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25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Families,

### **Year 10 trip to the Apex, Bury St Edmunds**

Stowmarket High School would like to offer the students in Year 10 the opportunity to see the evening performance of Lemn Sissay - My Name is Why at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday 4th May.

Lemn Sissay is the writer of the play 'Refugee Boy' one of the three key texts your child is studying for their GCSE English Literature exam. Refugee Boy is heavily influenced by Lemn Sissay's own personal life experience. Being able to hear Lemn tell his story and to have the opportunity to ask him questions will, undoubtedly aid your child's understanding of the text. The visit will also support our ambition to bring 'joy' to the school curriculum after a difficult 18 months.

Please be aware that this is an evening performance. Students will need to return to school at 6.30pm. The coach will depart at 6.45pm from the bus bay near the Leisure Centre. Students will also need to be collected from school at 9.45pm.

The cost of the trip is £25. Please be aware that as there are only 32 places available. This number has been determined by the amount of interest expressed by Year 10 students when asked. Should the trip be oversubscribed all the student names will be placed in a hat and 32 names drawn out to ensure that places are allocated fairly.

If your son/daughter would like to attend, please log on to Parent Pay and provide consent and medical information by 29th April. Should you need login details for Parent Pay please email [finance@stowhigh.com](mailto:finance@stowhigh.com)

If you require financial assistance, please contact the Finance Office at [finance@stowhigh.com](mailto:finance@stowhigh.com)

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