



## EXCITING NEW RGS POETRY PRIZE

Many of you will remember Dr Paul Hullah from Lower School Prize giving last year. An Old Riponian who lectures on English Literature in Japan, Dr. Hullah recently finished a new book on the work of Victorian poet Christina Rossetti, to be published next year.

Dr. Hullah has generously agreed to sponsor a poetry prize which will be awarded for the first time in November 2015. It will be judged by the English department and Dr. Hullah himself. The prize will be presented at Speech Day in November.

The task is to write a poem of fourteen or more lines inspired by one of these titles from Rossetti's work. Any poetic form, rhyme scheme or narrator is allowed.

- A Birthday
- "I loved you first: but afterwards your love"
- "I wish I could remember that first day"
- "Many in aftertimes will say of you"
- A Better Resurrection
- Colour
- Dream Land
- In the bleak midwinter
- Remember

Entry is now open for this exciting competition for both fourth and fifth form students. It would be an excellent achievement on your CV or UCAS form, especially if you will be applying for English or any humanities subject at university.

**The deadline is Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

**Mrs Mars is happy to help with drafts and advice.**

**Submissions are to Mrs Mars in person or via email to [marsh@ripongrammar.co.uk](mailto:marsh@ripongrammar.co.uk)**

More information on Christina Rossetti: can be found at <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/bio/christina-rossetti>