

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A-level English Study Day – Emmanuel Centre, London – Monday 24th November 2025

I am delighted to invite your son / daughter to participate in a Sixth Form curriculum enhancement visit to the Emmanuel Centre in London on Monday 24th November 2025. This event, organised by **Education in Action**, is designed specifically for A-level English Literature students and, over the course of the day, pupils will benefit from:

- A “live” poetry reading and Q&A with **Simon Armitage, UK Poet Laureate**
- **Lectures on Shakespeare’s *Othello*** by leading academics and theatre practitioners (Professor Emma Smith and Nick Hutchison), exploring themes, performance, and staging
- **Specialist lectures on F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*** (Professor Sarah Churchwell and Luke McBratney), including close analysis of love, money, and the American Dream in this centenary year of the novel
- A focused **exam skills session** linking directly to Assessment Objectives across all exam boards

This programme provides fresh perspectives, direct curriculum links, and expert insights that will deepen student understanding and boost confidence. Given its direct relevance to A-level English, **students are strongly encouraged to attend**. There are 45 places available, with priority going to Year 13 students and Year 12s then being allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Travel and Arrangements:

- Pupils and staff will travel together by coach from SHSB.
- Departure from SHSB will be at (approx.) **7.45am**, returning at (approx.) **5.30pm**.
- Pupils should bring a packed lunch and any personal items they may need for the day.

Cost:

- The total cost of the trip is **£48.50 per pupil**, which covers the event ticket and coach travel.
- Payment should be made via **WisePay** no later than Monday 13 October 2025 to secure a place.

As this is a curricular trip, we strongly encourage all English Literature and English Language & Literature students to attend.



Please fill in the offsite visit form before the deadline mentioned above. The school cannot allow your child to go on the trip without a completed offsite visit form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ShH8MJgxYL>

Should you have any questions about this visit, please do not hesitate to contact finance@shsb.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr O Randall

Trip Leader / Teacher of English