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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 English Trip – Poetry Live! on Tuesday 2 February 2027

We are pleased to advise that we have managed to secure a limited number of tickets for Year 10 students to attend Poetry Live! in Basingstoke on Tuesday 2 February 2027.

Students will enjoy hearing some of Britain's best literary talent reading, explaining and answering questions about the poetry component of the GCSE Literature exam. Simon Armitage, the current Poet Laureate, will be joined by Carol Ann Duffy, the former Poet Laureate, and other luminaries to present sharp, funny, contemporary poetry that is in the English curriculum for Year 10's. They will respond to questions about their work and writing process and also will discuss how to write most effectively on the poems they know best. These sessions will be both inspirational and educational and celebrates all that is best about British Literature.

We will travel to the Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke by coach, departing school at 9.30am and returning at 4.30pm and we ask you to make collection arrangements for your child at this time. Students are to meet me in DINE at 9.00am after morning tutor group, where a register will be taken before departing to Basingstoke.

The cost of this trip is £35.00 per student. There are 50 places available and are allocated on a first come first served basis, by payment via your iPay account. iPay will be open for payment from 6pm on Sunday 1 November 2026 (closing date is 10pm Monday 2 November 2026). Please note that due to the nature of this trip, we are unable to refund the cost if your child is unable to go.

Students are to wear full Cox Green School uniform on this trip. Students should bring with them pens/pencils and writing paper/notebook to take any notes during the day. They are also to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks to last the day (a reminder that nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed). Please note that eating and drinking on the coach is not allowed.

Please email if you have any queries regarding this trip.

Yours sincerely

Ms Leary
Deputy Subject Leader for English

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school expectations for the Behaviour Policy being met. Any student who receives multiple reflections and/or suspensions, may have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be resold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be resold.*
- *School attendance and lesson punctuality will be taken into consideration for any student wishing to participate in any school trips and visits.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If your child is, or has ever been, eligible for 'Targeted' Free School Meals, you may be eligible for assistance with the cost. All requests for assistance should be made to the Finance Office (finance@coxgreen.com) at least five school days before the trip opens on iPay.*
  Sixth Form: You may be eligible for assistance with the cost of this trip with a 16-19 Bursary.

- *If your child receives 'Targeted' free school meals and you would like a packed lunch provided for your child for this trip, please email enquiries@coxgreen.com, for the attention of the Trip Administrator, at least 5 schools days before the date of the trip to request this (please detail any dietary requirements).*
- *Payments are to be made by the dates specified. Late or non-payment may result in your child's place being withdrawn from the trip. If you choose to withdraw your child for reasons not stated above, any costs attributed to date, must still be made.*
- *Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.*
- *There will be no insurance cover due to disinclination to attend/travel*.