



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear [RecipientTitle] [RecipientSurname]

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for all GCSE English Literature students that we are planning for Thursday 28 January 2027.

As part of Year 11's studies, we believe that it will prove worthwhile for students to attend the 'Poetry Live!' conference, taking place in York at the Barbican Theatre. This visit will serve to enrich their studies of literature thus far, whilst enthusing and inspiring students by seeing and interacting with poets they have studied. This event includes several renowned poets, such as Simon Armitage, Imtiaz Dharker, 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 detailing how students might deal with unseen poems in the exam, and another looking at how students should compare poems that 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 intend to leave College at approximately **8:00am** on **Thursday 28 January** and will return by approximately **5:30pm**. Students should wear College uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink. Anyone entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch by College.

We are confident that the visit will be a great success and expect the cost to be approximately **£40**. This includes the ticket to the event, as well as a coach journey to and from York.

At this stage, we are looking for an expression of interest from parents. Should you wish your child to attend the 'Poetry Live!' conference, please [click here](#) to complete the consent form. This should be completed by **Monday 5 October** at the latest. After this time, the final cost and times will be generated and a ParentPay item will be assigned. We hope that all Year 11s who wish to attend will have the opportunity to do so.

It is essential that you sign the expression of interest form if you would like your child to attend this visit, as we must purchase tickets and coach fare well in advance of the visit date. Any late entries will be looked at on a case-by-case basis and your child may miss out on the opportunity of going on the visit.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Brown
Teacher of English