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Drama Trip to 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to see the highly acclaimed play 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' at the Piccadilly Theatre in London on Thursday 28th March 2019 at 2:30pm.

The GCSE students have to write about a piece of live theatre they see during the course and this production will offer them a vast amount to comment on. It is also one of our set texts at A Level and as it is only on for a limited time it might be the only opportunity they will get to see it.

About the play

Christopher has an extraordinary brain, exceptional at maths while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched and he distrusts strangers. But his detective work, forbidden by his father, takes him on a frightening journey that upturns his world.

Winner of 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards® including 'Best Play', The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time brings Mark Haddon's best-selling novel to thrilling life on stage, adapted by two-time Olivier Award-winning playwright Simon Stephens and directed by Olivier and Tony Award®-winning director Marianne Elliott.

We will leave school by coach 11:45am in order to arrive at the theatre for the performance at 2:30pm. The play should be finished by 5:00pm at which point we will return to school by coach. Students should be picked up from school at approximately 7:00pm.

We are asking for an amount of £35 to cover the cost of the ticket, travel expenses and insurance for the trip. I must however tell you that as the school could not bear any of the cost of the visit it will not take place unless all parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute. If you are unable to contribute in full or would like assistance, you are invited to contact Josephine Lay, School Business Manager in confidence so that suitable arrangements can be made to try and cover the cost of your child's participation. Please make payment via www.parentpay.com. You will be asked to give your consent at this stage, further details of which can be found on the school website. If you use the 'PayPoint', pay in shop facility, please call Mrs Riches for a bar coded letter and you will also have to complete a paper consent form.

We need to finalise numbers as soon as possible. If at that point we do not have enough students to make the trip viable, it will have to be cancelled. If any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

I look forward to an exciting trip.

Yours faithfully,

Mr James Hadden.
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