



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CVH/TCC

17 September 2025

GCSE and A Level Drama Theatre Trip – Dear England at Leeds Grand Theatre

As you may be aware, experiencing live theatre is a vital part of students' development in Drama. It significantly enhances their appreciation of performance and supports their own creative growth. For both GCSE and A Level Drama courses, it is a curriculum requirement that students attend at least one live theatre performance. They must be able to analyse and evaluate a production as part of their Component 3 written examination, which contributes 40% of their overall grade.

To support this requirement, we are pleased to offer an opportunity for students in Years 9, 10, 12, and 13 who are studying GCSE or A Level Drama to attend a performance of Dear England, presented by the National Theatre at the Leeds Grand Theatre. This production has been awarded the Olivier Award and promises to be a valuable and engaging experience for our students.

Performance Details:

- **Date: Wednesday 5 November**
- **Time: Performance begins at 7:30pm**
- **Arrival: Students should arrive at the entrance of Leeds Grand Theatre by 6:45pm prompt**
- **Collection: Students must be collected from the theatre at 10:15pm**

To keep costs as low as possible, we are asking parents/carers to arrange transport to and from the venue.

The department has subsidised some of the ticket costs, however, under the School Governors' [Charging and Remissions Policy](#), we request a voluntary contribution of £15.75 per student. This covers the remainder of the theatre ticket cost and insurance. Payment should be made via ParentPay no later than Monday 29 September. When making payment on ParentPay, you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend and submit emergency contact and medical details in a secure and confidential section.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip or payment, please do not hesitate to contact me at chellewell@heckgrammar.co.uk.

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We are very much looking forward to what promises to be an enriching and memorable theatre experience for our students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hellewell'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial 'H' and a cursive 'ellewell'.

Mrs C Hellewell

Subject Leader Drama/ Head of Year 11