

To Parent / Guardian,

**RE: English Department visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum**

A trip has been arranged for Year 13 English students to visit the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

For the first part of the day, students will take part in the Cambridge University Museum's 'Visionaries and Romantics' session. This gallery-based session identifies significant artists and writers of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, in particular William Blake, whose *Songs of Innocence and Experience* form such a critical component of their A Level examination. The session aims to widen the students' knowledge and understanding of Romanticism, the inspiration from the natural world, and the influences of social and political change.

For the second part of the day, the Fitzwilliam Museum has generously allowed us access to their study rooms, where the students will have the unique opportunity to view their Blake manuscripts. These manuscripts are usually kept in the museum's archives and are not generally put on public display; therefore, this is an invaluable opportunity for students to view Blake's original work first-hand.

Students will need to be in school at **7.45am** to allow us to travel to Cambridge via minibus. We hope to be back at school at approximately **5.30pm**, but this is subject to change. There is no cost for this trip, however, as there will not be an opportunity to buy food in Cambridge, students will need to bring a packed lunch.

If you agree to your child attending, please complete the reply slip below, along with the medical consent form and return to their class teacher or Miss Elvin by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss Elvin*

Miss Elvin  
English Learning Mentor

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Please return this slip to your class teacher or Miss Elvin by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

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**Year 13 – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_