

May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to inform you that Year 9 pupils have been invited to take part in an educational visit designed to support their GCSE English Literature studies. Pupils will travel to Newstead Abbey in Nottingham where they will undertake several workshops inside the house and outside in the grounds of the Abbey that are focused on the world of the Romantic poets, creative writing and unseen poetry.

The aim of the trip is to enable pupils:

- To build their skills in creative writing
- To bring alive the history and world of the Romantic poets featured within the GCSE poetry anthologies
- To develop the critical thinking skills required when tackling unseen poetry.

This experience will help deepen pupils' understanding of key texts and ideas they will encounter later in their GCSE course.

The educational visit will take place on Wednesday 1st July 2026. Pupils will travel by coach, departing from school at approximately 9:00am and returning at around 3:45pm – 4:00pm. Pupils should arrive at school at the normal start time and will be dismissed at the end of the day upon arrival back at Heath Lane.

The total cost of the trip is £32.50. This covers entry to the event and return coach travel. Families who receive Pupil Premium funding may be eligible for financial support towards the cost of this trip. Please contact the school office in confidence for more details. Payment should be made in full on Arbor on a first-come, first-served basis only.

By booking your child onto this trip and making payment, you are confirming that their medical information on Arbor is accurate and up to date. If any changes occur before the trip, it is your responsibility to update this information in Arbor.

All pupils are required to bring a packed lunch with them on the day of the visit. A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). Pupils are also encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle and, if the weather is warm, a hat and sunscreen as required.

If you have any questions relating to the visit, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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