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Dear Parent/ Carer,

As part of your child's English Literature GCSE in Y11, they will be assessed on Anthology poetry and unseen poetry. In the final exam, students must compare two pre-learned poems to one another, in addition to responding to, analysing, and comparing poems they have never read before.

In order to support the students' achievement, we would like to offer them the opportunity to experience poetry performed on stage, with a trip to Poetry Live! in Nottingham on 29th January 2024.

Poetry Live is a great event and some of the poets that student's study for their GCSE English Literature, such as the current Poet Laureate Simon Armitage, Carol-Ann Duffy, and John Agard, will perform their poetry and host workshops on their poems. The event will also be attended by two Chief Examiners of English Literature, who will give talks on skills that are vital for success in GCSE examinations.

We feel that this will be extremely beneficial for students, in addition to being an exciting and enjoyable trip to the theatre!

The day begins at 10:45am and we will leave school at 9am to get there in plenty of time. We will travel by coach. Students will be at the theatre until 3pm. Depending on traffic, we anticipate being back at school around 4:30pm. Parents/carers of students catching the school buses will need to make alternative arrangements for their child to get home after the event.

The cost of the trip is £26 which includes the event, and the travelling costs the Royal Concert Hall. An initial deposit of £10 will need to be paid to secure a place. Full payment must be made by Friday 20th October. We do appreciate that finances may be tight at the moment and that finding this may be difficult for some families, so please talk to Mrs Jones in Finance with any concerns. (ajones@medenschool.co.uk)

If you would like to reserve a place for your child, then please bring the attached form plus **initial deposit to the finance office by Friday 22nd September**. We do prefer payments via SQUID but please remember to select Trips and offers to prevent it going on the dinner account balance.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. N Walleth
Head of English

Reply slip: English Literature trip – Poetry Live!

Please return to the Finance Office

Please return this form and initial deposit of £10 to the Finance Office by **Friday 22nd September. Full payment must be made by Friday 20th October.**

Students name: _____ Tutorial: _____

Please reserve my child a place on the theatre trip to Poetry Live on 29th January 2024.

All details are included in the letter.

- I have enclosed a payment of £10 with this letter.
- I have paid the initial deposit/full amount on my child's SQUID account.
- My child receives free school meals so please order a free school lunch.

For any queries speak to Mrs. Jones in Finance ajones@medenschool.co.uk

Please be aware of the following health issues/allergies/medications that relate to my child:

On return to school:

- Please allow my child to make their own way home.
- I will arrange for someone to collect my child from school.

Are you happy for your child to be part of any photographs taken on the day that may be used by Meden School on social media to celebrate the event? Yes No

Signed: _____

Relationship to the child _____

The best number to contact me on in an emergency is.

Office Use Only			
Date letter processed			
Amount enclosed with the reply slip		Checked by	
Child FSM? Yes or No		Pupil Premium ? Yes or No	