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Visit to Poetry Live Conference, Hexagon Theatre, Reading. Thursday 29th February 2024.

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the GCSE English Literature course, 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 **Thursday 29th February 2024** and will take the whole of the school day. We will be leaving the theatre in Reading 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 by 4.00pm 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 **£33** 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 the contribution. The trip may not be able to go ahead though if we do not receive enough contributions.

Expression of interest

If your child would like to attend the trip, **you must put their name on the list by Wednesday, September 20th**, using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6nwMX3jb2E>

Allocation of places

Should demand for places exceed the number booked, we will hold a ballot to determine which students attend. If your child is being offered a place on the trip, a letter will be sent home in the next couple of weeks with more information. In the unlikely event that your child is unsuccessful in obtaining a place, you will not receive any further communication about the trip. If you are in any doubt, please ask your child to check with either of us.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Legerton and
Mrs C Sadd

Teachers of English