



KER/LMS

21 Oct 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE and A Level Drama Trip – Friday 18th November

As you will no doubt be aware, watching live performances contributes greatly to students' appreciation of theatre and in the development of their own creativity. As part of the GCSE and A Level Drama course, it is a requirement that all students have the opportunity to watch live theatre and be able to both analyse and evaluate productions.

For both GCSE and A level students, it is a requirement to write about a live performance in the Component 3 written examination, which constitutes 40% of the overall marks. In both examination papers, there is a section on Live Theatre.

We have arranged for our Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE and Year 12 and Year 13 A Level students to have the opportunity to travel to The Lowry Theatre in Manchester to watch a professional production of Frantic Assembly's 'Othello': an award-winning and electrifying take on Shakespeare's tragedy of paranoia and murder. Othello's passionate affair with Desdemona becomes the catalyst for jealousy, betrayal, revenge and the darkest intents. Frantic Assembly takes Shakespeare's muscular and beautiful text, combines its own bruising physicality, and presents an Othello firmly rooted in a volatile 21st century. This is a world of broken glass and broken promises and poisonous manipulation.

The performance begins at 20:00 on Friday 18th November. We will travel by hired coach to Manchester and set off from school at approximately 6.15pm. Students should meet myself in the drama studio at 5.45pm prior to leaving. We shall be setting off back from Manchester at approximately 10.00pm and therefore expect to return to school at approximately 10.45pm TBC, dependent on traffic. Due to the late arrival back at school, please use this number to contact me on the school phone should you need anything – **07714387810**. May I take this opportunity to remind parents that students are expected to display the very highest standards of behaviour and courtesy. Students can wear casual clothing on the trip but must have their school lanyard on them.

Under the School Governors' Charging and Remissions Policy, we request a voluntary contribution of £32.00 towards the cost of this activity. This includes the cost of the theatre ticket, travel and insurance.

[Charging & Remissions Policy](#)

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The total cost of the trip is £32.00 which is to be paid on ParentPay by Friday 28th October 2022. When you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact /medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay. The fee will be available to pay on the Parentpay system after 12 noon today, Friday 21 October 2022.

If you have any further questions, please add them to the attached sheet or contact me at school krattigan@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KERRATTIGAN." with a period at the end. The letters are in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Miss K Rattigan
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