



18 September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Backstage tour of the National Theatre and performance of 'The Jungle' at the Playhouse Theatre, London

I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to take part in a backstage tour of the National Theatre, London followed by a matinee performance of *The Jungle* by Joe Murphy and Joe Robertson at the Playhouse Theatre. The date of this visit is **Thursday 18 October 2018**.

The backstage tour will be hugely beneficial to their study of A-Level Drama and Theatre; both for their component three 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:

- 10.00am Walk from St Martin's School to Shenfield Station
- 10.30am Travel by train to the National Theatre
- 12.00pm Take part in a backstage tour of the National Theatre
- 1.30pm Free time on Southbank for lunch (Students are advised to bring a packed lunch)
- 2.30pm Performance of '*The Jungle*' at the Playhouse Theatre
- 5.30pm Commence return trip
- 7.00pm Approximate time for arrival at Shenfield Station

The return journey to the South Bank in London will be by train and tube. Students will walk to Shenfield Station with staff and will be under teacher supervision for the duration of the trip, except for lunchtime. Students should be collected upon their return to Shenfield Station at approximately 7.00pm, alternatively, please indicate on the reply slip if you wish your son or daughter to travel elsewhere independently.

The cost for the theatre tour and performance is £35.00, which includes the backstage tour and ticket to see *The Jungle* and is non-refundable.

Additionally, on the day of the trip, students must bring sufficient money to purchase a return train ticket and may like to bring extra money to buy refreshments and a programme in the theatre. As there will be limited time for lunch, students should bring a packed lunch with them. Students are advised not to bring any valuables with them.

If your son or daughter would like to participate in this trip, please complete the consent form attached and return it to Finance Office by Monday 8 October 2018. Preferred payment for this trip is by ParentPay.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 01277 238353 or via email wilkinson@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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