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TIME TO RHYME: Performance poet Kat Francois working with Year 9 students at Wey Valley School. The London-based performance poet was invited to return after previous successful sessions

Youngsters are poets and know it

PERFORMANCE poet Kat Francois inspired pupils to create their own verses in a workshop at Wey Valley School.

The London-based poet returned to the Weymouth school for an encore with Year 9 pupils after previous sessions.

Students worked with Kat to explore ideas to create a poem of their own which they were able to perform.

Kat, who is a member of the London-based group Apples and Snakes, said: "I

really enjoyed working with them.

"The students were fantastic and really enthusiastic, open to learning new things and very welcoming."

The pupils came up with ideas before creating their own works.

Wey Valley work-related learning manager Mary Critchell said: "It was marvelous to see the students being so totally inspired by Kat and her poetry.

"Some had a starting point of not even

liking poetry and within the session they finished by producing their own poems, performing them almost without realising what it was they were doing.

"They enjoyed themselves so much."

She added: "It was a great opportunity for the students to meet someone who can take them to the next level with their literacy.

"Kat has performed all over the world and published a lot of her work."