



Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Assalaamu alaikum - Peace be with you

It is the philosophy of the English Department to run trips in year 11 to help the pupils' understanding of each of our four literary texts. We currently have two trips booked. The price of each includes the event and the coach. The first is Poetry Live 03/02/2023 and the second is An Inspector Calls on 15/02/2023 (please note that this trip falls during the half term holiday).

1) 'Poetry Live' – Dominion Theatre 8.45 am – 4.30pm – 03/02/2023

The girls have been studying an anthology of poetry in readiness for their Literature GCSE. The purpose of this visit is to hear some of the poets from this collection discuss their poems, their inspiration, themes evident in their poetry and how their poems directly compare with other poetry in the collection. Our students will be able to make notes that will be explicitly significant to their revision.

The poets on the day include: Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, Daljit Nagra and Owen Sheers. There also will be other poets present whom the girls have previously studied – John Agard, ('Half-Caste'), and Imtiaz Dharker, ('Blessing').

The second half of this session is lead by highly experienced Chief Examiners. They will deal with two skills vital for success in the GCSE English Literature examinations. The first half will look at how students might deal with unseen poems in the exam, both how to think about them and how to write for the best possible results. The second half will look at comparing poems, whether they are studied poems or unseen, and how to write most effectively in either situation. These sessions have proved invaluable to students' thinking and are an outstandingly successful aspect of GCSE Poetry Live! **This event is presented as a series of lectures.**

This is a full day trip on Friday 3rd February. We will leave school at 8.45 am and return to the school at approx. 4.30 pm. The organisers of Poetry Live have requested that all pupils are in school uniform.

The cost of the trip is £27 and is now registered on Parent Pay.

2) 'An Inspector Calls' – Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury- 15/02/2023 (half term)

This is the modern prose text studied for GCSE Literature.

We will leave school at 17.45 pm and return at approximately 10.15pm. The cost of this trip is £23 and is now registered on Parent Pay.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Ward,

Director of Communications



Please return to the main office (in reception)

I give permission for my daughter.....in..... (form class) to attend the visit to Poetry **Live' – Dominion Theatre** on **Friday 3rd February 2023**.

I have paid Y/N I will pay Y/N

Signed Parent/Carer

Name (printed) Parent/Carer

Relationship to named pupil.....

I give permission for my daughter.....in..... (form class) to attend the visit to **'An Inspector Calls' – Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury** on **Wednesday 15th February 2023**.

I have paid Y/N I will pay Y/N

Signed Parent/Carer

Relationship to named pupil.....