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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Poetry Live! at The Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham – 29th January 2024

We have arranged an exciting opportunity for students to attend GCSE Poetry Live! at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham on 29th January 2024. This is a full day conference intended to help students to understand the magic of poetry as a medium for expressing experiences and views. The cost, including travel, will be £29.00.

Students will have the opportunity to hear some of the poets from the AQA poetry anthology which they study perform readings of their poems and talk about their influences, including Simon Armitage (Poet Laureate and author of *Remains*), John Agard (author of *Checking Out Me History*) and Imtiaz Dharker (author of *Tissue*), as well as readings from Carol Ann Duffy, Owen Sheers and Daljit Nagra. The final session of the day will be led by a Chief Examiner from the AQA exam board who will talk to students about how to secure success in unseen poetry responses and the comparison response to the anthology poems. Further details of the event can be found here [Poetry Live! | GCSE Events](#).

We have 100 tickets for this event and initially it will only be open to Year 11 students. The students will be leaving school at 9.15am, travelling by coach to Nottingham, and will be returning at approximately 4.15pm. Due to the limited number of tickets, we will be allocating them on a first come, first served basis. To reserve a ticket, please complete the expression of interest below and return it to reception as soon as possible. A payment request of £29.00 will be put onto ParentPay for the successful students once the ticket allocation has been confirmed and will need to be paid by Wednesday 27th October, 2023. If the trip is oversubscribed, should payment not be received by this date, the ticket will be offered to the first student on the waiting list. Students will attend in full school uniform and will require a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch can be provided by school; please indicate this on ParentPay when securing your ticket.

We believe that this is an excellent opportunity for students to really engage with the poets that they study; deepen understanding of poetry and a fantastic way to boost revision and so we hope that students will take advantage of this trip.

Yours faithfully

K Lloyd

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Head of English

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Expression of Interest - GCSE Poetry Live! at The Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham – 29th January 2024

Name: _____ Year group: _____ Form: _____

I would like to reserve a ticket for the student named above. I understand that a payment request of £29.00 will be put on ParentPay for those students successful in reserving a ticket.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please return to Reception as soon as possible