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**A Level English Language London conference trip: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Our A Level English Language students have a fantastic opportunity to attend an English Language conference in London run by the English and Media Centre. We have been able to secure tickets to the conference, which is already fully booked, for all of our Y12 and Y13 students.

Titled *Change and Diversity in Modern English*, the conference is taking place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The quality of the speakers on the programme, including world-renowned linguist David Crystal and A Level consultant Dan Clayton, is exceptional, and all will offer their thoughts on topics that are central to our students' study of the English language during their two year A Level course.

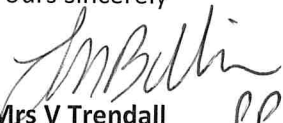
The conference begins at 10.15 am in London. We will therefore **depart the Post 16 Centre at 6 am** and expect to return at approximately 7.30 – 8.00 pm. As teaching staff, we are excited by this opportunity to hear world class speakers on a range of interesting and useful areas, including (to quote from The English and Media Centre's website):

"two of the big areas of study at A Level: how and why language changes and how people use and respond to language variation. Ranging from cutting edge research into attitudes to language variation, projects that celebrate local diversity in English, the bigger picture of changes in English and even language use on *Love Island*, these talks will provide new ideas, challenge assumptions and pave the way for future discussions and research with your students."

As a department, we will therefore be able to subsidise some of the cost of the trip, but will require a £30 contribution per student to cover the remaining transport and ticket costs. Food will be available to purchase on the day. Any students currently receiving the P16 bursary will have their place fully funded. We hope you will be able to support us in this, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

To secure a place on this trip, please return the attached consent and medical form, along with payment, by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. Please make any cheques payable to Outwood Academy Valley.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs V Trendall**  
A Level English Language

**REPLY SLIP – A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the **English Language London conference trip** on the 27<sup>th</sup> February and enclose the £30 payment.

My son/daughter will be collected from P16 . Will make their own way home .

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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