



25 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

***Poems of the Decade* Conference - London, 9 December 2026**

The English and Media Centre's *Poems of the Decade* conference is an excellent opportunity for your child to enhance their knowledge of this A Level English set text. The conference features four of the poets included in the anthology discussing their poem, as well as a masterclass on four of the other poems.

The conference will take place on Wednesday 9 December at the Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ (directly opposite Euston Station) from 10.30am - 3.30pm. Students will make their own way to the venue by public transport where they will be met by members of staff, and then make their own way home afterwards.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£30** to support the costs of this trip (including ticket and [insurance](#)); please note if we do not receive the required number of contributions we will be unable to run the trip. Bursary Funds exist to assist Sixth Form Pupils with their studies. In order to assess the requirement as fully as possible, students seeking such support are to discuss their whole year requirements with their Sixth Form Support Officer before applying.

If you wish your child to join this event, please log onto [ParentPay](#) using your username and password to pay by **Sunday 4 October 2026**. If you need a copy of your activation details, or are unable to access Parentpay, please email parentpay@swbgs.com. This is a Category B trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy. As such, payment for the trip on ParentPay is taken as confirmation of consent for your child to attend and that the contact details and medical information that the school has on record for you are up-to-date and correct. Students who require medication such as EpiPens or inhalers must carry their own emergency medication with them at all times on trips.

If you have any questions, please contact me via parents@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully

James Lofthouse
Literacy Co-ordinator

