



17 September 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers

A LEVEL ENGLISH - THOMAS HARDY TRIP

Thomas Hardy's 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' is a key set text within the A Level Literature course and will be an option for students to use with coursework for the English Language/Literature course. We thought it would be enlightening and inspiring to engage with what critics call 'Hardy's Wessex' and allow the girls to experience a deeper appreciation of the context of this novel and of Hardy's vision. With this in mind we have arranged a weekend away using Bournemouth as our base. This will be the fifth time of running this trip and it has always proved both popular and fun! We have booked the weekend of Friday 30 November.

We have organised a fairly busy schedule for the weekend but we will allow the girls some unsupervised free time. Saturday morning will be spent largely outside so the girls must come equipped with wellies/ walking boots and lots of warm layers. They will need money for food, although a hearty breakfast is provided in the cost of the accommodation.

The total cost of the trip is **£190.00**. This will include travel, en-suite accommodation, breakfast on both mornings, the first evening meal, guided tour and walk, visits to Stonehenge, Stinsford and Max Gate

Payments should be made through the Wisepay system and can be paid in two instalments as follows:

First instalment of £95.00 by 30 September (non-refundable)

Second instalment of £95.00 by 8 November

(Please note that non-payment of the second instalment by the deadline will mean that your daughter will be unable to attend the trip and we will be unable to refund the deposit.)

If students have any issues with login or password, please consult with the Finance Office who will be happy to help. Any students who qualify for a bursary can apply for assistance.

Yours faithfully

Claire Kenney-Dwyer and Nicky Madigan

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