



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

LICHFIELD

May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Proposed Educational Visit to The Harold Pinter Theatre, London

The English Department has purchased tickets for a performance of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London. As this play is an A level set text, the visit will be invaluable in supporting preparation for the examination.

A block booking has been made for the 1.30pm matinee performance on Thursday 13th July, 2017. Students will travel by Virgin trains, on a group booking, departing from Birmingham New Street station at 9.10 am and arriving at London Euston at 10.32 am. We will return by train at 7.03pm arriving at Birmingham New Street at 8.27pm. The cost of this trip is £36 which includes the theatre ticket, train travel and insurance. As this activity is considered to have only normal everyday risks it is covered by the Local Authority's standard public liability insurance and no further insurance has been provided.

On arrival in London, students will be escorted by staff to the area of the theatre where they will then have some unsupervised free time. It is essential that students stay in groups of at least 3, and staff will be contactable at all times. We will meet at approximately 1pm in preparation for the performance. The performance running time has yet to be confirmed by the theatre but *Hamlet* is a very long play!

Parents/carers should be aware that female staff only are accompanying the students on this visit. Students will be responsible for making their own way to and from Birmingham New Street. Unfortunately due to limited group bookings from Lichfield Trent Valley this route was not available for the relevant times.

If you would like your child to join us on this visit, the necessary contribution can be made via the ParentPay website or, alternatively, a cheque can be sent into school made payable to **Staffordshire County Council**.

If you agree to your son/daughter taking part in this visit then I should be grateful if you could return the attached parental consent form by **Friday June 9th**, so that arrangements for the visit can proceed. This should be returned to Bader Reception in an envelope marked '**For the Attention of Mrs Jetson**' and clearly labelled with your child's name and tutor group and the date and destination of the educational visit. Where a contribution is requested and ParentPay has not been used then a cheque for the appropriate amount (payable to Staffordshire County Council) should also be enclosed.

I hope that you will feel able to support us in this fantastic opportunity and that it proves to be an enjoyable and worthwhile educational visit for us all.

Yours faithfully,

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