

CLW/GCSEPoetryLive/LH  
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Dear Parent/Carer

## GCSE Poetry Live – 8 February 2018

We have been able to secure a limited number of tickets to the GCSE Poetry Live event when it visits Cambridge on Thursday 8 February 2018.

This event is designed to support the GCSE English Literature examination and it provides a fantastic opportunity to hear some of the contemporary poets we are studying read and discuss their poetry. Students will have an opportunity to ask the poets questions about their poems. In addition, there will be two brief sessions run by examiners offering tips and advice about preparing for the Poetry examination. All attendees will also receive a well-produced and informative magazine with articles, interviews, examiner-based exercises, additional poems and advice on writing poetry. Student feedback about this event in the past has been very positive.

The coach will leave Longsands Academy at 8.30 am and will return at 4.00 pm. Students should bring a packed lunch, including water to drink (fizzy drinks are not permitted). The cost of the trip is £26.50, including transport.

**ParentPay will open for payment from 9.00 am on Monday, 27 November 2017.** If your child would like a place on this trip, please pay £26.50 via ParentPay as soon as possible (as we anticipate tickets will sell out quickly) and before the deadline of 4 December 2017. Please note that only 53 places are available and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this purchase. Pupil Premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or have parents in the armed forces. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy may be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs F Smith ([fsmith@longsands.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:fsmith@longsands.cambs.sch.uk)). If you are applying for financial support, please pay a £5 deposit to reserve a place on the trip and then contact Mrs Smith immediately to discuss the remaining payment.

This is a great opportunity to experience a fresh approach to the study of poetry and to help students with preparation for the summer exams. Further information can be found on the Poetry Live website at [poetrylive.net](http://poetrylive.net)

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely



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