

GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE: Visiting Performance of Macbeth (3rd November) and Poetry Live (8th December)

October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have two exciting opportunities coming up to support our Year 11 students in their GCSE in English Literature.

Firstly, on **Friday 3rd November** we have a touring theatre company, 'The Globe Players', visiting to perform a version of Macbeth in the school hall **for every student in Year 11**. The play is specially adapted for GCSE students and focuses on the key scenes required for their mock examinations in November and public examinations in May. In order to cover the cost of this, we ask for a contribution of £3.50 from every student. This is payable through wisePAY; further information about wisePAY is below. Students in receipt of pupil premium funding or free school meals will have their contribution covered by the school.

Secondly, we have been lucky to secure tickets to attend '**Poetry Live**' at the London Apollo Victoria 17 Wilton Rd, Pimlico, London SW1V 1LG on **Friday 8th December 2018**. This is an incredibly dynamic and valuable day which includes performances and discussions from the poets featured in the AQA English Literature Poetry Anthology. In addition, there is a session by lead examiners in which they give practical and relevant advice to the students for their GCSE English Literature exams. The anthology and the unseen poetry components comprise 40% of the total mark. This trip will have a direct positive impact on student progress in GCSE English Literature and we recommend it very highly.

We will be leaving school at 8.00am by coach, and will return at approximately 5.30pm. Students must arrive at school at 7.45am to register on the playground.

Students are required to wear full school uniform and failure to do so will mean they are not permitted to attend the trip. Students should bring a packed lunch as availability of food at the venue is limited and expected to be incredibly busy. Students will not be permitted to leave the venue during the lunch break and packed lunches for those in receipt of free school meals will be provided by the school.

The total cost of the trip, which includes coach fares, insurance and a ticket to the conference is £33.00. We have a limited number of tickets and therefore these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The deadline for slips with payment is **Wednesday 1st November**.

Both payments should be made using the school's online 'WisePAY' system. Any parents unsure of their 'WisePAY' account details or login should contact the school's finance officer Bernice Hey on B.Hey@cavendish.herts.sch.uk or 01442 404333.

Please read the contract on the reverse of this letter before signing the permission slip.

Thank you for your support with these exciting opportunities. We know they will have a positive impact on the student outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Murphy
Curriculum Leader: English Faculty



‘Poetry Live’ – Apollo Victoria Theatre, Friday 8th December

Parental Contract for School Day Trip

Please read through the points listed below, which relate to the proposed school trip that your child has expressed an interest in. If after reading through the conditions, you wish for your child to participate in the trip, then please complete the reply slip below & return it, with appropriate payment, to Student Services.

1. It is essential that you adhere to the payment schedule outlined in the original letter, as we have to make payments to the organising company in advance of the date the trip takes place, in order to secure the original price that the trip was offered at.
2. If you withdraw your child from the trip for any reason, unless it is due to a legitimate reason that is covered by the insurance certificate, - i.e. if your child has an illness or suffers from an injury— then the payments made up to this date will not be refundable. This is due to the fact that the school has to make financial payments to the Organising Company, and if children are withdrawn then the school loses any payments already made, and may get charged an additional cancellation fee.

If your child is ill or injured & not in school on the date of the trip, & thus unable to participate on the school trip, then in order that a refund may be made, it is essential a medical certificate is provided covering the dates of the school trip.

3. If your child is excluded from school, due to inappropriate or dangerous behaviour, then the school reserves the right to withdraw them from the trip, and no refund will be given. However, the school will exercise its right to use their discretion in this matter.

There is an enormous amount of responsibility placed upon staff accompanying the school trip; with regard to looking after ALL of the children on the trip. We need to know that students can be-trusted to behave themselves in school, in familiar surroundings, before we can take them to a different environment, to take part in a school trip. We therefore ask for your continued support in reinforcing safe, sensible and appropriate behaviour at all times to your child.

Please return this slip, in a clearly marked envelope saying ‘POETRY LIVE: FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER’ to Student Services Reception.

Payment should be completed through the wisepay system. In confirming payment, you agree to the above conditions of the behaviour contract.

Student Name Form

I have read the conditions regarding the proposed school trip, and agree with the conditions outlined above, relating to continued good behaviour& refunds.

Student Signature Parent / Guardian Signature :