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Dear parents and carers,

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama trips

DOUBLE BILL: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Birmingham Hippodrome, Wednesday 5th July at 2.30pm and *The Play that Goes Wrong*, Malvern Theatres, Wednesday 19th July at 2.30pm.

As you will be aware, part of the requirement for GCSE Drama is to learn from and be influenced by live theatre. Additionally, students have to write a live theatre review as part of their written summer exam. The above trips will form the basis for such work and therefore all GCSE Drama students should aim to attend both; these two plays have been carefully selected for their ability to directly inform students' practical work as well as their enormous scope for written reviews. This is truly an experience not to be missed!

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a phenomenal production about Christopher, a boy who sees the world from his own unique perspective. Providing an insight into life with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, *Curious* will leave students emotionally connected and visually awestruck in equal measure. 'Winner of seven 2013 Olivier Awards and five 2015 Tony Awards, including Best Play, this thrilling production has been hailed by *The Times* as 'a phenomenal combination of storytelling and spectacle.' More information including photos and trailers can be found at www.curiousonstage.com.

The Play that Goes Wrong will provide a strong contrast to *Curious*. Winner of three Best New Play/Best Comedy awards in its first two years, students will be entertained and inspired from the very start. 'The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society are putting on a 1920s murder mystery, but as the title suggests, everything that can go wrong... does! The accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences!' Students who watched *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* over Christmas will know of this company's work. More information can be found at www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com.

We have arranged coach travel for both trips and have been able to secure excellent value school-price tickets for these matinee performances. Outstanding productions from the West End do not often come this cheap or within our reach! All GCSE Drama students would be expected to attend both trips if possible. Details are as follows:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

- Weds 5th July
- Leave Fairfield at 11am
- Return to Fairfield approx. 7.30pm (*students to have a charged mobile phone to confirm arrangements en-route*)
- Bring lunch to eat on the coach
- Cost: £26.50 to include theatre and travel

The Play that Goes Wrong

- Weds 19th July
- Leave Fairfield at 12.40pm
- Return to Fairfield approx. 5.30pm (*students to have a charged mobile phone to confirm arrangements en-route*)
- Bring lunch to have on the coach
- Cost: £20 to include theatre and travel

On both occasions, students must have a packed lunch including a drink and must wear correct school uniform. Money for sweets and programmes is permitted but not required.

Please pay via ParentPay and return the attached permission slip directly to Mrs Parsons by **Wednesday 24th May**. It may be possible to pay for the trips in separate months; please speak to Mrs Parsons about this by phone or email.

I do hope your child can attend these trips and I know they will enjoy them.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Parsons

Drama Teacher

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Name of student

Form

- I give permission for my child to participate in the following trips:
 - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (£26.50)
 - The Play that Goes Wrong* (£20)
- I will ensure I am there to collect my child from Fairfield at the advised time.
- I will ensure my child has a charged mobile phone so they can keep me updated regarding the return time to Fairfield.
- I will ensure my child has a packed lunch, including a drink.
- I have paid £_____ via ParentPay.

Parental contact number for the evening of the trip:

Signed

Date (parent/carer)