



From the Director of Drama: Jeremy Taylor

To: Parents of pupils studying Drama in 4th year

9 December 2016

“Art” & “An Inspector Calls” - 2 Theatre Trips for GCSE Drama students, February 2017

I write to inform you of two theatre trips we are organising as part of your son's GCSE Drama course. The first meets the demands of a live theatre evaluation task that is part of the final written paper. For this, we have booked tickets to see an evening performance of Yasmina Reza's hit comedy **Art** at the Old Vic in London on Monday 6 February 2017 at 7.30pm. The second is a production of a set play that the students must study for the written paper from the point of view of an actor, a designer and a director. To meet the demands of this part of the course, we have booked tickets to see Stephen Daldry's landmark production of J B Priestley's **An Inspector Calls** at the Playhouse Theatre, London, on Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 7.30pm.

These productions will serve as key parts of the GCSE course, and we strongly recommend that your son attend both of them. This letter sets out the proposed arrangements for each trip. ***Please see the consent form at the foot of this letter and return it as soon as possible so that I can confirm places and final numbers of tickets. I am now able to accept an email authorisation but if you opt to reply in this way, please ensure you provide all the information required on the form.***

On both occasions, we will depart from the Abingdon coach park on Faringdon Road at 4.30pm and pupils will be supplied with a packed tea that they will be able to eat on the journey. We will travel to London in Pearces coaches. **Art** finishes at 9pm, so we estimate arriving back at the coach park on Monday 6 February at around 11pm. **An Inspector Calls** finishes 9.15pm, so on Tuesday 28 February, we expect to arrive back at the coach park at around 11.15pm. We ask you to collect your son from the coach park at the relevant time on each occasion.

The combined cost of the tickets for both shows is £35 per person. Packed teas and coach travel add £45 per person (depending on final numbers) so the total cost for both trips is around £80, which would be added to the end of Lent term bill. Both trips will be supervised by Mr Taylor and other members of the drama department. All standard risk assessment procedures will be carried out in advance. **Please indicate whether you are happy for your son to participate in these trips by completing the form accompanying this letter and returning it by Monday 12 December to Jeremy Taylor, Director of Drama.** You may simply email me (jeremy.taylor@abingdon.org.uk) with your permission, but if so, please ensure you supply all the information required on the form. Very many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Taylor

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‘Art’ and ‘An Inspector Calls’ Drama Trips - Consent Form

Please complete / delete as appropriate

1. Art, Monday 6 February 2017

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 Lent term school bill. I will collect my son from the Abingdon Coach Park at
11pm

OR

My son will not take part in this trip.

2. An Inspector Calls, Tuesday 28 February 2017

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 Lent term school bill. I will collect my son from the Abingdon Coach Park at
11.15pm

OR

My son will not take part in this trip.

**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 & return all sections of this form by MONDAY 12 December
EITHER:***

BY HAND to Jeremy Taylor, Director of Drama

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

OR EMAIL to jeremy.taylor@abingdon.org.uk