

6 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

POETRY LIVE MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2023

The English Department is delighted to be able to offer our Year 11 students the opportunity to visit Bath on Monday 30 January 2023. Although the visit is not essential to the GCSE course, it will support your son/daughter with preparation for the English Literature Paper 2 Examination – Modern Texts and Poetry. The exam is worth 60% of the English Literature GCSE.

The trip will leave on Monday 30 January 2023 at 9am, returning on the same day at approximately 4:15pm, traffic depending. Students will, therefore, need to arrange alternative transport home.

The total cost of this trip will be £34.95 which includes:

- Return coach travel to Bath
- Entrance to the Poetry Live event
- A small charge towards supply costs

The detailed itinerary will include seven poets reading and discussing poems from the AQA Poetry Anthology. This is a brilliant opportunity for students to see and hear live poetry performed by some of Britain's leading poets. Carol Ann Duffy, Imtiaz Dharker, John Agard and Simon Armitage will feature prominently, talking about their poems and also touching on Shelley, Yeats, and Hughes. There will be the opportunity for students to ask questions of the poets. Students will be required to bring a packed lunch which will be eaten at the venue – Bath Forum. During the afternoon session, students will be given guidance on how to tackle the exam from one of the AQA Chief Examiners for the Poetry exam.

The trip is a unique experience allowing students to engage more fully with poetry and also obtain invaluable advice from AQA examiners on how to succeed in their exam.

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. The trip will be available on ParentPay from **Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 9am**. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay and barcode letters are also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student. Deadline for payment is **Friday 9 December 2022**.

The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees

- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK
- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, the date and time of the meeting is circulated via tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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