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Dear Parent/Carer

English Literature GCSE Trip to 'Poetry Live' at The Forum in Bath – Monday 30th January 2023

We would like to offer your child the exciting opportunity to attend 'Poetry Live' in Bath early next year. This event includes the live performances of some poems by the original poets from the GCSE Power & Conflict poetry anthology that Year 10 students studied earlier this year, and those that will be examined on as part of their GCSE Literature examinations at the end of Year 11. We wholeheartedly believe that this will be a valuable experience for all students who attend; there is no experience that compares to being able to witness poets perform their poems live.

Poets attending include: John Agard, Imtiaz Dharker, Carol Ann Duffy and our current Poet Laureate Simon Armitage. In addition, there will be valuable input from experienced GCSE examiners who will share their expertise and experience in how students might deal with unseen poems in their Literature Paper 2 examination at the end of Year 11.

The cost of the trip (including the ticket and coach travel) will be £28.00 per student. We understand that the cost implications of the trip may be a limiting factor and if this is a problem, please contact school.

The coach will leave school at 9.00am and return by 4.30pm. Students should wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch and drink. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, they can place an order with our canteen staff for a takeaway lunchbox which can be collected as we depart school. There will be no opportunity for them to purchase food throughout the day so students may wish to bring some snacks. They should bring a notebook and pens to support the work they do during the day.

In order to confirm your child's place on this trip, please log into Parent Pay to complete payment as well as the Medical and Emergency Contact details by **9.00am on Wednesday 11th January** as, without these, students will not be able to attend the visit.

Additionally, if you would like further information, you can visit the following link:
https://poetrylive.net/event_categories/bath/

Yours faithfully

Mr R Osborne
Director of Communications





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