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13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### Re: Year 10 Trip to GCSE Poetry Live – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

The English department is delighted to offer your child the opportunity to attend a trip to a GCSE Poetry Live event at **Birmingham Symphony Hall**. Year 10 English students will continue studying the 'Power and Conflict' anthology of poems as part of their GCSE English Literature course in the New Year.

#### Overview of the day:

- Poets, including Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage, John Agard and Imtiaz Dharker will: perform their poems; respond to student questions; discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems.
- In the examiner sessions highly experienced Chief Examiners will deal with two skills vital for success in the GCSE English Literature examinations.
- The first session will look 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.
- The second session will look at comparing poems, whether they are studied poems or unseen, and how to write most effectively in either situation.

The trip is during the school day on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. We plan on leaving the school by 9.00 am and should arrive back at school at approximately 4.30 pm.

Students will need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch. Students might also want to bring a notepad and pen to make notes on presentations. Students will be responsible for their own belongings both on the coach and at the event.

In order for the trip to go ahead we require a contribution of **£23.00** which includes the entrance ticket to the event and return travel by coach. If you find it difficult to meet the cost, you are invited to contact the School Business Manager in confidence to discuss payment. Students who receive free school meals will be supported through funds allocated to the school.

**Please complete the attached permission slip, and return it to the school office, with the payment by 9 am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.** We need to receive permission slips and contributions by this date so we can confirm numbers with Poetry Live. Unfortunately, any students returning permission slips after this date will not be able to attend the trip.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact Mr Garry at [rgarry@marywebbschool.com](mailto:rgarry@marywebbschool.com)

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Garry  
English Teacher

Mr G Davies  
Assistant Headteacher

Mr P Salmon  
School Business Manager



For office use only			
Receipts	£	Date	Signed
Cheque			
Cash			

**Year 10 Trip to GCSE Poetry Live: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2019**

**Students Name:** ..... **Form:** .....

- I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to **GCSE Poetry Live**
- I enclose a voluntary contribution of £23.00 cash/cheque. (Cheques should be made payable to 'Mary Webb School' *please write the student's name and form on the back of the cheque*).
- I do not wish to contribute.
- I confirm I am able to collect my son/daughter from school at 4.30 pm.
- I agree to authorise any member of staff during the course of this activity to approve such medical treatment for my son/daughter as is deemed necessary in an emergency or upon the advice of a qualified medical practitioner, in the event that I cannot be contacted.

Name:..... Signature: ..... *Parent/Carer*

Dated: .....

Please return your slip to the school office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 RG/PR