



18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**A-level and GCSE LONDON THEATRE TRIP 17th-19th January 2020**

The requirements for the specification of EDUCAS GCSE and A-level Drama are such that students are required to review a piece of live theatre for their final written examination (GCSE ) and provide analysis of theatrical techniques employed in at least 2 live productions (A-level). In addition to providing the opportunity to attend live theatre when possible on-island, the department would like to offer its students the opportunity to attend a trip to London to take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

The students will be seeing three professional productions: 'As You Like It' by the RSC at the Barbican, 'Matilda' at the Cambridge Theatre and 'Cyrano De Bergerac' at The Playhouse Theatre, starring James McAvoy. The students will also attend at least one workshop led by professional actors.

As well as providing material for their written examinations, it is highly recommended that students see as much live theatre as possible in order to make their own practical work, for which they are assessed, more rich and varied. It is a requirement at A-level to be able to write knowledgeably about how to incorporate techniques which have been seen in live theatre into an imagined production of their set texts.

The cost of the trip for each student will be approximately £480 (at the time of this letter, we are waiting for a price confirmation for the flights and workshops). This sum includes theatre tickets to the three productions, two workshops, two night's B & B Hotel accommodation at Premier Inn, Blackfriars, insurance, Aurigny flights, and train/tube travel tickets.

During the visit there may be some occasions (such as buying lunch, shopping – either on the high street or in a theatre) when it is more appropriate to remotely supervise students. During these times we will expect that the students stay within the geographical boundaries of the area identified by the teachers; be back by the time agreed and at the location agreed by the teaching staff and remain in their buddy groups of 3 and 4s.

Mr Cheshire and I will accompany the students on this trip, along with 2 other members of staff and would like to invite you for a short meeting to discuss this event on **Thursday 9th January at 5.00pm in The Ladies' College Drama studio**.

In order to hold the flights and theatre seats, a retainer will need to be paid no later than **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. We therefore request that you sign the slip below enclosing a non-refundable deposit of £250.00, to be returned to the College as soon as possible please, but no later than 11<sup>th</sup> November please.

As the theatre tickets will need to be paid before it can reasonably be expected to receive deposits from students (and certainly before the deadline above), it will be necessary to limit the trip to 40 students. This number is based on experience from previous years of numbers who attend and will eliminate / help limit any waste plane and theatre tickets. As such, the trip will be available to the first 40 students who apply for a place.

I would also be grateful if you would complete the medical form enclosed, so that we carry up to date details regarding your child.

Please note that the department leads an annual theatre trip and, while it is of great benefit to the students to experience as much live theatre as possible, those students in Upper Five who attended the trip last year, but who are unable to come to London in January, will not be disadvantaged in their written examinations next May – in class, we will revise those productions seen last year, as well as exploring those from this trip.

Yours sincerely,

*Maggie King*

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## The Ladies' College London Drama Trip – January 2020

Student Name:.....

I will be attending the meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 5.00 p.m.

YES NO

I understand that there may be times that my child will be remotely supervised and that they will be expected to adhere to strict expectations, as laid out by the department prior to the trip (and to parents at the meeting above).

I enclose the requested medical form.

I/we enclose a cheque for £250 made out to The Ladies' College.

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I confirm we have made a payment by BACS

To:  
The Ladies' College  
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Sort Code 60-09-20  
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Name of Student.....

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