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19th July 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: GCSE Poetry Live!, 6th February 2024, Year 10, English, Northampton Royal and Derngate

As part of their GCSE Literature qualification, Year 10 students study and are examined on an anthology as well as a variety of unseen poems. We are therefore lucky to have been able to secure tickets for the very popular GCSE Poetry Live! workshop by the Poetry Live! Company on 6th February 2024. This gives students the chance to hear poets perform some of the works that students will study, as well as give them an insight into how to successfully tackle GCSE questions surrounding poetry before their exam in the summer of Year 10.

We believe hearing some of the poems being performed on stage, as well as being involved in examiner style seminars, will help bring their learning to life and make the poems more memorable. It should also make an invaluable contribution to students' thinking when they are studying poetry. We therefore hope that your child will be interested in joining this trip.

We are travelling by coach, leaving Sponne at 10am and returning to school at approx. 3.30pm. Students will need to make arrangements to travel home.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks with them, there is no facility to purchase food at the venue.

Please be aware that we have a limited number of tickets which are now available to purchase via Scopay on a first come, first served basis. While there are tickets still available, the trip will remain on Scopay until 1st November 2023. Once this date passes or all tickets have sold out (whichever is soonest), it will no longer appear on TSCO Scopay and we will not be able to add your child to the trip. Please email Cinvernizzi@sponne.org.uk to place your child on a waiting list in this instance.

The trip is now open and active on TSCO Scopay for all eligible students. If you wish your son / daughter to go on this trip, click on the name of the trip, enter the payment amount, add to basket and proceed to payment. A voluntary contribution of **£29.50** will be required to confirm their place. Please note that making payment is also taken as granting consent to attend. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received or if numbers of students are too low, it may be necessary to cancel the trip. All payments for school trips/events are non-refundable unless otherwise stated.

As this is a curriculum related activity connected to their course, any student that is eligible for free school meals **may** also be eligible for financial assistance with this trip and should contact Ana Lopes, Parent Support Advisor, at alopes@sponne.org.uk for further information.

All payments should be made via TSCO Scopay. If you require any assistance, please contact Claire Invernizzi cinvernizzi@sponne.org.uk on 01327 350284.

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Please be advised that should a place be booked for your son/daughter and they later withdraw, we always endeavour to find a replacement student for the place. However if this is not possible, we will not be in a position to refund the cost of the trip.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behaviour or attendance issues of students, the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary no refunds of monies paid will be forthcoming.

This letter is now on the School Website - Key Information, Parents, Letters Home, Year 10

Yours faithfully,

Miss J Hillery
English Teacher