



September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 English Language and Literature Trip to London – 16 October 2019

The English department at Ashlyns School has organised a trip to a conference in London, on 16 October 2019, which will not only support the students' A Level English study but will be valuable for the NEA component of their A Level.

The conference will have speakers such as:

- Ian Cushing, a Lecturer in Education at Brunel University, London. His research interests are in critical language policy, educational linguistics and language ideologies.
- Rob Drummond, Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at Manchester Metropolitan University. He teaches, researches, and writes about issues to do with language and identity, specialising in the language of young people.
- Lynne Murphy, Professor of Linguistics at the University of Sussex. She will help the students to be critical consumers of linguistic 'news'.

The cost for the conference is £44.50 per student. Payment may be made by WisePay (our preferred option), or by cheque (made payable to Ashlyns School) by Friday 11 October. Please note that if payment is made by Wisepay, a completed permission slip is not required. If paying by cheque, please complete and return the permission slip to the Finance Box outside the staff room. Payments are non-refundable.

We will be travelling by train from Berkhamsted and the students will need to meet at the station at 8.35am, ready to travel and pay for their train ticket on the day. We estimate that they will be back in Berkhamsted by 5.00pm.

Please note that lunch is not provided. The students will need to either bring a packed lunch or cash to buy lunch at the conference cafe.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary, but if these are insufficient the trip may have to be cancelled. In cases of genuine hardship, please contact Mrs Amamou in the Finance Office, in confidence, by Wednesday 9 October.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Harvey
Second In English

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Student name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to go on the English Language and Literature Trip to London on 16 October.

I enclose a cheque for £44.50 made payable to Ashlyns School

I have been accepted onto the 16-19 Bursary and am requesting funding

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____