Friends of Coleridge Summer Conference 2027

Keynote Speakers: Prof Seamus Perry (Oxford) and Prof Elizabeth Fay (UMass, Boston)

North London Collegiate School, July 26th-29th 2027

Coleridge's attitude to London was ambivalent. He was "pent" in the city as a child, yet later it was was also a source of opportunity and excitement for Coleridge: it was in London that he first met William Godwin, London was where he resided when writing his incisive articles for *The Morning Post;* he gave lecture series on literature and philosophy in the city, and from 1816, he lived in Highgate, then a village just a few miles north of the metropolis.

This year, the conference will be held for the first time in London, at the North London Collegiate School: a tube-ride away from Coleridge's final residence in Highgate. North London Collegiate was not only Molly Lefebure's school, but was established on a Coleridgean educational model. We'll enjoy the convivial and intimate atmosphere of the Coleridge Conference, learning new details together about Coleridge's life, works and legacies at a school his thinking inspired, within easy reach on public transport of St. Albans, Watford, and Central London.

Papers should be 20 minutes in length about any aspect of Coleridge, his family, or his circle. A special issue of *The Coleridge Bulletin* will publish selected papers.

Please submit 300-word abstracts and a brief biographical note to joanna.taylor@manchester.ac.uk and jacobzlloyd@gmail.com by Friday 18th December 2026, with "Coleridge Conference Abstract" in the subject line. If you would like to be considered for a bursary, please briefly explain why. Decisions will be communicated by the end of January 2027.

The conference fee will be in the region of £500 (£400 for graduate students). This will include all food apart from breakfast, but will not include accommodation. You can find a list of suggested hotels below, or we recommend posting in the Friends of Coleridge Facebook group to find fellow delegates to share with.

Hotels:

DoubleTree by Hilton London Elstree (Corporate Rate with NLCS)

- Room + Breakfast - £135pn

Contact: +44 2082 149988 Reservations@dtelstree.com

Laura Ashley hotel (The Manor Elstree)

• Standard Double room - £110 per night

• Superior Twin Room – £125 per night

Contact: 0208 3274700 reception@themanorelstree.co.uk

NOVOTEL London Wembley

• Twin room - £161per night

• Queen room - £144per night

Contact: Sara - H9389iphonere@accor.com

Ramada By Wyndham London North

• Twin room - £95per night

• Queen room - £85per night

Contact: groups@welcomebreak.co.uk

Wembley International Hotel

• Twin room - £140per night

• Queen room - £115per night

Contact: reservations@wembleyinternationalhotel.co.uk