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A Level English Literature – English in Action: Aspects of Tragedy

The English Department has planned to take Y13 and some Y12 students to the Aspects of Tragedy conference at the Emmanuel Centre, London, 9 - 23 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW on Wednesday 29th November 2017 The conference runs from 11:00 - 16:00.

This trip has been planned to support students with their A level English Literature Paper 1 exam and will be invaluable in supporting students in their preparation, which makes up 40% of the overall grade. Students will be spoken to by a number of specialists in the areas examined in the summer.

The programme for the day is as follows:

- Tragedy in Shakespeare: Nick Hutchison, Actor, Director and Lecturer – link for our course: Othello.
- Comparing and Linking Texts Across Genre and Time: Pamela Bickley, Lecturer, Teacher and Textbook Author – link for our course: DOAS
- Defining Tragedy, the Tragic Genre and Tragic Sub-genres: Carol Leach, Examiner, Teacher and Textbook Author – link for our course: generic conventions.
- Reworking tragedy: old forms for new contexts: Michael Meeuwis, University of Warwick – link for our course: Tess of the d'Urbervilles

Students will be allocated places, due to limited availability, on a first come, first served basis. The cost of the conference and transport to and from London will be £37.50. Payment for the trip will need to be paid via ParentPay* as soon as possible. The law does not allow us to make a charge for this type of activity, though we may ask for voluntary contributions. No student may be excluded from the activity because of a parent's unwillingness or inability to make a financial contribution, but unless the voluntary contributions cover the cost of the activity, it cannot go ahead.

The trip will depart from school at **07:00am** and students will be expected to be at school in plenty of time before departure. We will be leaving London at approximately 18:00pm and should therefore arrive back at school at approximately **21:00-21:30pm** on the day dependent on traffic; students will be informed on route as to a more accurate ETA.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Brown

Curriculum Leader for English

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