



# ABINGDON

21 April 2010

*To: parents of boys studying drama in 4<sup>th</sup> year*

*Theatre Trip for 4<sup>th</sup> year Drama Students to "The History Boys" on 17 June 2010*

I write to inform you of a theatre trip which we are organising as part of your son's drama course. We have provisionally booked tickets to see a matinee performance of *The History Boys* by Alan Bennett at the Oxford Playhouse on Thursday 17 June at 2.30 pm. This is a further opportunity for the boys, whose GCSE course involves responding to, and writing about live theatre, to engage with and analyse professional productions, and we warmly encourage your sons to attend.

We will travel by Pearce's Coach, departing from Park Crescent at the side of Abingdon School coach park at 1.30 pm on Thursday 17 June 2010. Pupils will have had school lunch in advance of departure.

The performance is expected to end at 5.05 pm. **This will mean that boys will miss their normal school bus**, so after the show, there are a number of options for you. Pupils may return to Abingdon on the coach - in which case, please collect your son from the Coach Park c. 5.45 pm (actual arrival time will be confirmed nearer the date of the performance) **or**, if you give your permission (see the relevant section of the accompanying form), your son can either be collected by you from the Playhouse, or make his own way home. Without parents' signed consent, we cannot leave pupils behind in Oxford. The cost of the ticket and coach travel is expected to be in the region of £25 and this can be added to your next end of term bill. The trip will be supervised by Mrs Quick, Mr May and Mr Taylor, and all the standard risk assessment procedures will be carried out in advance. I would be most grateful if you would indicate whether you are happy for your son to participate in this trip by completing the form at the foot of this letter and returning it to me as soon as possible, **and certainly no later than Friday 30 April**. We need to pay for the tickets we require no later than 4 May, so please assist us to meet this deadline. Unfortunately, I am unable to accept an e-mail authorisation unless it is a scanned copy of the document with a parental signature. Very many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Drama

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## ***The History Boys Drama Trip Consent Form***

*Please complete/ delete as appropriate*

I am happy for my son \_\_\_\_\_(*Name*) to take part in this trip and I am happy for the costs of the ticket and travel, to be added to my next school bill

OR

My son will not be able to take part in this trip.

*Please now confirm your preferences from the theatre: please delete all that do NOT apply*

1. After the show

a) My son will travel back to Abingdon after the production and I will collect him from the Abingdon Coach Park c. 5.45 pm

OR

b) I will collect my son from the Oxford Playhouse (front entrance) on Beaumont Street in Oxford after the production finishes (5.05 pm)

OR

c) My son has my permission to make his own way home from the theatre after the performance

**Please note: re. details of your emergency telephone contact number(s) & your child's dietary and medical conditions, we will rely on the school database records currently held on our system unless you notify us otherwise.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_(Parent/Guardian)\_\_\_\_\_Emergency phone no.

*Please return by Friday 30 April to Jeremy Taylor, Abingdon School, Park Road, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 1DE*

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