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### A Specialist School in Science and Mathematics

14<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

#### Year 11 English ‘GCSE Poetry Live’, The Royal Philharmonic Hall

A provisional booking has been made for Year 11 English students to attend the ‘GCSE Poetry live’ event at the Royal Philharmonic Hall. The event takes place between 10.45 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011. An additional booking has been made to accommodate those students who are involved in the school play. This trip is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester.

The main purpose of the event is to enhance students understanding of the poems in the AQA Anthology. Students face questions on these poems in their English Language Paper 2 and English Literature exams. During the event students will hear various poems recited by the poets and then be given the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session with the poets. In addition to this, AQA Examiners will also be available to offer valuable advice on all aspects of the exams.

Although letters advertising the event were distributed before and after Christmas, to date, only 50 students have signed up. We would dearly like all students to attend one of these valuable events. Consequently the school is providing a subsidy to support the trip, reducing the overall cost to £10.

To secure a place for your son/ daughter on the ‘GCSE Poetry Live’ event a cheque (payable to the Blue Coat School) or cash needs to be paid to the School Office by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Students must also ensure that a completed permission slip (or note) is handed in along with the payment.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Bennett / Mr T Kershaw (Head of English)

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#### REPLY SLIP - GCSE Poetry Live’

I give permission for my son/daughter ..... to attend the ‘GCSE Poetry Live’ event at Philharmonic Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 10.45 a.m. – 3p.m

I enclose a cash / cheque (*payable to the Blue Coat School*) for £10.00

Signed ..... Date .....

