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Dear Parent/Guardian

In the Spring term, the English department are running an exciting trip to watch and listen to the AQA GCSE poets reading and discussing their poems. The event 'Poetry Live' takes place in Oxford. 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 examiniers who will go through sample responses showing how marks are awarded.

Date: Friday 22nd January 2027
Venue: Kings Centre, Oxford
Meeting time and place: Wyvern front of college at 08:15
Transport: Coach
Return time and place: Wyvern approximately 17:15

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.

We expect this trip to be very popular and spaces are limited; therefore we will accept all completed applications up to the deadline and, should the trip be oversubscribed, all applications will be numbered and numbers will be drawn from a hat.

We request that parents who are able to do so make a voluntary contribution of £37.05 by Friday 27th November 2026 towards the costs incurred by the college in running this trip. Payment can be made on iPayimpact. 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. Ever6 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If a student withdraws or is withdrawn from the trip, including through illness, the parent/guardian will be liable for any charges the college incurs should a replacement not be found.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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KS4 English Co-ordinator