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Dear Parents and Carers

Gothic Literature Study Trip: June 14 to 16 2017

As part of your child's English Literature course, and for their A-level exam next year, students are required to study The Gothic including texts such as 'Wuthering Heights', 'Jane Eyre' and 'Dracula'. We are therefore proposing to run a residential trip to the North Yorkshire moors to the village of Haworth where the Brontes lived and wrote, and to the port town of Whitby, where Bram Stoker wrote a first draft of his novel.

Please find attached an itinerary for your consideration.

In Whitby, we will visit the ruined abbey, the model 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 his ship runs aground, a corpse lashed to its wheel. We will meet the Whitby Walker himself and climb the 199 steps to the recently refurbished Youth Hostel, which is on the headland looking out to sea in a building dating back to the late Middle Ages. In Haworth, we will visit the various sites in the locality so powerfully described in 'Wuthering Heights'. An expert on the Gothic will lecture us in the basement of the Bronte Museum, and we will see the couch on which Emily Bronte died, walk on the moors at twilight, go bathing at the Bronte Bridge, visit Penistone Crags, and be swept off our feet by a tall, dark, handsome stranger (possibly).

The trip runs between Wednesday 14 and Friday 16 June 2017. The cost is £160.00. The price is wholly inclusive of coach travel, insurance, and accommodation at Haworth and Whitby Youth Hostels in single-sex dorms, entry to all Bronte sites and museums, and all meals. We would **very much rather students came** than not, so please contact Mr Bradshaw if money is likely to be a problem. Of course, the School Bursary will cover the cost if a student is in receipt of it.

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

- 1) a non-refundable deposit of £50.00 due by Friday 10 March. This must be paid through your WisePay account. We have set this trip up in your user area. The balance of £110.00 will be due by mid-April, payable through WisePay. If you need assistance with WisePay please see below.
- 2) a signed permission slip (enclosed).

Please return the permission slip to Sunita Langotra, Finance Assistant, who is to be found in the General Office. She is also able to clear up any WisePay queries. finance@thomastallis.org.uk will find her, or students may wish to pop by.

There are twice as many students studying English Literature as there are places available on the trip, and there is already a body of interest amongst them, so we must offer places on a first-come, first-served basis. Students were disappointed last year. Therefore, an early reply is advised.

Yours faithfully

Roxanne Blakelock

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Blakelock".

i/c KS5 English

Please return to Sunita Langotra in the General Office: Yorkshire Trip 2017, 14-16 June

I give permission for my child: _____

Tutor Group: _____

to attend the Yorkshire Trip between 14 and 16 June 2017.

Emergency contact name: _____

Emergency Contact number: _____

If there are any medical considerations, please specify:

Parent or Carer signature: _____

Date: _____