

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have an exciting opportunity for Year 7 pupils to experience Cheltenham Literature Festival this term. We have arranged for Year 7 pupils to attend the event 'Lucy Strange: Exploring the Gothic Genre' on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 12-1pm at Cheltenham Town Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to listen to an author discuss her novel, *Sisters of the Lost Marsh*, as well as discussing the gothic genre, a genre that the pupils will be studying later in the year.

We will be leaving school at 10.45am and walk to the festival, which is approximately a 40minute walk, for the hour event, before walking back to school at 1pm in time for the pupils to eat their lunch and continue with their afternoon lessons. Please note that pupils will be allowed to wear comfortable footwear on that day and please ensure that your child has a coat with them in the event on inclement weather.

The cost of the trip is £7.10 per pupil, which is payable via ScoPay. Please purchase your child's place on the trip by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, which will also act as your consent for your child to attend the trip. Please contact your child's form tutor if you wish to discuss financial support for you trip.

If you have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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