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Visit to Poetry Live Conference, New Theatre, Oxford. Tuesday 28th February 2023.

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the GCSE English Literature course for Year 10 moving into Year 11, the English Department has arranged a trip to The Poetry Live Conference. The visit will give students the valuable experience of hearing some of the GCSE poets they have studied, including Daljit Nagra, Simon Armitage and Carol Ann Duffy, as well as hearing AQA examiners give advice for writing about poetry in exams.

The visit is designed to further enhance our students' cultural and contextual understanding through the experience of seeing and hearing poets speak about their work. The visit is **not compulsory** and non-attendance will not affect the students' opportunities to learn about the texts in school.

The trip will take place on **Tuesday 28th February 2023** and will take the whole of the school day. We will be leaving the theatre in Oxford at 3pm so if your child normally takes the school bus home, you may need to make alternative arrangements. At this point we anticipate arriving back in school between 4.30 and 5pm although we hope to be able to confirm a more precise time closer to the date.

Cost

We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of **£31** to cover transport and entry to the event. There is no obligation to contribute, and students will not be treated differently according to whether or not parents / carers have made any contribution. However, the trip may not be able to go ahead if we do not receive enough contributions. Should demand for places exceed the number booked, we will hold a ballot to determine which students attend.

Payment, consent and medical information via WisePay will need to be made by **Monday 31st October 2022**. WisePay is the school's new method of electronic payment and will be available from 11th July. A letter was sent home on 10th June concerning the transfer from ParentPay to WisePay.

Meals, equipment and clothing

Students will need to bring a packed lunch and will wear school uniform. As the visit is in February, a warm and waterproof coat is also likely to be needed.

Please note that all medical / special / other needs noted on Wisepay will be taken into account.

Travel arrangements and emergency contact

Precise arrangements for registration and departure will be advised nearer to the date.

Please note that students will be travelling between the coach and theatre on foot, supervised by teaching staff. This is an approximate ten minute walk. We are in the process of sourcing an appropriate venue where students can eat their lunch. In the event of students walking outside the theatre, they will be supervised by staff.

Should there be a home emergency where a parent needs to communicate with a group leader, please use the school contact number provided at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs C Legerton and
Mrs C Sadd**

Teachers of English