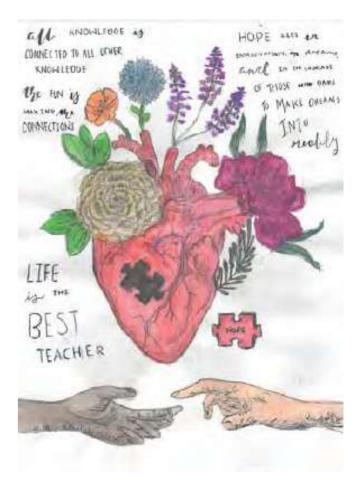
## JB

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**TS** Year 9 - St Joseph's College



MS

Year 9 - St Joseph's College

## IM Year 9 - St Joseph's College

## LS

Year 9 - St Joseph's College

# MAKING CONNECTIONS

## Love from day one

When you're born you are all alone.Not a single known soul around you.You grow up nurtured by one's you 'love'.Yet vague strangers in your view.

You slowly get to know them. Find the love they possess within. Suddenly your turn comes to make connections.

To love people as they loved you.

Cherishing those close to you. Are like small keys to your heart. Bring you happiness and joy. Not always forever but that's okay.

Some people stay longer in your life. Some stay much shorter. But it was never about time. But the memories and love shared.

## ANONYMOUS

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## MC Year 7 - Endon High School

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Year 7 - Endon High School

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## DO

Year 7 - Endon High School

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### MM

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Year 7 - Endon High School

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## AH

Year 7 - Endon High School

Kindness is good as It is amazing Never forget that you are important Don't Judge others and share the message

Helping out others Kindness is always needed As it is amazing

Helpfulness from others Opinions shared together Personality kind and respected Excitement of holidays and friends

### AW

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## Making new friends

Are you speaking to others? Knowing what to do Inside and out. Not knowing enough, Getting to know new people.

Can find anywhere Outside, Not in one place Not in one room. Everywhere you go, Can you find a new friend? Today? In a million years? Out of this world? Now find your new friend.

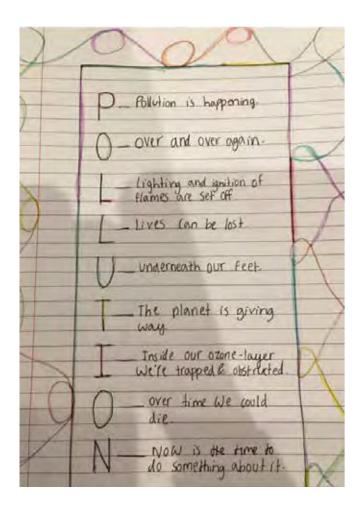
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Year 8 - Endon High School

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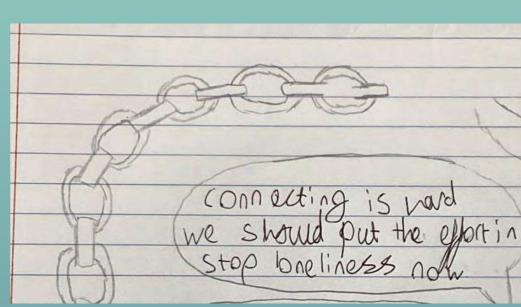
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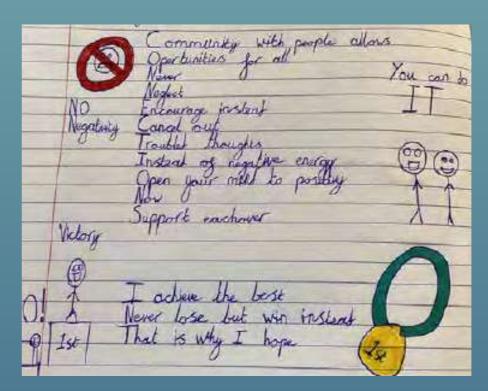








**JO** Endon High School



**RS** Endon High School

## EP

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is hard



Her art choice is based on Making Connections within the local community and features our local St Thomas's Church.

