



ABINGDON

From Head of English: Rachel Yarrow

9 January 2015

For boys in Miss Yarrow's, Miss Williamson's and Mr Swarbrick's fifth year classes

Dear parents

Your son is in a class studying the play 'Merchant of Venice' as a set text, which he will be examined on as part of his IGCSE English Literature this summer. An opportunity has arisen to see a live performance of the play at the Almeida Theatre in London and we will be taking a trip for all the boys studying this play.

Seeing a live performance of a play text is essential to understanding how the text works as a piece of theatre, and is therefore very important in forming boys' analytical understanding of the play, allowing them to write about it better when in the exam. It will also provide a great opportunity for revision. It is therefore a trip we are expecting all boys to take part in.

The date of the trip is **Wednesday 21 January**. We will be leaving school at 4.30pm for a 7.30pm performance, and will be returning after the performance, to be back at school for approximately 12.00am. I would be grateful if you could arrange for your son to be picked up at this time. We will be coming back into the coach park on Faringdon Road, but it is important that this is left clear for the coaches to come into. I therefore would suggest the best place to pick up from would be the main school campus or Park Crescent, as there will be a large number of other boys being picked up at the same time. My contact number on the night will be 07720314709.

The cost of this trip is £35, including tickets and coach travel, and boys will all be provided with a school packed tea.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this at all. I would be grateful if you could return the attached consent form to your son's English teacher at school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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