



ABINGDON

From the Director of Drama: Jeremy Taylor

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To: Parents of pupils studying drama in 4th, 5th and 6th form

*Cambridge University Visiting Theatre Company's performance of
"Much Ado About Nothing", Friday 3 October 2014, 7pm*

I write to inform you of an exciting opportunity for A Level and GCSE drama students at Abingdon and St Helen's. On Friday 3 October at 7pm, we are hosting a performance of Shakespeare's popular comedy, ***Much Ado About Nothing*** by Cambridge University's CAST company, featuring recent OA Henry Jenkinson (currently at Clare College) and OSHSK Ellen Robertson (Corpus Christi College). The company has been presenting the show in America this month before embarking on a tour of the UK in October. As well as providing a highly entertaining piece of theatre, the evening will allow students to find out about drama at university as there will be a question and answer session with the cast in the theatre immediately after the performance.

The show starts at 7pm and lasts 2 hours, 10 minutes (with interval) and we estimate the Q&A will be over by about 9.35pm. Pupils will need to be collected from the front of Abingdon School at this time, or to make their own way home if parents are happy for them to do so. Please note that those students staying on at school between the end of lessons and the start of the performance at 7pm will either need to bring their own packed supper or bring money to buy their own food in town. The Abingdon drama department on the top floor of the Arts Centre will be open from 5.30pm-6.45pm for pupils to use as a base before the show. Those involved in rehearsals for one or other of the senior school productions will be free from 6pm or so in order to purchase and / or consume refreshments.

The cost of the tickets for students is £8, which can be added to your next end of term bill. To secure your ticket for this production, please complete the form accompanying this letter and return it to Jeremy Taylor, Director of Drama at Abingdon School **as soon as possible**. Please either fax (01235 849079) or scan and email (jeremy.taylor@abingdon.org.uk) the signed and completed consent form. Unfortunately, I am unable to accept a purely e-mailed authorisation as we need a parental signature in order to be able to take your son with us. Very many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

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***Much Ado About Nothing* Ticket Request Form**

Please complete / delete as appropriate

1. The Show

I am happy for my son / daughter _____(Name)
to attend this show and agree that to meet the costs of the ticket which will be added to my
next school bill.

2. After the show:

I will collect my son / daughter from the front of Abingdon School c. 9.35pm

OR

I am happy for my son / daughter to travel home independently

Please provide us with a telephone contact number

Signed _____(Parent/Guardian)

Please complete, sign and return all relevant sections of this form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

EITHER

BY FAX to 01235 849079, marked "For the attention of Jeremy Taylor"

OR SCAN AND EMAIL to

jeremy.taylor@abingdon.org.uk

OR POST FIRST CLASS to:

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