



Activity title:	Whole School Assembly (KS2)
Description:	People who influence us
Year groups:	Whole school
Dylan Thomas Text:	None specifically
Equipment required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Image of Sgt Pepper's Album cover.• Image of Dylan Thomas• Sgt Pepper track to play as pupils are entering hall.• Some large sheets of paper and marker pen.
Suggested procedure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does anybody know what the link is between Dylan Thomas and Sgt Pepper's Album? <i>Dylan Thomas' appearance on the cover was the choice of John Lennon. In The Beatles Anthology, Paul McCartney stated: "I am sure that the main influence on both [Bob] Dylan and John [Lennon] was Dylan Thomas. That's why Bob's not Bob Zimmerman - his real name. We all used to like Dylan Thomas. I read him a lot. I think that John started writing because of him."</i> (Dylanthomas.com)• Do you recognise any other famous people on the cover? (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_images_on_the_cover_of_Sgt._Pepper's_Lonely_Hearts_Club_Band) Why do you think these people were chosen?• What does inspiration mean? What/who inspires you? (ask individual pupils) What qualities does an inspirational person need to have? Write these qualities on sheets of paper and ask children to come to front and hold up for all to see.• Can they be sorted from least important to most important qualities?• Which of these qualities do you think John Lennon and Bob Dylan liked about Dylan Thomas?
Extension activities:	Look at some of the other celebrities on the cover and what they did in their lifetime.
Relevant links:	Religious link: Jesus and Muhammad as inspirational figures for Christians and Muslims in the world today.
Prayer:	Dear God, Thank you for the people in our lives who inspire us. Help us to strive to inspire others by finding ways for us to help other people and make a difference, however small, in somebody else's life. Amen.

* These assembly ideas are also suitable to be used in lessons