



From the Director of Drama: Jeremy Taylor

11 September 2015

Dear Parent

*Theatre Trip for A Level Theatre Studies students to
"King Charles III", Thursday 17 September 2015*

I write to inform you of a theatre trip we are organising as part of the A Level Theatre Studies course. For those in L6, the course involves an evaluation of a piece of live theatre. For those in the U6, the first task is devising a piece of theatre, drawing on the full range of their theatrical knowledge and experience. To these ends, we have booked tickets to see a matinee performance of Mike Bartlett's **King Charles III** at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Thursday 17 September at 2pm. Mike Bartlett, who studied A Level Drama at Abingdon, is now widely regarded as one of the UK's most exciting young writers. His play *King Charles III* won the 2015 Olivier Award for best new play. This production will support students in their preparation for the AS Theatre Review coursework task, so it is essential for L6 students. It will also offer a stimulating experience for U6 students, for whom tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. This letter sets out the proposed arrangements. **Please see the consent form at the foot of this letter and return it immediately. I am now able to accept an email authorisation but if you opt to reply in that way, please ensure you provide all the information required on the form.**

We will travel in a Pearce's coach, departing from the Abingdon School Coach Park at 11am on Thursday 17 September 2015. We will take with us packed lunches provided by the school caterers. After the show, which finishes c. 4.45pm, we will return to the Abingdon Coach Park on Faringdon Road at about 7.15pm, and **we ask parents to collect sons/daughters from the Abingdon Coach Park at that point.** If students can bring a mobile phone with them, they will be able to advise parents in the event of any delays. Students may also wish to bring money for a programme and/or additional refreshments.

The cost of the ticket and coach travel is expected to be in the region of £26 per person (depending on final numbers). The final cost would be added to your next end of term bill. The trip will be supervised by Mr Taylor and other members of the drama departments at Abingdon and St Helen's. All standard risk assessment procedures will be carried out in advance. **Please indicate whether you are happy for your son/daughter to participate in this trip by completing the form accompanying this letter and returning it to Jeremy Taylor, Director of Drama at Abingdon School IMMEDIATELY.** You may either fax (01235 849079) or scan and email (jeremy.taylor@abingdon.org.uk) the signed and completed consent form. Very many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

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King Charles III Drama Trip Consent Form

Please complete / delete as appropriate

1. The Show

EITHER

I am happy for my son/daughter _____ (Name)
to take part in this trip and agree to meet the costs of the ticket and travel, which will be
added to my next school bill.

OR

My son/daughter will not take part in this trip.

2. After the show:

I will collect my son/daughter from the Abingdon Coach Park c. 7.15pm on Thursday 17
September

OR

I am happy for my son/daughter to make his/her own way home from the Abingdon Coach
Park

**Please note: with regard to the 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 systems UNLESS you notify us otherwise in
the space below.**

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

_____ (Emergency phone no).

Please complete, sign and return all relevant sections of this form AT ONCE

EITHER

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

OR EMAIL to

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