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6 October 2025

Dear Parent or Carer,

Poetry Live!

West Craven High School Year 10 students are being given the fantastic opportunity to hear performed and explained the poetry that they are studying for their course – by the very poets who wrote them.

The Poetry Live! Event will be held at Bridgewater Hall in Manchester on **Wednesday 4 February 2026**. The annual event has proved invaluable to students' thinking and insight into the Power and Conflict poetry and Unseen poetry.

Students will be pleased to know that some of their favourite poets from the anthology will be in attendance, including Poet Laureate and Oxford University Professor of Poetry **Simon Armitage** and the previous Poet Laureate **Carol Ann Duffy**. They are both masters of language and will be joined by a range of other inspirational poets from the curriculum, including the renowned John Agard and Imtiaz Dharker. Students also benefit from a session with highly experienced Chief Examiners who will deal with skills vital for success in the GCSE English Literature examinations.

All students in attendance will be departing via coach from West Craven and are required to arrive in school at the usual time. Arrival back in school is expected to be at approximately 4.15pm. As the students will be away from school during lunch, they should bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please let school know and we will make this available before they leave. Full school uniform is compulsory and it is expected that behaviour will be exemplary at all times.

The cost for each student to attend the event is £32 (including coach travel). **As we have a limited number of spaces for the event**. If your child would like to attend the event, payments should be made via Parent Pay no later than **Friday 28 November 2025**, please also ensure that you have completed the emergency contact, medical and allergy details on ParentPay and that all emergency contact and medical information are up to date with the school office.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's GCSE English Literature course. Any trips and enrichment activities are planned for them in order to enhance their studies and their experience as a student of literature.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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