



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

LF/HB

November 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian

GCSE Poetry Live! - Nottingham Royal Concert Hall: Wednesday, 22 January 2020

We are delighted to be able to offer GCSE English Literature students the opportunity to attend a GCSE Poetry Live event to support their English Literature studies. For Year 10 it will provide an excellent introduction to the texts and skills involved on the course; for Year 11 it will provide revision of texts and an overview of the essay response skills which are key to success in GCSE English Literature.

The sessions on the day include:

- * Anthology poets including Simon Armitage, Imtiaz Dharker and Carol Ann Duffy, reading from and discussing their work.
- * Poets will respond to student questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems
- * Detailed sessions led by Chief Examiners looking 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.
- * An examiner's perspective in comparing poems.

The event runs from 10.45am to 3.00pm at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham. The cost of the visit will be **£30.00**. Students will need to bring a packed lunch. A coach will depart from school at **8.45am**. We will arrive back at school at approximately **4.00pm**. As this is likely to be after the late bus, parents are advised to make alternative arrangements for their child to get home.

The Government's Education Reform of 1988 no longer permits our School to make a mandatory charge for this venture as it takes place mainly during school hours. We are seeking a voluntary contribution of **£30.00** to cover our costs. Your child will still be entitled to participate, even if you do not wish to make this contribution. However, all parents must be aware that if contributions are not sufficient to meet our costs, we will have no alternative but to cancel the venture.

Should your child wish to participate, please return this slip along with payment to the **Finance Office by Wednesday, 4 December 2019**. Payment can be made online or by cash. Cash should be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name, tutor group and 'GCSE Poetry Live' written on the envelope. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email lf@waleshigh.com

Yours sincerely

L Fitzgerald

Mr L Fitzgerald
Teacher of English

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Student name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the above visit and will make the appropriate arrangements to and from school.

I enclose £30.00 in cash *

I have paid online * (Please tick as appropriate*)

Emergency contact number: _____ for _____

If your child has a medical condition, please indicate below:

Signed: _____ Parent / Guardian Date: _____

Please return this slip to the **Finance Office by Wednesday 4th December 2019.**