

## Overton Grange National Poetry Day Competition Winners

### First Place

#### I Seek, I Settle

I run, I hide,

I shiver, I cry,

Will there be a tomorrow?

Will there be a tonight?

Finally, I am away from the claws of death,

The screaming sirens still echoing in my thoughts,

The ghastly gunshots creating new nightmares,

The death of my family haunts my heart.

I sigh, I arrive,

I seek, I settle,

There will be a tomorrow.

There will be a tonight.

I now have a beautiful clear horizon,

I can now sleep in peace without any deadly screams,

I go outside and see nothing but a peaceful bright smiling sky,

I am now free, although a refugee.

Sakina 7SO2

### Second Place

#### Refuge

When I say 'refuge'

What do you think?

A house with plumbing,

And a kitchen sink?

Or a home with a warm soft bed,

In which to slumber?

With duvets and pillows,

And blankets to wonder?

What do you think is the value of refuge?

Is it worth 1000 dubloons?

If it is worth a whole lot of money,

Should it be a right, or is that just funny?

Nora 7SG



**REFUGE**

### Joint Third Place

#### Refuge

In the pages of a beloved book,

I discover refuge, a heaven to look.

Words transport me to places unknown,

Imagination stirring, seeds of dreams sown.

Lika 7AG

#### Safe Space

When I'm near you, I feel safe

When I'm sad, you take 1<sup>st</sup> place

When I'm hurt, you help me heal

Safe is what you make me feel

Rain, sun, wind or snow

We make memories wherever we go

No one else could take your place

Mum, you are my safe space.

Ella 7EG