

October 2024

Dear Student and Parent,

**Year 12 English Trip to Ty Newydd Writing Centre from Monday 30 June to Saturday 5 July 2025**

Following the success of this year's residential trip to The National Writers' Centre for Wales in Ty Newydd in Criccieth, we are delighted to offer this trip again in June/July 2025 to any student who has an interest in attending.

The purpose of the week is to work in a creative environment with professional writers, novelists, and poets. The emphasis is on self-motivation and commitment to individual creative work in an intensive environment with tutors on hand to give advice. Students are given the time and tuition to develop their skills in any genre of writing.

Through writing and drafting their own work, students should become more critically aware which will help them significantly with their studies. Students who have attended previous courses have benefitted from working together with established writers, producing work of a very high standard. This trip is particularly suitable for any student wishing to take an arts-based degree including English, drama and, of course, creative writing; however, anyone with an interest in writing is welcome to join the trip.

The trip is limited to 18 students across the Associated Sixth Form.

**Cost**

The cost of the trip is dependent on the number of students that attend; however, we anticipate the cost will be £560 which is inclusive of the course at the National Writers' Centre, full board accommodation for 5 nights, the company of two creative writing tutors and a visiting guest reader during the week and return coach travel from St Aidan's with Atkinsons Coaches.

**How to Reserve a Place**

If your child would like to apply for a place on the trip the consent form will open at 5pm on Thursday 10 October 2024 and close at 12 Noon on Monday 21 October 2024. The form can be accessed for you to [APPLY HERE](#)

If your child is selected to take part in the trip, you will be notified by Tuesday 22 October 2024.

Please note places on this trip are not allocated on a first come-first served basis; if the online form is completed by 12 Noon on Monday 21 October 2024, all students will have an equal chance of being selected for the trip. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated by members of the Senior Leadership Team using a random generator. A waiting list will then be created for any student who is unsuccessful at this stage. We will notify all students who have shown interest in the trip and confirm if they have a place or have been put on a waiting list.

**Deposit**

***If successful in gaining a place a nonrefundable deposit of £150.00 is due by Friday 25 October 2024***  
**(Please note this trip will not appear on Parentpay unless you have been successful in gaining a place)**

Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay whilst making your deposit payment. Please note that by ticking the box online, you are agreeing for your child to take part on the trip, the cost, and confirming that their medical details which we hold at school are up to date.

Please note the trip is not available on the St John Fisher's ParentPay. If you are a St John Fishers student, please email [parentpay@staidans.co.uk](mailto:parentpay@staidans.co.uk) the week beginning the 21 October requesting an activation code for the St Aidan's ParentPay. It is important to include your child's name in the email.

### **Instalment Payments**

The final price of the trip will be confirmed in January 2024 when we have the final numbers of student attending and the associated costs of the trip. The payments are as follows:

Deposit payment £150.00 by Friday 25 October 2024

2nd payment £137 by Friday 24 January 2025

3rd payment £137 by Friday 21 March 2025

Final payment £136 by Friday 30 May 2025.

Reminder emails will be sent to parents together with any additional information that may be required for the trip.

### **Important Financial Information**

Please note that payments made for this trip are non-refundable as we are bound by the booking conditions of our suppliers. Whilst we offer instalment payments for the trip, please note that if your child withdraws after Friday 25 October 2024, you will be required to pay any cancellation charges unless a replacement student can be found. We therefore ask that you take the time to discuss this trip in detail with your child to make sure they are fully committed before you make any payment.

### **Behaviour**

School residential trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at the Associated Sixth Form and when accompanying students on a school trip, staff are acting in loco parentis just as they do in school. Trips away from the normal school environment involve different routines and students must be able to demonstrate an increased level of responsibility and maturity.

Please note this trip operates a zero-tolerance approach to alcohol. We reserve the right to send home any student who we regard as having breached this rule which may require contacting parents to collect their child. The Headteacher would like to make clear that failure to observe this rule will potentially jeopardise a student's place in the Sixth Form.

Should you have any queries about the trip prior to paying the deposit or have concerns about making the deposit payment at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Goold, the Trips Administrator ([trips@staidans.co.uk](mailto:trips@staidans.co.uk)) or myself.

Regards,

Mrs Antonia Parris  
St Aidan's English Department