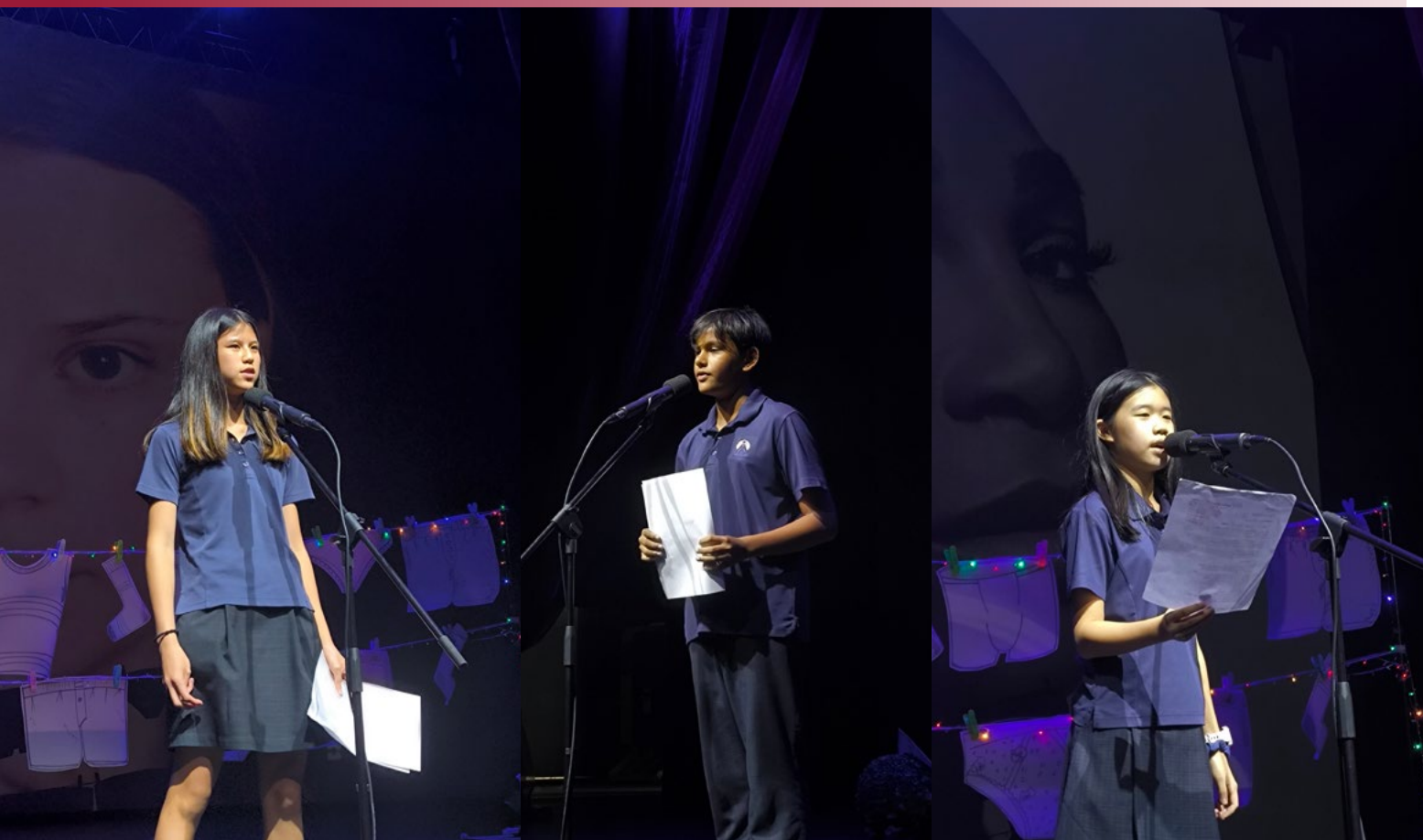


# CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE: INSPIRING RESILIENCE AND HOPE

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## 2025 SPOKEN WORD POETRY SHOWCASE AND ANTHOLOGY LAUNCH

'Champions of Change: Inspiring Resilience and Hope' marks the third year of the Spoken Word Poetry Showcase, an inspiring ECA programme that gives our young writers in Key Stage 3 a platform to use their voices for positive change and to empower confidence and creativity in public speaking, writing and publishing.

