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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 11 - Poetry Live! - Bournemouth Pavilion - Thursday 21 January 2027

The English department is excited to announce that we have secured tickets to go to the Poetry Live! event at Bournemouth Pavilion on Thursday 21 January 2027.

This is an exciting and relevant opportunity for Year 11 as it focuses on performances and discussion of poems from the GCSE poetry anthology by the poets themselves, including the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage. There will even be a chance for students to ask questions! It will act as a brilliant revision tool for them.

All students will require a packed lunch and a water bottle. If your child is entitled to a free school lunch, this will be provided for them. Students will be representing the school on this trip so the highest standards of behaviour will be expected. Students are required to wear school uniform.

The cost of the trip will be £38.00 per student which covers the costs of the tickets to enter Poetry Live! and coach travel to Bournemouth and back.

There are 50 tickets available and we anticipate that this trip will be very popular.

Please complete the relevant sections on ParentPay to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your ParentPay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you have been notified that we as a school receive Pupil Premium funding for your child, the cost of this trip will be covered. If this is the case, your ParentPay account will automatically reflect this but please complete the consent, emergency contact information and medical details through ParentPay as usual. The same procedures regarding oversubscription for the trip will apply.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the relevant sections on ParentPay accompanied by a voluntary contribution of £38.00 by Friday 20 November 2026.

The school budget finances all the essential resources required to deliver the National Curriculum. However, we are not able to cover the costs of enrichment opportunities such as trips. It is for this reason that we have to ask parents/ guardians to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the trip. We are therefore requesting a contribution of £38.00 per student for this trip. Please note that while the contribution is voluntary, the trip relies entirely on these funds to cover costs. If insufficient contributions are received, the trip may unfortunately have to be cancelled.

Important Note Regarding Refunds: If your child is unable to attend on the day (for example, due to illness), we may not be able to issue a refund. This is because non-refundable costs (such as transport and entry fees) are calculated based on the total number of participating students. A refund will only be possible if another student is able to take the place.

There are 50 places available. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Photographs and updates from this trip will be put on the Schools 'Wildern Trip' accounts: Instagram, Facebook & X

We will confirm the key information regarding times departing and returning from school, items to bring, and what to wear, nearer the time of the trip, to all students who are successful in securing a ticket.

Teachers accompanying trips carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

Yours sincerely

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