

13th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Splendid Productions - Orestia

In component 1 of the Drama GCSE exam, students are required to devise and create their own performance. Students are assessed on the level of creativity in their performance as we have been extremely fortunate to work with Forest Arts to book **Splendid Productions** to perform their sell out production of **Orestia**. The company will then lead a 90 minute practical workshop on the techniques used in the performance straight afterwards. Splendid’s work is highly physical as well as using the techniques of Bertolt Brecht which will be hugely beneficial to students’ practical work.

Splendid Productions present an epic, murderous tale of family, history, vengeance and honour in a story nearly as old as theatre.

Condensing Aeschylus’s classic trilogy into an hour, Splendid’s regal cast of three retell the story of King Agamemnon, his queen Clytemnestra, and their children, Iphigenia, Electra and Orestes. A legendary family born to power, but destined to rip itself apart in a bloody cycle of tragedy.

The production will be on Tuesday 12th March; it will begin at 2:00pm and students must be in A53 by 1:30pm at the latest to walk to **Forest Arts**. The performance will finish at 3:00pm and the workshop will finish at 5:30pm. Students will be dismissed from Forest Arts. The cost of the performance and workshop is £13.00, the cost of the performance alone is £8.00. Please complete and return the attached reply slip, together with the appropriate payment, by **Friday 1st March** to the finance office. Cheques should be made payable to The Arnewood School with the student’s name, tutor group and event on the reverse.

It is Parent’s responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes to contact numbers and medical information pertaining to their child. Parents can update via SIMS Parent Lite – details at <https://www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/parents/sims-parent-lite> or via contact with reception.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K. Watson
Head of Drama

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Reply slip re: Splendid Productions – Orestia. Please return to the Finance office by 1st March 2019.

Student’s name: **Tutor group:**

I have received the letter regarding 'Orestia' and agree to my son/daughter taking part in this event.

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the production and workshop and enclose £13.00.

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the production only and enclose £8.00.

(Please delete as appropriate).

I undertake to keep the school informed of any changes in contact numbers or medical information pertaining to my child.

Signature: **Date:**