



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE English Literature students attend 'Poetry Live!'
Harrogate Convention Centre, Friday 31 January 2025

I would like to inform you of an exciting opportunity for selected students of GCSE English Literature that we are planning for Friday 31 January 2025.

As part of Year 11 studies in English Literature, we believe that it will prove worthwhile for students to attend the ['Poetry Live!' conference](#) which will take place at the Harrogate Convention Centre on Friday 31 January 2025. This visit will serve to enrich their studies of Literature, whilst enthusing and inspiring students by seeing and interacting with poets they have studied. This event includes several renowned poets, such as Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy and John Agard. During the session, poets will respond to student questions and discuss how poems connect to and influence other poems. There will also be an opportunity for students to hear from one of AQA's highly experienced Chief Examiners, who will specifically deal with skills vital to student success in the GCSE English Literature examinations. This will be divided into two sessions: one which details how students might deal with unseen poems in the exam, and the other which looks at how students should compare poems they have studied. In the past, these sessions have proved invaluable to students' thinking, and we are confident that this will be an excellent source of revision and inspiration for our students.

We are confident that the visit will be a great success and expect the cost to be approximately £30.00. This includes the ticket to the conference, as well as a coach journey to and from Harrogate. We intend to leave College at 8:45am on Friday 31 January and will return by approximately 5:30pm. Students should wear their full College uniform and bring a packed lunch with them. If your child is in receipt of free school meals a packed lunch will be provided by College.

At this stage, we are looking for an expression of interest from parents. Please note that this is not a compulsory visit and there is no obligation for your child to attend. Should you wish your child to attend the conference, please [click here](#) to complete the consent form. This should be completed by no later than **Friday 19 October 2024**.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Brown
Teacher of English