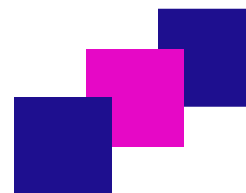


## 10 Downing Street Visit



A highly prized trip to Downing Street wows staff and a student at a First Story event.

The event was hosted by acclaimed writer Frances Osborne, wife of George Osborne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It took place at 10 Downing Street amid the photos and portraits of former Prime Ministers and was attended by just four students who had been invited from across Britain.

The invited students all participate in the First Story programme. At Feversham this involves a weekly after-school club with renowned local performance poet, Kate Fox. She works with 20 students to encourage and inspire them in their writing. This is the second year the programme has taken place and at the end of last year the students produced their first anthology, *Where Thoughts Can Lead*. They are currently working towards a second anthology which will be launched in June 2015.

Year 11 student Safeerah was accompanied to the event by Naveeda Khan, Head of English, Dianne Excell, Literacy Consultant, and Clare Skelding, Headteacher. The event started with a few words by Frances Osborne followed by students reading work they had produced. There was also the opportunity to speak to the writers William Fiennes and Ben Fanucci.

“It was an absolute pleasure to finally meet the brilliant, inspirational people in First Story, working tirelessly to make it the jewel it is.” Safeerah, year 11 student.



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