



From the Director of Drama: Ben Phillips

10 September 2021

To: Parents of Lower & Upper Sixth pupils studying Drama

**Theatre trip for Lower and Upper Sixth Drama students, Tuesday 23 November 2021**

I write to inform you of a theatre trip we are organising as part of the A-Level Drama and Theatre course. We have booked tickets to see an evening performance of *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* at Duke of York's Theatre, London on **Tuesday 23 November**. This production may be used for the Live Theatre section of the A level course, so we strongly recommend that all pupils taking A Level Drama attend. This letter sets out the proposed arrangements for the trip.

**Please indicate whether you are happy for your child to participate in this trip by completing the form [here](#), no later than Friday 15 October please.**

On Tuesday 23 November, we will travel to Duke of York's Theatre in a Barnes coach, **departing from the Abingdon School Coach Park on Faringdon Road at 4.30pm**. We will supply a packed dinner to sustain students on the journey; should pupils wish to supplement their rations, they are welcome to bring further supplies (please note that any food pupils bring with them should not contain nuts). **We estimate we will arrive back at the Abingdon Coach Park on Faringdon Road around 11.30pm**, where we ask you to either collect your child or make arrangements for their journey home. Given the late return time on a school night, we would be extremely grateful if all parents could arrive at the Coach Park in good time to receive us when we arrive back, as staff will not be able to depart until all pupils have been collected. We will ask pupils to keep you updated on our estimated return time on the night.

The total cost of the trip, including tickets for the play, packed dinner and return coach travel will be **£40.50** per person, depending on final numbers. The cost would be added to your end of term bill. The trip will be supervised by members of the drama department at Abingdon and St Helen's. All standard risk assessment procedures will be carried out in advance.

Very many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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