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Dear Parent or Carer

Gothic Literature Study Trip: Wednesday 29 June to Friday 1 July 2022

Every year for the last decade and more (barring the two recent COVID years), we have run a study trip to the village of Haworth on the North Yorkshire moors where the Brontes wrote 'Wuthering Heights' and 'Jane Eyre', and to the east coast port town of Whitby, where Bram Stoker wrote a first draft of 'Dracula', and where much of the novel is set. We do so because we believe that situational learning is very powerfully remembered by students.

This trip is designed for English Literature students, but we are pleased to let you know that the final places can now be offered to all students in Year 12.

In Haworth, it will be possible to visit various significant sites, including Top Withens, one model for Wuthering Heights itself, and Ponden Hall, the location of Thrushcross Grange. One of the Bronte Museum's curators will speak to us about the museum's collection and the cultural significance of the Brontes' work, and we will see the couch where Emily Bronte died and inspect her library. We will walk on the moors at twilight, wild swim at the Bronte Bridge, visit Penistone Crag. The first night we stay in Haworth Youth Hostel, a nineteenth-century millionaire's mansion with amazing stained glass and carved oak.

Then, in Whitby, we will visit the ruined abbey, a source for Dracula's castle in the mountains above the Borgo Pass, wander the narrow streets of this ancient port, and see the East Cliff where Dracula's ship runs aground, a corpse lashed to its wheel. The Whitby Storywalker will take us round the town after dark, sporting a bowler hat of the correct age and design. We stay in the recently refurbished Whitby Youth Hostel, which is on the headland looking out to sea, in a building dating back to the late Middle Ages.

Please find the itinerary attached for your consideration. The cost is £175.00 and the trip runs between Wednesday 29 June and Friday 1 July 2022. We organise the trip entirely ourselves in order to keep the price as low as possible. The price is wholly inclusive of coach travel, insurance, accommodation at Haworth and Whitby Youth Hostels in single-sex dorms, entry to all Bronte sites and museums, and all meals. The school Bursary (whether Full Bursary or Book Bursary) will cover the cost if a student is in receipt of it. **We would very much rather students came than not**, so please contact Mr Bradshaw directly (jbradshaw@thomastallis.org.uk) if money is likely to be a problem. We will try to help.

In order for your son or daughter's place to be confirmed, we need to ask you for:

- 1) A non-refundable deposit of £60.00 due by Friday 22 April 2022. This can be paid through your WisePay account. We have set this trip up in your user area. The balance of £115.00 will be due by the

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end of May. If you need assistance with WisePay, the Finance team can clear up any queries. They are to be found in the General Office and students may wish to pop by. finance@thomastallis.org.uk will also find them.

- 2) A signed expression of interest, which is to be found at the end of this letter. Please return this to me - I can be found in the English Office.

The trip is now open to all Year 12 students. Therefore, an early reply is advised.

Yours faithfully,



Tom Sillito
i/c KS5 English

Please return to Tom Sillito in the English Office

I would like my child: (PRINT NAME) _____
to attend the Yorkshire Trip between the 29 June - 1 July 2022

Name of Student: _____

Tutor group: _____

Please tick the correct column	Yes	No
I give permission for my child to participate in the above-named trip.		
I give permission for the teacher in charge to authorise any urgent medical treatment.		
My child has a medical condition (details below) which may affect them on this trip.		
My child receives the Full Bursary from the school.		
My child receives the Book Bursary from the school.		

Emergency contact number: _____

Signature of parent or carer: _____

Date: _____