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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 & 10 Poetry Live Event: Monday 6 February 2023 - Brighton Dome

The English department are running a trip for Students to attend the GCSE Poetry Live event at Brighton Dome on **Monday 6 February 2023**. We will be departing from School at 7.45am, **students must** be at the school Car Park no later than **7.30am** for registration so that we can depart promptly at 7.45am. We anticipate returning to school at approximately 5.30pm traffic dependant. We will of course advise parents on the day, if we anticipate a later arrival back to school, due to traffic etc.

This trip is open to all students in Year 9 & 10, however, to attend this visit students will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules.

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 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.

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 be advised that payment is **not refundable** if your child does not attend the visit for any reason.

If you would like your child to attend this event, please make payment on ParentPay by **Monday 28 November 2022** 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 Monday 28 November 2022.

As we are using external transport 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.



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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*). Please be advised that students are required to wear school uniform. Money is not required for the trip, if money is brought by your child, it is their responsibility. It is also recommended that no valuables are brought on the trip as these will also be the responsibility of your child.

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 t.hobson@hughfaringdon.org.

Yours faithfully

Miss T. Hobson
2nd in Department for English

