

30th November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 9: Theatre trip to see 'The Woman in Black'

The English and Drama Departments have reserved tickets to see 'The Woman in Black' at the Fortune Theatre in London. This will take place on the evening of Thursday 28th February. This event is currently open to all Year 9 students, but tickets are limited. Therefore, they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Susan Hill's acclaimed ghost story comes dramatically alive in Stephen Mallatratt's ingenious stage adaptation - "The most brilliantly effective spine-chiller you will ever encounter" (Daily Telegraph). Now celebrating three decades in the West End, Robin Herford's gripping production is a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion, and controlled horror, "One of British theatre's biggest - and scariest - hits" (The Guardian).

This trip is being offered as an enrichment opportunity that is not only fun and entertaining, but also focused on exposing students to live theatre and to promote a more sophisticated understanding of stage craft and the correct vocabulary to be used when discussing or writing about play texts. This is particularly relevant in both Year 9 English and Drama, but, more importantly looking to the future, it will be a huge advantage in Year 10 and 11 for the study of the Modern Play and Shakespeare in GCSE English Literature.

BE WARNED: Jump-scares and frights are involved - not for the faint-hearted!

The coach will leave school promptly at approximately 5pm and students will go straight into the theatre on arrival. There will be no time for purchasing a meal, so boys should eat prior to leaving school. The coach will return at approximately 11pm.

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please log onto ParentPay, look up "The Woman in Black" and pay the full amount of £33 as soon as possible. The trip will be opened to Year 10 and 11 students after 11th December. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me in strictest confidence and I will see if there is any funding available to assist you. Please note that where the School is required to make non-refundable payments to the trip provider, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the trip.

As you are aware, you and your son have completed and signed the 'RGS Lifetime Behaviour and Medical Consent form' for RGS day trips. However, please understand that it is a parental responsibility to inform matron@rgshw.com of any changes to the medical condition of your son, and any changes to emergency contact numbers should be sent to Mrs Gamester pg@rgshw.com; these requests apply to your son at any time during his school career. Contact detail changes can also be made using the SIMS Parent App.

Yours sincerely,

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