



9 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: A Level Drama & Theatre Trip to STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to attend the performances of 'Pericles' and 'School for Scandal', performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company on **Wednesday 4 September and Thursday 5 of September 2024.**

Live theatre is an essential part of A-level Drama and Theatre; both for their component 3 written examination and their own theatre making during the course. Students will be expected to behave responsibly in line with the St Martin's behaviour policy. The itinerary is as follows:

Wednesday 13 September 2023

- 08.30am Travel to Stratford Upon Avon by mini bus
- 2.00pm Free time in Stratford Upon Avon for lunch
- 13.00pm RSC Workshop (funded by the department)
- 19.00pm Performance of Pericles at the Swan Theatre
- 21.30pm Post Show talk with the director and cast
- 22.00pm Return to B&B used previous years.

Thursday 14 September 2022

- 09.30 am Back stage tour of the RSC Theatre (funded by Jack Petchey)
- 10.30 am Visit Shakespeare birth place
- 11.30 am Free time in Stratford Upon Avon for lunch
- 13.00 pm Performance of 'School for Scandal' at the RSC Theatre
- 16.30 pm Depart Stratford Upon Avon by mini bus
- 19.30 pm ETS arrive at St Martins School

There may be times during the trip when students are given free time. They should not go off on their own but should remain in small groups at all times. Staff will issue a contact number should any student become separated.

I will be leading the trip accompanied by Mrs Wilkinson who also teaches on the course. As the trip will take place during the school day, we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£93 to cover the expense** of providing the off-site activity. It is not compulsory for students to take part in the visit but the experience will enhance their learning opportunities and provide examples to better understand the work being covered during lessons. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, it is likely that the trip will have to be cancelled.



If you are interested in your child participating, please complete the attached consent form with full medical information and dietary requirements included and return to the finance office by **1 March**. **A deposit of £33** should be made via ParentPay by the same date. **The final £30 will need to be paid by the 1 April** and any payments made are non-refundable.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at ipage@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Page', is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Mrs Page
Trip Leader
Head of Year 12 & 13