

November 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

A level English Language Trip, Wednesday 18 March 2020

I have organised for A level students studying English to visit Manchester for a course aimed at supporting students in understanding a range of concepts, methods and approaches related to the study of language topics, texts, and discourses. Drawing on a range of academic research, the lectures will provide a solid grounding for students to further support their learning and wider reading across key areas of study. The following topics will be covered:

Language Change, Language Discourses and Issues, Analysing Language: Texts and Contexts and Language, Groups and Social Practices

Numbers are limited and we are able to take 40 students. Places will be allocated on a first-come/first served basis and places can be reserved by payment on ParentPay. The cost is £37.00, which includes the entrance ticket to the event and return coach transport. Students should bring a packed lunch to school and plenty of water. Payment must be made by **Friday 29 November 2019**.

If you do not have your ParentPay log in details, please contact Mrs Holey in the Finance Office (h.holey@staidans.co.uk).

Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online you are agreeing to your son/daughter taking part on the trip and the cost and confirming that their medical details are up to date. Please note that payments are non-refundable.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's High School. Outdoor learning provides wonderful opportunities to build on essential skills that help students grow into confident, independent and successful adults.

When accompanying students on a school trip, staff are acting in '*loco parentis*' just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that students are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. Please help us by reinforcing to your son or daughter our expectations on behaviour in order that every student can gain the maximum out of the trip. If we have any concerns about a student's participation on this trip in the time between now and the date of departure, **the Head of St Aidan's reserves the right to withdraw the student's place.**

It is important that if your son/daughter's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers that they bring them on the day.

Regards

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English Department