



ABINGDON

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To: all parents

'Antigone' Theatre Trip

On Tuesday 23 March, as part of the Modern Languages Society programme of events, I am organising a trip to the Oxford Playhouse to see Anouilh's play 'Antigone'. The play is being performed in English by the Oxford Theatre Guild and the performance starts at 7.30 pm.



Antigone

One person's resistance fighter...is another's terrorist

Polynices lies dead on the battlefield. The tyrant King Creon declares him a traitor and orders that his body be left to rot, abandoned and unsanctified. Antigone, in grief and love, vows to bury her brother with ritual honours. Creon must reimpose order on the ravaged state or all its citizens will suffer. Without his strong leadership, anarchy will bring the country to its knees. Antigone challenges the very role of the King, and Creon determines to stop her before she brings down his rule. A searing tale of love, power, and the greater good from Ancient Greece, in an acclaimed play written by **Jean Anouilh** and first performed in Nazi occupied

Paris in 1944. **Anouilh** posed questions which still challenge us today, and for which there are no easy answers.

We plan to eat early supper, leave school at 6.30 pm and travel to Oxford by minibus. The cost of the play is £12.00 per ticket plus approximately £3.50 for supper and travel costs. Your son may also like to bring extra drinks and snacks for the evening, since there will probably not be time to buy food before the performance. The play finishes at about 10.00 pm, at which time your son could either be picked up by you or taken back to school by staff. We should return to school by about 10.30 pm, at which time your son, if not a boarder, will need collecting.

If you are happy for your son to attend the play, please could you sign the parental consent form attached and ask your son to return it to me by Friday 12 March.

Yours sincerely,

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Proposed trip to Oxford Playhouse to see 'Antigone' on Tuesday 23 March.

I would like my son _____ to attend the performance of **Antigone** at a cost of £15.50. I shall collect him from the Oxford Playhouse at 10.00 pm/ from school at 10.30 pm.

We rely on the information on the school data base unless you notify us below about changes in medical issues and emergency contact numbers.

Signed _____

Date _____

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