



18 March 2022

Dear Parents or Carers

***Re: A-level Drama & Theatre Trip to STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, 21-22 September 2022***

I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to attend the performances of 'All's Well that Ends Well' and 'Richard III' by William Shakespeare, performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company on **Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September 2022**.

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 21 September 2022**

- 8:30am - Travel to Stratford-Upon-Avon by mini bus
- 12:00pm - Free time in Stratford-Upon-Avon for lunch
- 1:00pm - RSC Workshop
- 7:00pm - Performance of 'All's Well that Ends Well' at the RSC Theatre
- 9:30pm - Talk with the director and cast
- 10:00pm - Return to B&B used in previous years.

**Thursday 22 September 2022**

- 9:30am - Back stage tour of the RSC Theatre
- 10:30am - Visit Shakespeare's birth place
- 11:30am - Free time in Stratford-Upon-Avon for lunch
- 1:00pm - Performance of 'Richard III' at the RSC Theatre
- 4:30pm - Depart Stratford-Upon-Avon by mini bus
- 7:30pm - Estimated time of arrival at St Martin's 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 this to the finance office by Friday 1 April 2022; a deposit of £30 should be made via ParentPay by this same date. The balance of £63 will be due by Friday 1 July 2022. All payments made are non-refundable.

*Be The Best You Can Be*

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jpage@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jpage@st-martins.essex.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Page', on a light blue background.

Mrs J Page

***Trip Leader and Head of Year 12 & 13***