

Dear Lower Sixth Form Parents/Guardians,

Lower Sixth Academic Enrichment Trip 2019: The Hay Festival

This year I will be running a trip to Hay-on-Wye to attend the literary festival, which takes place in the May half term. The festival itself runs from Thursday 23 May to Sunday 2 June, and it is my intention to take 16 boys on Tuesday 28 May, returning on Thursday 30 May.

This trip is aimed at stimulating academic interest as boys move towards their final year at Bedford School. Whilst this year's line-up will be completed over the coming months, and is normally released at the beginning of April, the Hay Festival 2018 programme is available online if you would like to see the sort of opportunities available. This is a tremendous chance for our students to not only hear exceptional speakers, but to have a chance to ask questions and engage with those speakers, and others, on a range of subjects.

During the trip, we will be camping/glamping at the Wye Meadow Camping site; the boys will be staying in groups of four in pre-pitched and fully equipped tipi-style tents, so there will be no need for the boys to bring bedding etc. This site is located half way between the town itself and the festival site, neither being more than a short walk away.

The price of the trip will be £110 to cover the accommodation and the food that we buy centrally for breakfasts and for barbecues in the evenings. Boys will be expected to purchase lunch during the day (there are many options both on the festival site and within the town) and to choose and purchase their own tickets to events; tickets to most events range from £5 to £40 and there are some free events and workshops. We will meet shortly after booking starts to ensure the boys aware of their choices. It is advisable to book the big names in advance.

The number of boys able to attend is strictly limited to 16. If you would like your son to take part in this trip, please could you complete the attached slip and return it to the Bell Room addressed to Mrs Smith. Please be aware that the £110 will be paid via the WisePay online payment system. If there are more students interested than places available, they will be asked to write an application outlining why they wish to attend the festival; the Director of Teaching and Learning and I will then select 16 based on these. A code of conduct will be developed in conjunction with those attending to which students will be expected to adhere.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anna Smith
Academic Year Head: Sixth Form

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Name of student: _____

I/we have read the attached letter and give consent for my/our son to take part in the Hay Festival trip 2019.

I understand that students will be allowed to move freely between the campsite, the small town of Hay-on-Wye and the festival. Staff and boys will meet for breakfast and dinner and at a central point on the festival site at lunchtime.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Printed name of parent/guardian: _____