

Dear Parent/Carer,

KS4 GCSE Poetry Live! London – Friday 29th November 2019

I am absolutely delighted to say that we have managed to secure an exciting opportunity for students to attend *GCSE Poetry Live!* at the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London on Friday 29th November 2019. This sold-out event is highly recommended, and will be invaluable in aiding your child's study of poetry, in preparation for their GCSE Literature exams.

The event will include the following sessions:

- An opportunity to hear some of the best poets in the country - Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, Gillian Clarke, John Agard, Imtiaz Dharker and Grace Nicholls - read their work aloud. ***These poets and their work are featured in the GCSE poetry anthology currently being studied by students.***
- Poets will respond to student questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems (a key skill for their exams)
- Students will hear from highly experienced Chief Examiners who will explore 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, both how to think about them and how to write for the best possible results.
- The second session will look at comparing poems, whether they are studied poems or unseen, and how to write most effectively in either situation.

Due to the sold-out nature of the event, we only have 50 tickets available. The cost of the trip (admission to the conference and coach) will be **£33.00**. The coach will depart from Montsaye Academy at 8.00am and return by 6.00pm. Students must wear school uniform and bring appropriate outerwear for travelling to and from the coach to the venue. They should also bring a packed lunch.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, please complete the reply slip below **BUT PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY AT THIS STAGE**. As we only have 50 places available, and in a bid to be as fair as possible, we will select the candidates on a first come, first served basis. Successful attendees will be notified by text message or letter, at which point we will require payment for the trip, **which will be due by Monday 11th November 2019**.

In accordance with the school's charging and remissions policy, we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution to cover the costs of this activity. There is no obligation to make a voluntary contribution and no child will be excluded from the trip but it will be necessary to have sufficient voluntary contributions for the trip to go ahead.

Yours faithfully,

S. Dixon
Second in English



KS4 GCSE Poetry Live! Trip RETURN SLIP

I give permission for _____ of Form _____ to participate in the English trip to Poetry Live.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Relation to student: _____

Please return to the Admin Team in student reception ASAP in order to gain a place on the trip.