

06 October 2026

Dear Families

English Literature A-Level Trip – English in Action – Friday 13 November 2026

Sackville School and the English Department are excited to offer Year 12 and 13 English Literature students the opportunity to attend the English in Action conference run by Education in Action. At this conference, there will be sessions that include:

- A Poetry session with Carol Ann Duffy
- Sessions exploring The Great Gatsby's structure and context
- Sessions covering the staging and themes of Othello

This is a great opportunity for students to enrich their knowledge and understanding of some of the key components of the 'Aspects of Tragedy' paper that constitutes half of the examined content. The conference takes place in the Emmanuel Centre in London and will run from 10.45 am - 3.45 pm. Students will be expected to make their own way to and from the Centre, with the nearest stations being Victoria, St James's Park, or Westminster.

The cost of the trip is £45 and can be paid for on the My Child At School app.

This is a voluntary contribution, though I must tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the trip, it will not take place unless parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute. If your child qualifies for bursary funding, we can request funds to cover the cost of the trip – please contact me at lbyrne@sackvilleschool.org.uk if this is the case.

Please have all orders completed by Thursday 15 October 2026.

The school will need to confirm ticket numbers on Friday 16 October 2026; therefore, this is a very hard deadline. However, if there are issues with meeting this deadline due to its short nature, please do contact me with your interest in the trip, and we can look into alternative arrangements where possible.

As outlined in our Culture for Learning policy, on rare occasions we may have to remove a student from a trip who is unable to meet our high expectations or whose behaviour puts themselves or others at risk. Please have your child read this [Code of Conduct](#) document before the trip.

We thank you for your support with your child's A-Level. If you have any further queries, please contact either me at lbyrne@sackvilleschool.org.uk or the Curriculum Leader of English, Mrs Jennie Grimes – the trip leader - at jgrimes@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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