

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

At the end of the Summer Term, your son expressed an interest in a trip due to take place on **Monday 19 January 2026** at the Regent Theatre (Ipswich) to attend **GCSE Poetry Live!**. This event is priced at £44 per pupil (inc. VAT, cost of transport, and staff cover costs).

All details are online (www.poetrylive.net) but, essentially, pupils will attend two sessions during the day - the first dealing with unseen poetry and the second dealing with comparing poems. One of the best features is that a selection of the living AQA *Power & Conflict* poets will be present to read their own work and respond to questions. The present Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, will also be a very special guest! This promises to be an exceptionally valuable educational and literary experience in terms of your son's preparations for his GCSE examinations in the summer of 2026.

As places are limited, I suggested (in the Summer Term) that those who find poetry more difficult would stand to benefit most and, in the event that the trip is popular and becomes oversubscribed, places would be allocated on a first-come first-served basis AND on who stands to benefit most.

I am now pleased to confirm your son has been selected for this event and his participation will mean a day off timetable on Monday 19 January 2026, likely leaving SHSB at around 8.30am and returning at around 5pm.

Please make the payment on Wisepay under **'Trips and Visits'** by **13 October 2025**. We also require a **completed offsite visit form** before 13 October in order for your son to attend the trip.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4VB5JgPOTH>

Please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office here at SHSB should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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