

Sept 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Performing Arts Trip to The Royal and Derngate: Thursday 13 October, 2016

We have been very fortunate to be able to book a trip to The Royal and Derngate in Northampton on Thursday 13th October 2016 to see a matinee performance of 'The Woman in Black'. Our Year 11 students will be studying this play as part of their Drama course this year and a trip to the theatre would be an excellent way for them to witness a live show and in turn develop their own skills. We have excellent seats, which will allow for the ultimate theatre going experience for a total cost of £20.00.

The trip will leave the college at 12.30pm and return at approximately 6pm, at which time students will need to be collected from the college. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them as there will not be opportunity to purchase food during the trip. Pupils in receipt of a free school meal will be able to order a 'grab and go' meal at break time. The students will be released from classes at 12.00pm, before leaving for the coach and will be able to collect their grab and go meal at this time.

If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please complete the reply slip below, including your emergency contact details and return it in a sealed envelope to the main office, with the full payment of £20 made via Parent Pay by 30th September 2016.

During the visit, there will be a limited amount of free time during the interval. Pupils will be expected to follow the instructions issued by staff regarding guidelines on how they spend the free time. Please reiterate with your child the importance of following staff instructions, which are in line with our risk assessments.

We would very much like this visit to take place. However, the visit is an "optional extra" under the 1996 Education Act and the school is allowed to make a charge in full. The visit will cost £20 covering both the cost of ticket and transport to and from the theatre. If there are not sufficient pupils to make the trip viable, then the trip will be cancelled and a full refund will be given. We must make it very clear that no funds whatsoever exist for this activity. However, parents of children who are in receipt of free school meals are entitled to 'Opportunity Funding' to cover the cost of the trip. Please contact the school office for an application form, which should be completed and submitted before the deadline stated above.

It is important that students attend this trip, as it will support preparation for the final written exam in June 2017 (40% of the overall mark). We therefore would encourage all GCSE drama pupils to take advantage of this opportunity. Time will be spent in lessons actively exploring themes and issues from the play and preparing students to answer questions in response to the performance. If pupils do not attend the performance, they will find it very difficult to answer the exam questions relating to this section of the written exam. We are therefore very keen for this trip to take place and would encourage all pupils to attend. It will be a great experience and a chance for pupils to engage with drama outside the classroom.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Hawthorne and Ms H Broadfield
Drama Department

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To Drama Department (via Main Office) by 30th Sept, 2016

The Woman in Black Thursday 13th October 2016

I would like my son/daughter _____ of form _____ to take part in the above visit.

I confirm I have paid the balance in full via ParentPay through the Brockington College website.

Or I confirm I have submitted an 'Opportunity Funding' application form.

Name: _____

Signed: _____
(By the adult with legal responsibility for the young person)

Date: _____