

December 24

Dear Parent/Guardian

In the Spring term, the English department are running two exciting and enriching trips.

Firstly, an opportunity to watch and listen to the AQA GCSE poets reading and discussing their poems. The event 'Poetry Live' takes place at the Bournemouth Pavilion. This will be a valuable and enriching experience for students in Year 11 as they will gain a unique insight into the language and context of their Power and Conflict poems in readiness for their GCSE English Literature exam.

There will be readings and discussions by Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy and John Agard amongst others. We will also hear from one of the chief examiners who will go through sample responses showing how marks are awarded.

Date: Monday 20th January 2025
Venue: Bournemouth Pavillion
Meeting time and place: Wyvern front of college at 9:05am
Transport: Coach
Return time and place: Wyvern approximately 16:15pm
Number of Places available: 94
Cost: £34.50

Students will be expected to make their own way home on the trip's return to Wyvern. Students will need to wear uniform. Students will need a packed lunch with a non-fizzy drink. There will be no opportunity to purchase food at the venue.

Our second trip is to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton to see a performance of the acclaimed National Theatre production of 'An Inspector Calls'. This JB Priestley play is one of the set texts that your child has studied for their English Literature GCSE.

Date: Tuesday 28th January 2025
Venue: The Mayflower Theatre, Southampton
Meeting time and place: Wyvern front of college at 5:45pm
Transport: Coach
Return time and place: Wyvern approximately 10pm
Number of Places available: 94
Cost: £26.50

We expect both trips to be very popular and spaces are limited to 94 for each; therefore we will accept all completed applications up to the deadline and, should the trips be oversubscribed, we will try to ensure you receive a place on one of them. All applications will be numbered and numbers will be drawn from a hat. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip please complete the consent form found on ParentMail by **3pm on Monday 16th December 024**.

We request that parents who are able to do so make a voluntary contribution of £34.50 or £26.50 towards the costs incurred by the college in running this trip. Payment can be made on ParentMail. Please be aware that if voluntary contributions received are not enough to fund the trip then it may not be possible for it to go ahead. However, if sufficient contributions are received then all (relevant group of pupils) will be entitled to take part (behaviour permitting), whether or not their parents have made a contribution. Pupil Premium students will receive a 50% reduction in the cost of this trip.

If a student withdraws or is withdrawn from the trip, including through illness, the parent/guardian will be liable for any charges the college incurs should a replacement not be found. We reserve the right not to take a student on the trip if behaviour in college has not been satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

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