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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE English Literature

During the GCSE English Literature course, we try to offer enrichment opportunities to further and deepen the students' understanding of the texts they're studying in class. To that end, we are writing to inform you that there will be three English Literature trips involving Year 11 students in December 2018 and January 2019. We're giving you advance notice for information purposes and to give you the chance to spread the cost of payments. For that reason, each trip has a separate deadline for making payment.

"Macbeth" : Wednesday, 5 December (afternoon)

Cost: £30

This will be at the Theatre Royal, Bath and is the National Theatre production, which has transferred from the West End. Further details at <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/macbeth-on-tour>.

Payment deadline: Monday, 25 June

"A Christmas Carol" : Thursday, 13 December (afternoon)

Cost: £17.50

Bristol Old Vic's festive play this year will be "A Christmas Carol", which they promise will be an "imaginative new version" of the story. **Please note that this trip is for those students who will be studying "A Christmas Carol" for the GCSE English Literature exam.** Further details at <https://bristololdvic.org.uk/whats-on/a-christmas-carol>.

Payment deadline: Monday, 1 October

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“Poetry Live!” : Friday, 25 January (all day)

As well as involving some of the country’s best poets sharing their work (including the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy), this event in Bath also involves a session with a senior examiner explaining how to achieve GCSE exam success for the poetry questions. Further details at www.poetrylive.net.

Cost: £26.50

Payment deadline: Monday, 5 November

Please make payment(s) via www.parentpay.com, our online cashless system. If you have any queries regarding ParentPay, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941. Tickets for each trip are limited and will be issued on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, we will pay the cost of the above trips from your personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding. In this instance, please complete the tear-off below and return it to the Finance Office as soon as possible before Monday, 25 June.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Pinner
English Department

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NAME OF STUDENT: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

My child is in receipt of free school meals. I give permission for them to take part in the following Year 11 English Literature trips:

- Macbeth at the Theatre Royal, Bath on Wednesday, 5 December, at a cost of £30.
- A Christmas Carol at the Bristol Old Vic on Thursday, 13 December, at a cost of £17.50
- Poetry Live in Bath on Friday, 25 January, at a cost of £26.50

Please make payments on their behalf from my personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Carer