



1 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 12 Drama Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon

The Drama Department has arranged a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to see two of Shakespeare's plays being performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC). The plays are 'Venice Preserved' and 'Measure for Measure'.

The trip is from Friday 5 July to Saturday 6 July 2019 and will cost **£190**. The price includes travel to and from Stratford, one night's accommodation in a B&B that we have previously used, two educational tours and two excellent tickets to the performances by the RSC. We will be departing from school on Friday 5 July 2019 at 8.30am and returning to school on Saturday 6 July 2019 in the evening at approximately 8.00pm.

When we arrive in Stratford-upon-Avon the students will be involved in a workshop that the Drama Department are financing. This five-hour practical workshop will be lead by the RSC Education Department and the focus will be on both plays seen. The first performance we will see on the Friday night will be 'Venice Preserved'. Before the evening performance, we will be going to the local Indian restaurant for dinner in our own private room. We will then be staying in a local B&B. On the Saturday morning we will be going on a backstage tour of both the Swan and the RSC Theatres. Following on from this, we then go to Shakespeare's birthplace to work on some research and watch some street theatre. Afterwards we will watch the matinee performance of 'Measure for Measure'. On the Saturday, students will be given free time, not under direct supervision of staff, in which they can explore the town of Stratford-upon-Avon in groups of no less than four students. The trip is strictly no alcohol and no smoking permitted and students will need to bring approximately £30 to cover the restaurant meal, their lunch and dinner on Saturday and programmes for the two performances.

We ask for payment to be made either in full or by two instalments via Parentpay as follows:

1. First payment due 30 November 2018 £104
2. Second payment due 1 March 2019 £86

This trip is extremely beneficial to Component 3 of the drama course; the written exam in which the students will write an evaluation of live theatre in section A based on one of the plays they see. The workshop will develop new approaches to script which will help them with section B and C. Finally, the backstage tour will enhance their understanding of the technical aspects of theatre also benefitting their work for section C.

If you would like your son or daughter to participate, please complete the consent form attached and make payment either in full or by instalment via Parentpay. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me ipage@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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