

September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE English trip to Nottingham Theatre Royal on Thursday 21 February 2019

The English department is delighted to offer Year 11 students the opportunity to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's current production of Romeo and Juliet at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham on Thursday 21 February 2019.

The trip will support and enhance students' understanding of the play, a GCSE set-text worth 20% of their final English Literature grade. The production has won rave reviews, and has been described by The Daily Telegraph as "fresh, fleet and blade-sharp".

The performance does take place during the February half-term, but we will meet at school to get the coach and return to school afterwards, as would be the case with any usual school trip. The itinerary would be as follows:

Thursday 21 February 2019	
17:30 hrs	Meet at school.
17:45 hrs	Depart from school via coach
19:30 hrs	Performance begins
22:15 hrs	Performance ends and pupils will depart for school
23:00 hrs	Pupils to be collected by parents or carers from school

(The price of the trip includes: return executive coach travel and the ticket for the performance itself. The group size is 100 pupils in total.)

We recommend that your child brings a small amount of spending money on the trip, in case they would like to buy refreshments. The amount should not exceed **£10** and your child will keep and be responsible for this money throughout the trip. Pupils should wear non-school uniform clothing, as long as it is appropriate for visiting a theatre.

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 **£25** with full payment details below. 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. Parents/carers of children in receipt of free school meals are entitled to 'Opportunity Funding' to cover the cost of the trip and should tick the relevant box on the reply slip below.

If the trip is over-subscribed, we will give priority to students who have demonstrated positive behaviour and have good attendance records, with names picked at random. Pupils not selected for the trip will receive a full refund.

To secure a place for your son or daughter on this trip, **payment of £25** is required via ParentPay, along with the completed reply slip by Friday 12 October 2018.

If you require any further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K Neville
Director of English

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Please return to Mr Neville, via the school office, by Friday 12 October 2018.

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Pupil name: _____ Form: _____

I would like to apply for a place on this trip for my child. I am entitled to and would like to apply for opportunity funding for my child.

I would like to apply for a place on this trip for my child. I have made a payment of £25 via Parent Pay.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(By the adult with legal responsibility for the young person)