



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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10 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 English Literature: PoetryLive! Trip to Bournemouth – Thursday 21 January 2027

We are delighted to offer Year 11 English Literature students the opportunity to attend PoetryLive! in Bournemouth on Thursday 21 January 2027. A live educational event designed specifically to support students studying poetry as part of their GCSE English Literature course.

The event brings together leading contemporary poets, alongside an experienced examiner, giving students the opportunity to hear poets discuss and perform their work and to develop their understanding of poetry in a live setting. Previous Bournemouth events have featured poets including Simon Armitage, John Agard, Carol Ann Duffy, Imtiaz Dharker, Daljit Nagra and Owen Sheers.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to strengthen their understanding of the poetry they are studying and support their revision ahead of their English Literature examinations. Hearing poems performed by the poets themselves and listening to discussion and analysis from experienced poetry specialists can help students develop their understanding of different interpretations of poetry and how to apply this knowledge effectively in their examination responses.

This is an academic, full-day event rather than a leisure trip. Students will be expected to engage fully with the sessions, listen carefully, take useful notes and remain seated in the theatre for the duration of the event. We therefore ask that students attending understand the importance of participating positively and making the most of this valuable revision opportunity.

Students should arrive at school at their usual start time on the day of the trip. The coach will leave school shortly after the start of the school day. The event is being held at the Pavilion Theatre in Bournemouth. The coach will drop students at the designated coach parking area, and students will need to walk from the coach park to the venue. Students should therefore bring a suitable coat, regardless of the weather forecast.

We anticipate returning to school between approximately 4.30pm to 5.00pm, although this may be affected by traffic and other unforeseen delays. Parents and carers should make appropriate arrangements for students' collection or journey home.

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Students attending the trip must:

- wear **full school uniform**;
- bring a **packed lunch and sufficient drinks** for the day. Students in receipt of a free school meal will have this provided for them;
- bring a **coat suitable for the weather**, as there will be a walk between the coach park and the theatre;
- bring appropriate stationery for **taking notes**; and
- be prepared to engage fully with the academic content of the day.

This trip takes place during school hours; therefore, we are inviting a voluntary contribution of £35.00 per student.

Please be aware that contributions are entirely voluntary, and no student will be excluded from the trip or treated differently based on whether a contribution is made. However, please note that if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions to cover the overall costs, the school may unfortunately be unable to proceed with the visit.

The school is committed to ensuring all students can participate in enrichment activities. The school uses its Pupil Premium funding to support students currently in receipt of Free School Meals with the costs of this trip. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium but is not currently on Free School Meals, or if your family is experiencing temporary financial hardship, please contact the Pupil Premium Team via pupilpremium@mountbatten.school to discuss support options in confidence.

There are limited spaces available for this trip. If we receive more expressions of interest than there are available places, the school's Educational Visits/Trip Policy will be applied to determine which students are able to attend. Completing a request to attend therefore does not guarantee a place.

To request a place for your child, please complete the [Google Form](#) by the end of the day on Sunday 11 October. Voluntary contributions can be made via Scopay.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's English Literature studies.

Yours sincerely,

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