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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Visit to Poetry Live! : Friday, 26 January 2018

In preparation for the GCSE English Literature exams, your son/daughter is studying a collection of poems, as well as being expected to analyse two unseen poems. We have managed to obtain much sought after tickets to attend Poetry Live! in Bath on Friday, 26 January 2018. The event will include some of the country's best poets sharing their work (one of which is the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy) and also a session with a senior examiner, who will explain how to achieve exam success for the poetry questions. Consequently, this is an invaluable and much in-demand opportunity to enrich students' understanding and appreciation of poetry. Further details can be found by visiting the Poetry Live! website: www.poetrylive.net.

The event will run from 10.45 am to 3.00 pm. We will travel to the venue by coach, departing from Backwell School coach park at 9.15 am and returning at approximately 4.30 pm. Parents/Carers will therefore need to make suitable arrangements for their son/daughter's transport home on our return, as necessary. Students must wear full school uniform to the Poetry Live! event and will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks.

The total cost of this visit will be £26.50. Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. If you would like your son/daughter to take part, please visit www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, **by Friday, 1 December**, to give your consent, provide an emergency contact number and make payment. If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941. If your son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals, we will pay the cost of the visit from your personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding. In this instance, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the Finance Department.

Yours sincerely

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English Department

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NAME OF STUDENT: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

My son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals. I give permission for him/her to take part in the visit to Poetry Live! in Bath, on Friday, 26 January. Please make payment of £26.50 on his/her behalf from my personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Carer

Emergency contact number(s): _____