

09 February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Creative Writing Trip to Shandy Hall, Tuesday 20 February 2018

As your child has an excellent reputation for both excellent attitude and standard of work in English, we would like to offer them a fantastic opportunity which explores areas outside of the standard curriculum. This trip is an opportunity to look at creative writing in a new light; we will be looking at non-linear narratives, with a particular focus on the historically renowned local writer, Laurence Sterne. The day will be challenging, but very interesting. As creative writing is an element which currently counts for a quarter of the English Language GCSE, we expect this to aid them in this area; it will also provide your child a fresh look at the written word in art form. The cost of the trip is £21, payable by ParentPay, which includes transport and attendance at the workshop.

A very limited number of places are available, so if we are oversubscribed, we will draw names out of a hat from everyone who has responded before the deadline. We will inform you by Friday 16 February whether or not your child has been selected for the trip; if your child hasn't been selected, the payment will be refunded in full by the same date.

If your child is fortunate enough to gain a place, they will leave school at 10:15AM and will be back at Millthorpe School at approximately 4PM. The day is planned as follows:

- Introduction with coffee / tea in artist-in-residence flat.
- Visit to Coxwold church to give context to Sterne as preacher.
- The old kitchen meeting room of Shandy Hall for introduction to Tristram Shandy (Sterne's most famous character).
- Packed lunch at 1pm (brought by students) in artist-in-residence flat
- Workshop (1.45pm) in dining room of Shandy Hall handling contemporary collection of book art and non-linear narrative texts.
- 3.00pm further questions.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch and warm clothes. They may wish to bring walking boots or sturdy, warm footwear to change into before the walk to the church.

Please make the payment of £21 and provide consent for your child to attend the trip via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) by **Wednesday 14 February**.

Yours faithfully

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Teacher of English

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