

December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE English Literature Trip – 28 February 2022

I would like to invite your son/daughter on an English Department trip to see GCSE Poetry Live! at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, followed by free time for an evening meal and a theatre visit to see a performance of Footloose.

The trip is on Monday, 28 February and will cost £42, which includes return coach travel.

The poetry show is relevant to Unit 2 of the GCSE English Literature examination and will aid pupils' study of the GCSE poetry anthology. After attending Poetry Live! pupils will have 'free time' in the St John's and Spinningfields areas to buy an evening meal and look around before moving on to the Opera House for the 7.30pm showing of Footloose.

At Poetry Live!, pupils will meet poets from the GCSE poetry anthology, including the much celebrated John Agard and poet Laureate, Simon Armitage. Pupils will have the opportunity to interact with the poets and listen to them read aloud. In the examiner sessions, Chief Examiners will deal with skills vital for success in the examinations; how students might deal with unseen poems in the exam, and comparing poems.

Pupils should arrive at school for 8.30am and register with a member of staff before we leave for Manchester at 8.40am. Pupils may wear their own clothes that are appropriate for the trip but they are to remember they are representing the school and therefore must uphold the Priory standard.

Pupils will need a packed lunch and money for their evening meal, plus any snacks (pupils entitled to a free school meal should order a grab bag and collect prior to departure). Pupils will also need a notebook and pen for the poetry section of the day, and spending money if they wish to buy refreshments or souvenirs at the theatre. After leaving the theatre, the coach will arrive back at Priory for approx. 11.15pm. It is absolutely essential that pupils have a fully charged mobile phone with them and I must also ask that you organise your child's safe passage home from school well in advance.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please complete and return the attached reply slip by 17 December. Payment must be made by 7 January through your online SCOPay account*. Places are limited so the trip is offered on a first come, first served basis.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Gidden
Head of English

*All parents have access to SCOPay, the school's online payment facility. If you need a reminder of your login, please email Mrs Cookson, Finance Officer, at j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk. Further information available at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/internet-payments



REPLY SLIP – ENGLISH DEPARTMENT TRIP (Return to Mrs Gidden)

Name of child..... Year/Class/Form

I give permission for my child to participate in the English department’s trip on 28 February 2022.

I have made an online payment via SCOPay* of £42.00 to cover the cost of the trip.

I confirm that I will provide to the school, prior to the visit, any updates to medical information and changes to emergency contact numbers. I will ensure their safe passage home from school by collecting them at 11.15pm or arranging alternative travel home that I am happy with.

Parent/Carer Signature

Print Name: Date:

Telephone number.....