

Engage Weekly Update – 18 January 2021

WIGTOWN BOOK FESTIVAL YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMME (SECONDARY)



Dean joined last year's Wigtown YA programme and delivered a tremendous event about his latest book *The Black Flamingo*, a bestseller and multi-award-winner. Dean's debut poetry collection, *I Am Nobody's N*gger*, was shortlisted for the Polari First Book Prize and his debut novel, *The Black Flamingo*, won the Stonewall Book Award. He was named as one of the most influential LGBT people in the UK by the Independent on Sunday. Dean's work often deals with themes of gender, identity, race and growing up – and has appeared on BBC One, BBC Radio 4, BBC World Service, and Channel 4. Dean regularly performs across the UK, and internationally. He is a member of Malika's Poetry Kitchen. Dean is based in Glasgow, and is Co-director of the [Scottish BAME Writers Network](#) and a patron of [LGBT+ History Month](#). [THIS LINK](#) will take you to Dean's website.

It is hoped that Dean will be able to spend an hour with the pupils engaging with this event. He will deliver a workshop on standup poetry based on a theme of wellbeing so this will hopefully be something a little different to end the week with.

To access this event suitable for **Secondary pupils**, which will be live streamed on You Tube, please follow this link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-PR0XgVjuXDVXa5zk0NILw/featured>.