



### Invitation to English A-Level Symposium

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have received an invitation to attend an A-Level English Symposium on the 27th November hosted by Watford Grammar School for Boys. This is an excellent opportunity for our Year 13 students, and we are delighted to be able to offer them this experience. Unfortunately, students already signed up on the Graphics course on this date will not be able to attend.

The symposium will run from 09:30 to 14:00 and our students will travel together by coach, departing from school at 08:45 and returning at approximately 15:00.

Students should bring:

- Writing materials (pen, paper, notepad).
- Packed lunch and water bottle.
- Any set texts you are currently studying (optional but recommended).

The purpose of this symposium is to enrich your child's understanding of their A-Level English texts and is appropriate for both English Literature and English Language and Literature students. It will provide them with valuable insights as they approach their final examinations. The day will include workshops and lectures delivered by experienced practitioners, covering key themes, contexts, and critical approaches to texts. They will have the opportunity to explore their set texts in greater depth, engage with different interpretations, and develop their analytical skills working with students from other schools.

Additionally, attending events such as this demonstrates intellectual curiosity and academic engagement beyond the classroom, which can be particularly valuable when applying to universities or discussing their studies in interviews. It also provides an excellent opportunity for students to hear fresh perspectives on texts they have been studying and to network with other students who share their interests.

We believe this symposium will provide genuine academic benefit to your child and strongly encourage their attendance. If you would like your child to participate, in accordance with the school's charging and remissions policy, you are asked to make a voluntary contribution of **£24.50** via SCOPAY ([www.scopay.com/beaconsfield](http://www.scopay.com/beaconsfield)) by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**.

Please note if there are insufficient contributions, the Visit/Trip may not take place.

Where Sixth Form students are entitled to 16-19 Bursary, we ask that the students make the payments out of the money received from the bursary, or if you are having difficulty meeting payment deadlines and wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact [trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school](mailto:trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school)

During the visit, normal school insurance arrangements apply. A risk assessment will be carried out for this visit and will be available for perusal if required.

If there are any changes to your child's medical or emergency contact information, please email [trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school](mailto:trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school)

If you have any questions or concerns about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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