



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

SMW/CVS

2nd November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mayflower Studio Theatre, Southampton – 23rd November 2022

We are running a school trip to the Mayflower Studio Theatre (MAST) on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 to see a physical theatre version of Othello by Frantic Assembly. The production contains strobe lighting and haze effects.

The show starts at 2:30pm so we aim to leave school via coach by 1:15pm. Students are required to bring a packed lunch with them to eat on the coach. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they will have their lunch provided by the school. They may also bring money to purchase snacks in the theatre should they wish, please note the theatre is operating with only contactless forms of payment.

Correct school uniform must be worn for the easy identification of our students. Anyone without the correct uniform will not be allowed to attend and any poor behaviour will potentially affect future trips.

Mobile phones are allowed on the trip but must be switched off once in the theatre. The show has an approximate running time of 2 hours 15 minutes so we aim to be back at school between 17:45 and 18:00.

There are 51 tickets available to Drama students in years 9, 10 and 11, but to ensure that everyone has the chance to go, we will ask you to register your commitment to the trip on Parent Pay before payment is requested by **Friday 11th November 2022** at the latest. If the number of requests for spaces outweigh the number of spaces available, we will pick names at random to ensure fairness. We regret that refunds cannot be made unless the visit is cancelled by the School.

The school budget cannot fund the whole cost of the activity and we are therefore inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution of £24.00 per child to cover the cost. Students in receipt of Free School Meals may make a payment of £12.00. This will need to be paid on parent pay by **Friday 18th November 2022** at the latest. Payments not received by then will result in your child not being able to attend this trip.

If a significant number of parents are unable, or unwilling, to make a voluntary contribution the activity will be cancelled to prevent the school incurring financial loss. However, the school would not wish to exclude any child from taking part on the grounds

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of financial hardship. If you cannot afford to make payment at this time, please write to the School Business Manager, Mrs Wakeham, in confidence with a brief explanation of your circumstances.

If you're interested in your child participating in this school educational outing, the fee needs to be paid via Parent Pay.

By using ParentPay to pay for this trip you automatically give consent for your child to attend, therefore we have not included a reply or consent slip with this letter. The payment deadline is **Friday 18th November 2022**, after this date you will not be able to pay for the trip and your child will not be able to attend.

We look forward to another very exciting show!

Yours Faithfully,
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