



Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you for agreeing for your daughter/son to attend the 'Poetry Live' trip on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at the Birmingham Symphony Hall**. We are delighted we have been able to run this trip.

**Key information for the day:**

1. Students **must come in full school uniform**. There will be approximately 1000 students from different schools attending the event so we must be able to identify our students in a crowd.
2. Students must arrive at school for **8.30 a.m.** on the day. This will allow time for staff to register students. The coach will leave at **8.45 a.m.** We must allow enough time to get to the venue as the motorway will be busy at that time of the day.
3. We will leave the venue at approx. **3.15p.m.** for the journey home. We hope to arrive back at school between **4.00 and 4.15 p.m.** This is dependent on the traffic.
4. Students need to bring a packed lunch and drinks. They will be able to purchase items at the venue, but they will be expensive.

We really hope our students enjoy the day and make the most of the opportunity to see the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, John Agard, and Imtiaz Dharker read the poems we have studied for the GCSE English Literature course. Also, in the examiner sessions, the Chief Examiner for AQA English Literature, will look at how students should approach unseen poems in the exam and how best to compare poems and to write most effectively. These sessions have proved invaluable to students' thinking and understanding.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me by email at:  
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