

5 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As we move towards the GCSEs, we have been given a very exciting opportunity to go and see some of the poets that the Year 11 students will have to write about in the Literature exam at Poetry Live! They will be reciting their poems and giving talks about the background of the poem: some of the information will not have been heard outside of these events so it puts students who attend at a real advantage. In previous years we have only been able to take a small number of students, but this year I have reserved spaces for 150 students.

During the day, the students will also hear a lecture from the chief examiner of AQA about the Literature papers and how to tackle them: this in itself is invaluable. They also receive a booklet about the poets and their work.

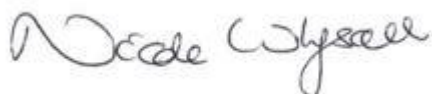
The trip is on Monday, 7 February, 2022. We will travel by coach and will leave school at 8.15am (students need to be here at 8.00am) and aim to be back by 5.00pm. Your son/daughter will need to bring a packed lunch as there will be no opportunity to leave the auditorium and students are expected to wear school uniform. If they suffer from travel sickness please ensure that they have taken the relevant medication and that any students with asthma have their inhalers with them (if needed).

I cannot emphasise how valuable this experience is in the run up to the exams in May. Students who attended the event previously found it informative and insightful.

We have secured tickets to the day at Bath, our closest venue. The cost per student will be **£29.50**. If you would like your son/daughter to secure a place, payment can be made using the online Scopay system <https://www.scopay.com/castleschool-somerset>. Please note, you will need to tick the consent box before you can pay. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone) but you still need to login to Scopay to give consent and confirm that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter. School trips are covered by the Trust insurance policy. See school website for details. The deadline for payment/consent is **Tuesday 19 October**.

Please ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database.

Yours sincerely



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