



ABINGDON

From the Director of Drama: Jeremy Taylor

To: Parents of pupils studying Drama in 4th and 5th year

23 September 2016

*Theatre Trip for GCSE Drama students to
"Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme",
Oxford Playhouse, Wednesday 28 September 2016*

I write to inform you of a theatre trip we are organising as part of your son's GCSE Drama course. We have booked tickets to see an evening performance of Frank McGuinness' play **Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme** at the Oxford Playhouse on Wednesday 29 September at 7.30pm.

This production will serve as the basis for a live theatre evaluation exercise that is a key part of both 4th and 5th year courses. 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 as soon as possible so that I can confirm places on this trip. 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.**

On the day of the trip - Wednesday 28 September - students will have a hot meal in the Dining Hall at 5.30pm. We will then travel to the Oxford Playhouse in a Tappins coach, departing from the Abingdon School Coach Park at 6.15pm. After the show, which finishes c. 10.00pm, we will return to the Abingdon Coach Park on Faringdon Road at about 10.30pm and we ask parents to collect their sons from the coach park at this point. Alternatively, you may collect your son from the front of the Oxford Playhouse on Beaumont Street, Oxford, provided you can be in place as soon as the show ends. Or, if your son lives in Oxford, and you are happy with this arrangement, he can, with your authorisation to us, make his own way home. *Please indicate clearly on the form which of these options you have chosen.*

The cost of the hot meal, theatre ticket and coach travel is expected to be in the region of £25 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 department at Abingdon. All standard risk assessment procedures will be carried out in advance. **Please indicate whether you are happy for your son to participate in this trip by completing the form accompanying this letter and returning it by Saturday 24 September to Katie Bond, the Abingdon Drama Assistant.** You may either fax (01235 849079) or scan and email (katie.bond@abingdon.org.uk) the signed and completed consent form. Very many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

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‘Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme’ Drama Trip Consent Form

Please complete / delete as appropriate

1. The Show

EITHER

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

OR

My son will not take part in this trip.

2. After the Show

EITHER

I will collect my son from the front of the Oxford Playhouse at 10pm

OR

My son lives in Oxford and has my permission to make his own way home after the show

OR

I will collect my son from the Abingdon Coach Park at 10.30pm

**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 by FRIDAY 23
September EITHER:***

BY HAND

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

OR EMAIL to katie.bond@abingdon.org.uk