

# EXPLORING #HLF15

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Hillingdon's first ever 'Literary Festival' hit Brunel in mid-October gathering students, staff and residents from the local area to celebrate the power of words. Alongside the events, the Festival featured a variety of stalls selling books and food, The Poetry Takeaway and the mysterious KARVAN.

## Playing With Your Food, The Poetry Takeaway:

An endearing feature of the Festival was The Poetry Takeaway, a free service offering festivalgoers the opportunity to have a personalised poem 'cooked' for them then and there. By providing the ingredients, our Poetry Chef cooked our very own culture-themed poem for Le Nurb.

## Around the World in 80 Ways, The KARVAN 'lit-trip experience':

Speaking to E Dawson Varughese, she informed us that the aim of the KARVAN is to 'travel around the world through fiction and poetry'. Stepping into the KARVAN was inspiring, decorated throughout with tokens from around the world; it was a microcosm of Global Culture. On Saturday, Sophie was lucky enough to 'travel' in the KARVAN. Taking a seat, she was directed to spin a compass which destinations included the mountains, the sea, the city or the jungle; a passage from literature was then read out that typifies that place. Sophie was pointed to 'the mountains', her passage being from *Shadow Men* (2010) by Bijoya Sawian, a small inspiring description of the picturesque mountains in the novel.

## Lets Taco'Bout it, The Food Stalls:

No festival is complete without street food from all over the world. Over the weekend the literary festival at Brunel featured a variety of different food stalls, including London based company Crème Glacée, who served gelato on the Saturday and grilled up a mouth watering barbeque on the Sunday. We both tried the Chicken Tikka with Pitta Bread and Salad, which was delicious, although it might have been a little too hot for Charlotte!

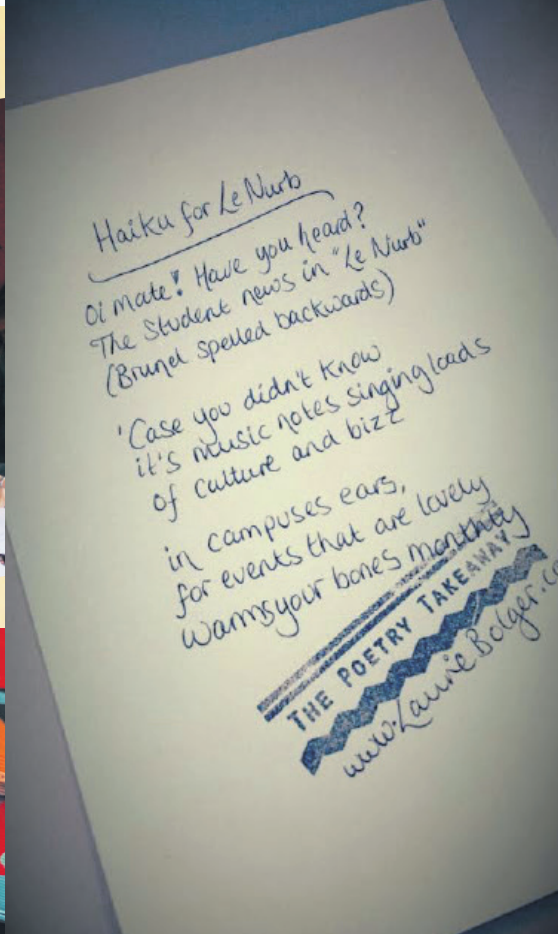
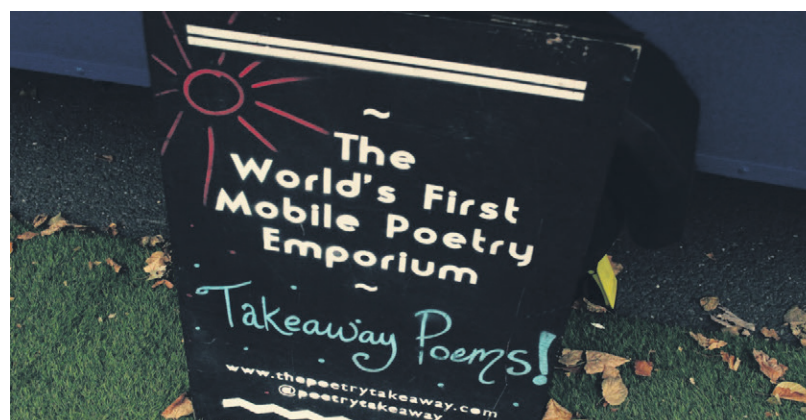


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