### LIVE POETRY PERFORMANCES

Our Year 7–9 students participating in the ECA will perform their poems live in the Theatre on Thursday 26th June (10:40 am – 12:15 pm), celebrating the students' learning journey and growth as published authors and performers of poetry, using words powerfully to respond to global challenges with empathy and courage.

### THEME: CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

'Champions of Change: Inspiring Resilience and Hope,' highlights individuals who create positive change by showing resilience in adversity and encouraging perseverance towards global goals. Students reflected on historical and contemporary figures who shaped the world and its

values, exploring through poetry how these changemakers relate to their own identities and inspire strength. They asked themselves: What global message does your poetry collection convey, and how can it inspire others to make a positive difference?

### A JOURNEY OF POETRY WITH PURPOSE

The journey began by exploring key terms — Change-maker, Trailblazer, Advocate, Global Citizen, Resilience — helping define the traits of changemakers. We created metaphor poems about what it means to be a change-maker — to express advocacy, courage, and hope — contributing powerful lines to a collaborative class poem, to be performed together to celebrate collective voice and vision.

To deepen their understanding, students explored values, beliefs and character traits by researching inspirational figures such as Malala Yousafzai, Martin Luther King Jr., and Greta Thunberg. They created fact files and examined how these changemakers overcame adversity. Guided by their findings, students planned and wrote poems connecting their figure's values to global issues aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), crafting



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## SPOKEN WORD POETRY

### Showcase 2025

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Join us for a celebration of poetry inspired by voices of influence and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Our young poets advocate perseverance in the face of adversity, sharing stories of courage, compassion, and the hope that drives real change. From personal journeys to global challenges, this showcase honours influential changemakers who speak out and spark transformation across a range of global issues. Learn how the SDGs can ignite poetry that raises awareness and inspires action. Be moved. Be there!



THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE 2025



START: 10:40AM  
ENDS: 12:15PM  
Theatre, Arts Centre

PERFORMED BY  
YEAR 7-9 STUDENTS OF THE  
SPOKEN WORD POETRY  
SHOWCASE ECA

activist poems that inspire action.

By analysing poetic forms, language and structure, and crafting powerful messages, students honed their writing, research, creativity, collaboration and public speaking skills. Inspired by influential activist voices — from Maya Angelou's *'Still I Rise'* and Amanda Gorman's *'The Hill We Climb'* to Emily Dickinson's *'Hope is the Thing with Feathers'* and William Ernest Henley's *'Invictus'* — they explored themes of resilience, activism and inclusion.

Passionate about their chosen global issues and changemakers, students refined their poems through peer review and rehearsals, learning spoken word techniques—projection, articulation, pace, emphasis, and gesture—to transform written words into powerful, purposeful performances. This year, returning participants from Year 8 (Forex Zhang, Annabelle Ng) and Year 9 (Tatsha Kuan-songtham, Alice Wang) also mentored others, developing their coaching skills.

## PUBLISHED ANTHOLOGY: YOUTH VOICES FOR GLOBAL GOALS

Each student created a personal poetry collection, thoughtfully designed with visuals, layout, and voice, reflecting both their own values and those of their chosen changemaker. From these, they selected one piece to perform and publish in an anthology that will be archived in the National Library of Thailand - a collection of youth perspectives on resilience, hope and global citizenship.

## A CELEBRATION OF EMPOWERMENT THROUGH WORDS

As the founder and facilitator of this programme, I am deeply proud of what our students have accomplished. Each student has stepped into their role as a writer, reflective thinker, and changemaker - proving that no one is too young to make a difference. Let their words move you. Let their passion and hope inspire you. Join us in supporting young voices rising for a better world.