

## POET ANNE STEVENSON VISITS



Sixth Form English Literature groups were treated to a visit and talk by the poet Anne Stevenson, who read some of her poems and held a question and answer session with the girls.

Anne Stevenson, a highly esteemed poet who won the prestigious Northern Rock prize, has just won an American prize and had a book of poems recently published in America: she is obviously becoming famous in her native America, although she has lived in Britain for more than forty years.

One group in the Lower Sixth is studying her poetry for their AS Level examination and others in the Lower Sixth, together with the Upper Sixth, have been looking at her poetry as part of preparation for their Advanced Extension Award, a special paper which can be taken in addition to the A level exams.

A major theme in Anne Stevenson's poetry is memory, reflected in these lines from 'Arioso Dolente':

*'Consciousness walks on tiptoe through what happens.  
So much is felt, so little of it said.  
But ours is the breath on which the past depends'.*

