

Thursday 14 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

'Questioning Texts Workshop' at The British Library and a Visit to The Wellcome Collection
London Date: Tuesday 2 April 2019

The English department is offering a fantastic opportunity for 30 pupils to attend a workshop on 'Questioning Texts' at the British Library. It is designed to develop students' understanding of context and chronology within English Literature. The event is held at the British Library, London, on Tuesday 2 April 2019, delivered by the Learning Department of the British Library.

Using selected items from the Library's extensive collection, this workshop will challenge students to consider the influence of context, purpose and audience on the creation and reception of texts. Students will be guided through a variety of activities, inspired by items on display in the Treasure Gallery, and encouraged to examine historical and contemporary extracts in order to develop their ability to make critical comparisons across texts. Students who attend will use hands-on activities and look at a selection of facsimiles and digitised manuscripts to further enhance their awareness of chronology and understanding of genre.

Before the workshop, the students will also visit the Wellcome Collection, a museum specialised in Medicine and Mankind. The museum hosts important collection in the development of medicine in the world and an inspiring display of art collections related to the world of medicine. There will be exhibits which are relevant to what the Year 9 are currently studying in Science: Heart, Blood and Breathing System.

We will be travelling to and from the event in a hired minibus, **leaving at 9am and returning by 4 pm**. The full charge is £16 per pupil which include a workshop and transportation cost. The costing of the trip will be in accordance with the DfE's guidelines with respect to voluntary contributions.

Students may bring a healthy snack and must bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please indicate on the reply slip attached. They may also bring phones and cameras. However, if students bring money or personal items with them on the trip, they do so at their own risk; the school takes no responsibility for the loss of or damage to such items.

All reply slips should be returned to Mrs Byard-Jones no later than Monday 25 March 2019 with the payment. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Byard-Jones
English Department

**PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY MONDAY 25
MARCH 2019**

I give permission for my *daughter/son to attend the British Library trip on Tuesday 2 April 2019 and enclose my payment of £16.00 *cash/cheque

My child is entitled to free school meals

I will be *collecting/making arrangements for my child to be collected from Highcrest at 4:00pm

I am happy for my child to make their own way home from Highcrest at 4:00pm

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Parent Contact Number: _____

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