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Dear Parents,

Marlborough Literature Festival – Thursday 25th September 2025

As you are hopefully aware, your son/ daughter has kindly agreed to represent the school at this year's Marlborough Literature Festival by taking part in a public debate exploring whether it is ever morally right to censor literature. I am therefore writing to ask for your permission for your son/ daughter to take part, and to invite you to attend the event if you are able to.

The debate will take place at Marlborough Town Hall on Thursday 25 September 2025 from 16.00hrs to 17.00hrs. The students and staff involved will leave from school at approximately 15:15hrs and walk to the Town Hall together, to arrive in time for the debate to begin at 16.00hrs. We will then need to know the arrangements for students to get home once the event has finished at approximately 17.00hrs.

The debate is open to the public. It is free, but so that numbers can be monitored, those wishing to attend must book a ticket in advance. Tickets can be booked in the following ways:

Follow the direct link: [Sixth Form Debate - Is it ever morally right to censor literature? at Marlborough Town Hall \(The Assembly Room\) event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Or book online here: [Events & Tickets – marlborough literature festival](#)

Or call the box office **0333 666 3366** Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am- 5pm

Or visit the White Horse bookshop.

The full programme of events can be found here: [Programme of events – marlborough literature festival](#)

We need parental permission for students to take part, so could I please ask you complete the permission slip with the details below as soon as possible and return it either in paper form via the Finance Mailbox located in the Atrium, addressed to Mrs P Marshall-Thomas – Trips, or via email to trips@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk

I look forward to receiving your permission for your son/ daughter to take part in the debate and hope very much that you will also be able to attend and support them in the event as well.

Yours with very kind regards,

Colin Luker

Key Stage Lead, A Level English

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Trip Organiser – Mr C Luker

Student: Tutor Group:

Please delete as appropriate:

I do/ do not give permission for _____ to take part in the Literature Festival debate.

Arrangements for after the event finishes- (please tick one option):

- I will collect my son/ daughter from the Town Hall
- I will collect my son/ daughter from St John's main car park.
- I am happy for my son/ daughter to make their own way home.

Signed: _____

Printed: _____

Date: _____