



Icknield Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are probably aware, the new English Literature GCSE curriculum includes a variety of poetry. During terms one and two of Year 11 this year, all students are studying these poems which are themed around *Power and Conflict*.

On **Friday 23 February 2018** there is a **GCSE Poetry Live** day at the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London, one of a series of events held around the country. The conference has been running successfully for some years, an opportunity to hear the poets whose work is studied at GCSE discuss the meaning of their verse and examiners explore strategies to answer the exam questions. The poets appearing on the day include John Agard, Carol Ann Duffy, and Simon Armitage. Not only will students be able to hear the poetry performed live but they will also be able to put questions to the poets themselves about their work. The examiner's input is invaluable in terms of giving students key tips and useful exam technique advice.

We will leave school shortly after 9.00am and arrive back at school at 5.00pm depending on traffic. Please arrange collection for your child at this time. Students will need to be in full school uniform.

In order for this visit to take place, we request a contribution of **£30** to cover the costs. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions.

Please note all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead.

If you are willing for your son/daughter to take part in this activity, please return the parental consent form to the Finance Office by **Wednesday 13 December 2017**. Payment of **£30** can be made by cheque (payable to Acer Trust) or cash to the Finance Office.

If you are, at present, experiencing financial difficulties and require assistance towards the cost of the trip, please make a written request to Mr Hunter, Headteacher, by **Friday 8 December 2017**.

Spaces on this trip are limited

Should you have any further questions about this trip, or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on the school telephone number or by email on Jacqui.oreilly@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

I strongly recommend that you encourage your daughter/son to attend this event as it is an invaluable opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Jacqui O'Reilly
Teacher of English
Language for Learning