



GCSE Poetry Live! Cambridge
Year 10 English Trip
Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The English Department is excited to offer our Year 10 students a trip to this year's GCSE *Poetry Live!* in Cambridge on Friday 11th March 2022. This trip is a wonderful opportunity for students studying poetry for their English Literature paper as the event includes some of Britain's best poets, including many that we have studied in lessons, such as Carol Ann Duffy, Gillian Clarke, Simon Armitage and John Agard. Each poet will share their works with our students followed by the following sessions:

- Poets will respond to student questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems
- In the examiner sessions our highly experienced Chief Examiners will deal with two 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.

Students should bring a pen and notepaper as many of the Anthology poems will be discussed and notetaking is vital during the poets' presentations.

The coaches will be leaving school at 8.45 a.m. prompt, so please ensure your son/daughter is at school by 8.15 a.m. Please make sure your son/daughter has a packed lunch with plenty of food and drinks for the day as we will not be stopping for food. We estimate our arrival back to school at approximately 5p.m. and students can message/phone you from their mobiles en route with a more accurate arrival time if need be.

The cost of the trip will be £30.00 each per student and includes travel and entrance fee. As we are now a cashless school payment can only be made via ParentPay. Spaces are limited for this trip and will be on a first come first serve basis. If your child wishes to attend, please complete the reply slip below and return to the Trip Box located outside reception by Friday 11th February 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D Schwarz

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Teacher of English / Trip Leader

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Student Name: Form:.....

"I consent to my child attending the GCSE Poetry Live! trip on Friday 11th March 2022 and have made £30 payment via ParentPay."

Signed: