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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: GCSE Poetry Live!

As part of your child's English curriculum in KS4, they have been given the opportunity to attend Poetry Live! in Birmingham on Monday 7th March 2022. This trip is designed to help learners engage with poetry, including expert analysis of some of the poems in their GCSE poetry anthology.

Learners will leave the school site at 9:15 am, where they will be taken by coach to Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ. We expect to arrive back at school by 16:15 pm.

During this exciting visit, learners will enjoy readings live on stage by poets such as Simon Armitage (Poet Laureate), John Agard, Carol Ann Duffy and Imtiaz Dharker. Poets will respond to learner questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems. There will also be examiner sessions, where highly experienced Chief Examiners give invaluable advice for how to approach the Unseen Poetry analysis in their English Literature exam.

Please be aware that:

Learners are required to wear school uniform.

Learners will need to bring a pen and something to write on such as a notebook or paper.

Learners will be permitted to bring mobile phones with them, although they will not be able to use them for much of the day.

Learners will need to bring a packed lunch unless they are provided with free school meals.

Learners will need to act in a sensible manner at all times.

There are 100 places for this trip which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to secure a place for your child, complete the consent/medical form on Weduc by Friday 28th January 2022. The consent/medical forms for this trip can be accessed via the Weduc app or website. To access these forms, login to the app/website, go to the "Forms" section and select the appropriate form. Then, simply complete the form as directed and submit. If you have any technical issues with Weduc, please contact helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk.

This trip has been heavily subsidised by the academy with the goal to make it as accessible as possible. Therefore, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £10 to cover the cost of the event and transport by coach. If we do not secure the required voluntary funding, we may have to alter or cancel our plans.

Should you have any queries regarding this trip, please email me directly via email: athorpe@beaconhillacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

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