



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

2018 LITERARY FESTIVAL HAY/BRADFORD EXCHANGE

The Hay Literary Festival is piloting a new programme this year in conjunction with the Bradford Literary Festival and I am excited to inform you that they have chosen Fairfield High School to be involved.

As normal, we will be taking the whole of KS3 to the Secondary Schools' Day at the Hay Festival on Friday May 25th. Once there, as well as attending the talks by fabulous writers, your daughter will be one of 10 other Fairfield students to meet up with 10 girls from a Bradford secondary school, who are staying over from Thursday to Saturday to experience the Festival.

However, even more excitingly, our 10 students then get to go to the Bradford Literary Festival from Thursday 28th June to Saturday 30th June and experience the Bradford Literary Festival for themselves. They will again meet up with the same group of girls to swap ideas and insights on what they have seen. They will be accompanied at all times by Ms McMaster or me and all expenses for accommodation and travel are being generously met by the Festivals.

This exchange offers a wonderful chance for them to meet students from a totally different geographical and cultural area to share their fascination with all things literature as well as enrich their understanding of each other's lifestyles and beliefs. We are extremely fortunate to have this opportunity and I hope you will support it by allowing your daughter to go. Please complete the reply slip and return it to me by Friday 27th April.

I have attached some additional information provided by the Hay Festival on this exchange which you might find useful and I will, of course, provide a more detailed itinerary later.

Yours faithfully

Jayne Conway
Acting Deputy Head

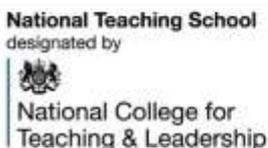
2018 LITERARY FESTIVAL HAY/BRADFORD EXCHANGE Thursday 28th June to Saturday 30th June 2018

I give permission for..... (student's name) to go on the exchange residential trip to the Bradford Literary Festival on the above dates.

Emergency contact details:

Relevant medical information:

Signed Name of parent/carer (please print)



Company Registration Number: 8936256

From the Hay Festival:

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Ten Bradford students in year 9 will arrive on the evening of Thursday 24th May and experience the Hay Festival Secondary Schools Day on Friday 25th May 2018 and attend events on Saturday 26th before leaving in the early evening. Accommodation secured at [Brecon Bunkhouse](#) (2 nights).

Ten students from Herefordshire/Powys in Year 9 will visit Bradford Literature Festival on Thursday 28th - Saturday 30th June. They will arrive on the evening of Thursday 28th June and experience the Bradford Literary Festival Secondary Schools Day on Friday 29th June and attend events on Saturday 30th before leaving in the early evening. Accommodation will be provided by Bradford University Halls of Residence, see [here](#) (2 nights).

The rich exchange of culture offered to both groups in new environments, rural and urban, will expand and enrich these students' life experience and encourage them to understand, empathise and engage with the lives of others.

Hay Festival has longstanding experience of inviting young people from across Wales to experience the Hay Festival's rich offer through our [Beacons Project](#), we feel confident in partnering with Bradford Literature Festival to welcome young people from urban and culturally diverse backgrounds to Hay Festival and the wider rural experience of the Beacons National Park.

Equally, the experience of visiting Bradford Literature Festival would be transformational for the exchange students from rural Herefordshire and Powys who have limited exposure to culturally diverse urban environments.

We anticipate that these exchanges will enrich the lives of all the students involved to create new experiences and understanding, using access to culture as a powerful and transformational tool.