

Our ref: ASH

17th April 2018

Dear Parents, Students and Carers,

Re: English Literature Trip to City University, London – Wednesday 20th June 2018

We have been invited to a very special event at City University on Wednesday 20th June 2018. We have checked with examination officers at both centres (Thomas Alleyne and Barnwell School) and the trip does not clash with any public exams. City University's tradition of providing high quality education dates back 160 years. For many of their graduates, time spent at City laid the groundwork for leadership, innovation and excellence. Notable alumni include Herbert Asquith, (British Prime Minister) and many global leaders including Mohandas 'Mahatma' Gandhi, Clement Attlee, Jawaharlal Nehru and Margaret Thatcher. Their Outreach and Widening Participation Department are organising a special free event to support students in their learning of A level texts with university lecturers. Students may mention this in their personal statements when applying through UCAS to higher education. The day includes a free lunch; however, students will need to pay for the cost of their rail fares to and from London. We will all be meeting at Stevenage Rail Station at 8.15 am to catch a train to Kings Cross and then the tube which will allow us to arrive at City University in good time for registration. Please see below an agenda for the day:

09:45 – Arrival at City University

10.00-10.15 Welcome from City University Senior Lecturers

10.15-11.00 The Victorians and Crime: An introduction to Key Authors, texts and contexts

11.00-11.15 **Break**

11.15-12.15 Gender, Violence and Crime in Victorian Realism: Thomas Hardy's 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'

12.15-13.00 **Lunch**

13.00-14.30 Monstrous Crime in the Urban Gothic of Bram Stoker, R.L. Stevenson and Oscar Wilde

14.30 Close of Conference and travel back to Stevenage

Money

Please ensure that your son/daughter brings enough money with them to purchase a ticket for travel to London and back.

Medical Care

If your son/daughter needs any medication (i.e. inhalers) please ensure they bring this with them before departure – it is imperative to indicate any medical details on the reply slip attached.



Behaviour

We are proud of our excellent record of exemplary behaviour on trips and visits. Students will be representing our Academy and we expect all to behave and act responsibly. If staff have any concerns about your child's conduct, their place on the visit will be reviewed.

We do hope you will join us in participating in this amazing opportunity. Please complete the reply slip below to confirm your place and return the slip to me (or Mrs Newbery) as soon as possible. Please note that reply slips require parental consent and form part of the risk assessment paperwork so it is imperative this is returned.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to telephone Mrs Newbery in the sixth Form Office on 01438 344341.

Yours sincerely

A Smith

Mr A Smith
Second in English

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REPLY SLIP – PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO MRS NEWBERY IN THE SIXTH FORM OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN Monday 14th May 2018. Thank you.

Student Name (please print) Form

SignedParent/Guardian Date.....

Emergency Contact Number for Parent/Guardian.....

Any medical/other conditions of which The Academy should be aware:

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