LL

Year 8 - Kings C E High School, Kidsgrove



A Year 7 - Madeley School

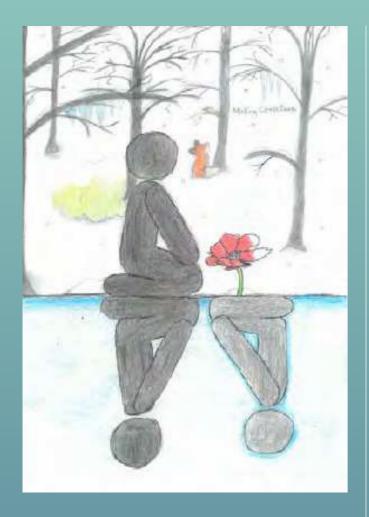


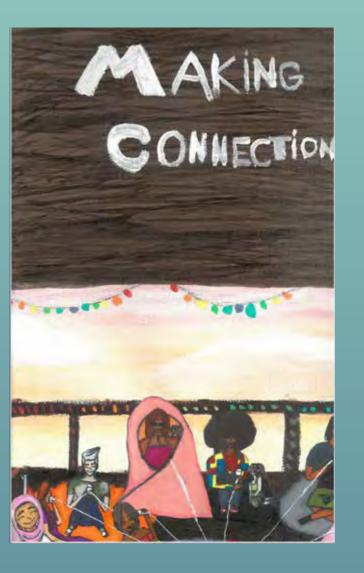
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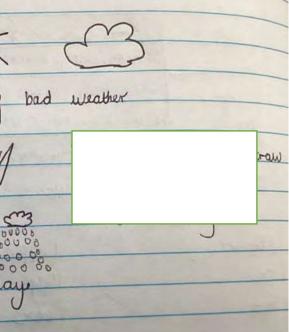
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HG

Endon High School

## MB Year 9 - St Joesph's College





## ES

Year 9 - St Joseph's College



AG Year 9 - St Joesph's College



# LESSONS LEARNED

## **Oliver Twist**

In the workhouse, Where it is damp and dark, There is nothing to light and spark, A hit will leave a very big mark.

It is very cold, But, we still eat the mold, If you ask for extra food, you are rather bold,

We are in a city, Where the truths and lies, Must come to an end, And sadly unfold.

ΖE

Year 7 - Co-op Academy

## Lessons learned

Lesson learned Over all the bad things.

Consequences happen When you do bad things.

Realisation happens When you learn your lesson

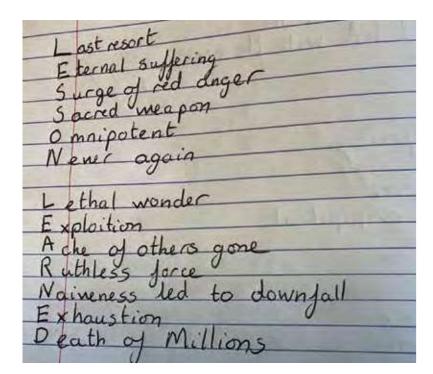
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Year 9 - St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy

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Year 7 - Endon High School



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Year 7 - Endon High School

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MC

Year 7 - Endon High School

Learning a new lesson Think! It is a wake up call. Lesson learned now.

KC

Year 8 - Endon High School



All day, all the time, Children learn all their lessons, Better times ahead.

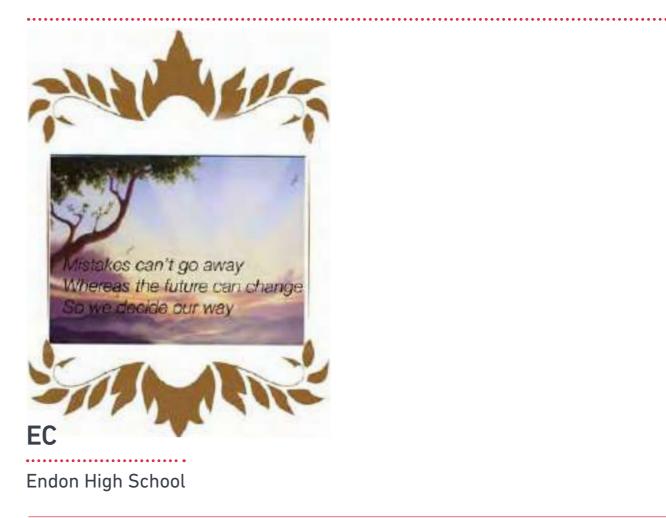
## EC

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lots of silence
Every day & WORK )
Every day Stuck at School WORK
Silly behaviour
Only myself laughing
No one ranging
Strict teachers
Lesson learned
Everyone gives up
After All
Racing Sleep
Not good grades
Every Night
Don & revise.

JK

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lots of corrections purple pens at the ready Learning from mistakes

Happy Opinions Positive Ending negative thoughts

**ME** Endon High School





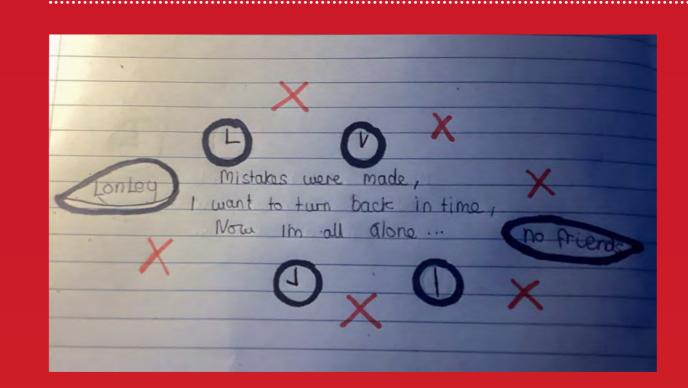


## HM

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## EDS

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**RM** Endon High School



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