



20 June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 12 Drama Trip to Stratford-upon-Avon - Friday 5 July to Saturday 6 July

With only a few weeks to go until our Stratford-upon-Avon trip I would just like to confirm a few final details. On Friday 5 July please congregate in the sixth form common room at 8am. We will be leaving the school at 8.15am travelling in the school mini bus. Students do not need to register with their form tutor and will not need to adhere to the normal school dress code, however they do need to be dressed appropriately for the practical workshop. The journey to Stratford-upon-Avon will take three hours with a short break at the services where students can either purchase food or eat their packed lunch.

Upon arrival at Stratford-upon-Avon the students will be involved in a workshop. This is a five-hour practical workshop and will be led by the RSC education department with the focus being on the plays that we will see. Before the first performance, which will be *Venice Preserved* on Friday night, students will be given free time to explore the local area and have an evening meal which they are to purchase. In their free time they will not be supervised by the teachers and must stay in groups of no less than four.

We will then be staying in a local B&B. On the Saturday morning, after breakfast, we will be attending a back stage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and then visiting Shakespeare's birthplace. Afterwards we will watch the matinee performance of *Measure for Measure*.

Students will need to bring approximately £35-40 to cover their evening meal on Friday, lunch on both days and programmes for the two performances.

Alcohol and smoking are strictly prohibited on this trip.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at jpage@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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