



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CVH/TCC

13 April 2026

GCSE and A Level Drama Theatre Trip – To Kill a Mockingbird – Liverpool Empire Theatre

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will already 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 course, it is a curriculum requirement that students attend live theatre performances. 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 10 and 12 who are studying GCSE or A Level Drama to attend a performance of To Kill a Mockingbird on Wednesday 13 May 2026. To quote Empire Theatre: "Aaron Sorkin's riveting, award-winning stage adaptation of the seminal American novel about racial injustice and childhood innocence became a Broadway and West End sensation with star-studded sell-out seasons on both sides of the Atlantic. Now this thrilling courtroom drama comes to Liverpool Empire." Due to the significant impact and quality of this production, it is likely to be the most effective performance for students to write about in their exams. As such, we will study the live performance both in the run-up to finals and in preparation for next year's final examinations.

Trip Details:

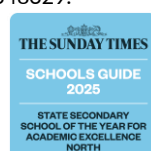
- **Date:** Wednesday 13 May 2026
- **Time:** Performance begins at 14:30pm
- **Departure:** Students will leave from school, completing P1 and P2 as normal, before meeting outside the drama office at **11:25am** prompt.

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- **Collection:** Students will return back to school and should be collected from North Street. Estimated time of arrival back to school is **19:30pm** but students will update with more accurate times as we travel.
- **Food:** Students should bring a packed lunch and are welcome to bring snacks for the theatre.

The department has subsidised some of the ticket costs, however, under the School Governors' [Charging and Remissions Policy](#), we request a voluntary contribution of £15.40 per student. This covers the remainder of the theatre ticket cost and insurance. Payment should be made via ParentPay no later than Thursday 23 April 2026. 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.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Hellewell



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