

Friday 24 October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Visit to attend a lecture about The Handmaid's Tale at The University of Warwick – 10 December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)

The English Department is offering an opportunity to attend a lecture on *The Handmaid's Tale* at the University of Warwick. Delivered by an Assistant Professor and leading KS5 expert, the lecture will deepen students' understanding of the text. As students studied *The Handmaid's Tale* in Year 12, this event offers an excellent opportunity to revisit and consolidate their knowledge in preparation for the final Year 13 exam.

It is also hoped that this trip experience will give students an insight into the structure of a university-style lecture and the learning culture within a university.

There is no cost to attend this lecture. We will be leaving at approximately 1:15pm and it is anticipated that we will return to school by 3:45pm. We will be travelling by school minibus with one member of male staff, who is also an English specialist.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour prior to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

In terms of medicine, parents/carers must acquaint themselves with the policy here: <u>Link to Policy on Supporting Students with Medical Needs</u>. Parents/Carers will need to ensure they pass on all medicines (prescription or over-the-counter ones) with a copy of the Parental Agreement (consent) form found on page 7. If you need a paper copy of the form provided for you, please ask me as the Visit Leader at swright@northleamington.co.uk.

If you would like your child to attend this guest lecture, then you will need to complete all details on ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) no later than Monday 1 December.

If you have any additional questions about the purpose of this trip then please free to contact me using the below details.

Yours faithfully,

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