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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 10 Poetry Live Event: Thursday 29 February 2024

The English department are running a trip for Year 10 Students (except those who attended last year) to attend the popular GCSE Poetry Live Event at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading. This is a fantastic opportunity to see many of the poets our students are already familiar with from their English Literature course and who will feature on their GCSE English Literature examination. These will include poets such as Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, John Agard and Imtiaz Dharker.

Poets will respond to student questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems. There will also be two examiner sessions where experienced Chief Examiners will address skills vital for success in the GCSE English Literature examinations.

The event is taking place at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading on Thursday 29 February 2024. We will be departing from School in period 1, students must come to the canteen to be registered at 9.30am. We will be returning at approximately at 3.30pm

They will need to bring a packed lunch and drinking water (if your child receives a free school meal then a lunch will be provided). Your child may bring with them a small amount of pocket money which they will be responsible for. It is recommended that no valuables are brought on the trip as these will also be the responsibility of the student.

In order to facilitate this event, we request a voluntary contribution of £30.00 per student. This will enable to cover the cost of the transport and resources; payment is now available via ParentPay and places will be allocated to Students. Without sufficient contributions it may not be possible to run this event. Please note it is not possible for refunds to be paid if the student does not attend the visit for any reason.

If you would like your child to attend this event, please make payment on ParentPay by **Thursday 15 February 2024** along with completing all the relevant sections with regards to the trip on ParentPay.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and will close earlier if all the places have been taken before Thursday 15 February 2024. It is likely that places will run out quickly before this payment deadline, based on past experience, so please book as soon as possible. Please note that no further places can be booked after this date.



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Students attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules. Your child will be expected to be responsible enough to wear any seatbelt provided. If the school becomes concerned that your child's attendance on this visit may be a risk to their own well-being and safety, or that of others, we reserve the right to withdraw your child from the visit.

Students will be accompanied by BHFCS staff and will be supervised throughout the day.

Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss this trip with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at School via my email on p.shaw@hughfaringdon.org.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Shaw
Subject Leader for English

