

13 November 2017

SJ/JB

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that the English Department is again able to organise tickets for Year 11 students to attend *Poetry Live*. This is an opportunity for GCSE students to see and hear live performances from a great selection of the poets they are studying for their English Literature exam. The event is organised by the exam board AQA. This is now an annual event as the students always find it to be a very enjoyable as well as a beneficial experience. This year we will not be taking all Year 11 students; this is to enable us to see all the poets as we normally have to leave early to accommodate those students on school buses. We feel that this will make the experience even richer. We will only be taking 50 students and we will, therefore, be operating a first come, first served, ticket allocation

The line-up includes three of the 'key poets', Simon Armitage, John Agard and Carol Ann Duffy. AQA guarantees that there will be six poets at each venue. Equally important, there will be two short examiner sessions with either Peter Buckroyd or Tony Childs, the best and most experienced examiners available. The examiner will explain the Assessment Objectives for this exam and how to meet them.

The day is carefully planned to be fast moving and provide variety. The readings will be short (20 minutes the longest, many just 5 or 10 minutes) and there will be question and answer sessions. Everyone receives a well-produced and informative magazine with articles, interviews, examiner-based exercises, additional poems and advice on writing poetry.

*Poetry Live* is being held at Nottingham Theatre Royal. We have tickets for **Tuesday 30 January 2018**. We will leave school at 9am and leave Nottingham at approximately 3.15pm; this means that students who catch a bus home will have to make different arrangements for that day. Students will need to bring a packed lunch (students who qualify for free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from the canteen) and they should wear school uniform. The cost of the trip will be £21.50. Once the slip below has been returned you will see the trip appear on your ParentPay account to enable payment to be made. Payment must be made by **21 December 2017**.

Under the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988 we can only raise the cost of any visit by voluntary contributions. However, the visit can only go ahead if the level of support is sufficient.

If you any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



**Sally James**  
Second in English

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**Please return to: Mrs Sally James, Second in English, Carre's Grammar School**

**Poetry Live – 30 January 2018**

I wish my son \_\_\_\_\_ form \_\_\_\_\_ to attend *Poetry Live* on Tuesday 30 January 2018.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_