

2nd December 2025

Dear Parents / Careers,

RE: Year 7&9 Visit from a performance poet and public speaker

The English Department is very excited to announce a visit from a performance poet and public speaker on 27th and 28th January 2026. We are very aware of the high costs of travel and tickets if students visit authors / theatres off site, so in order to keep costs as low as possible and to create a fully inclusive experience for our students, we have been lucky enough to secure two half-day visits with the amazing Anthea Barclay.

All students in Year 7 and Year 9 will get the opportunity to have a 1 hour session with Anthea, with a maximum of 3 classes engaging in each session at one time. Year 7 will spend an hour with Anthea on 27th January, and Year 9 will spend an hour with her on 28th.

All staff at Etonbury are keen to develop a love of literacy and reading in our students, and we feel this is an excellent opportunity for all students to get involved. To help the school cover the cost of this amazing opportunity, **we are asking for a contribution of £3 per child**. This is payable via parentmail.

This is a voluntary donation but if we do not receive enough donations, the event will not go ahead. If you find it difficult to pay for this activity, please contact Mrs Fallows: cfallows@bestacademies.org.uk.

If you have any questions about the visit, please speak to your child's English teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards



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