



September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Poetry Live! – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The English Department is delighted to have been able to make a booking for the very popular Poetry Live! Conference, designed for students who are studying the English Literature GCSE course.

There will be live performances from some of Britain’s best known contemporary poets, poets will respond to student questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems. In the the examiner sessions Chief Examiners will deal with two skills vital for success in the GCSE English Literature examinations. The first session will look at how students might deal with unseen poems in the exam. The second session will look at comparing poems, whether they are studied poems or unseen, and how to write most effectively in either situation. Pupils who have attended the conference in past years have found the day stimulating and fun. We are keen for pupils to enjoy and have an understanding of a range of poets’ work in the lead up to the unseen and anthology poetry questions in the GCSE Literature exams.

The conference is being held at the Apollo Victoria London and will run from 10.45 am to 3.00 pm. We will meet at school at 8.30 am to register, before leaving on the coach at 9.00am. We aim to return to school between 4.30 pm and 5.00 pm. Pupils must bring a packed lunch. The organisers of the conference have requested the students wear school uniform.

We only have limited places available and therefore places will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis. The total cost of the trip including travel and tickets will be £32.00. In order to secure your son/daughter’s place on the trip, please make payment by Wisepay. The Wisepay account for this trip will be open on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am. If you require financial assistance for this trip please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Christie as soon as possible, each individual case will need to be assessed at the earliest opportunity.

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**Name of Trip: Year 10 Poetry Live!**

Reply Slip: Please return to The English Office, as soon as possible.

I am aware that the school has a policy on the safe running of educational visits. I am also aware that the school’s educational visits are always well organised with particular attention to health and safety. I understand that there can be no absolute guarantee of safety, but appreciate that the school leaders of the visit retain the same legal responsibility for students as they have in school and will do everything that is reasonably practicable to ensure the safety of everyone on the visit.

Student’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I do/do not give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the trip named above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide correct and up-to-date contact and medical information. Please use the parent portal via the school’s website to provide this information, alternatively forms can be collected from student services.*

If your son/daughter wishes to attend, please complete all details on the reply slip and return to the English Department as soon as possible. Please ensure your son or daughter's emergency contact details, medical and dietary requirements that are held on our school system are up-to-date when confirming to attend this trip.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Dewey', written in a cursive style.

Miss R Dewey

KS4 Co-ordinator