

1st February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Blood Brothers

We have been very fortunate to get tickets to see **Blood Brothers** at the **Kings Theatre, Portsmouth on Thursday 2nd May**. Blood Brothers is the set text for GCSE Drama, and students need to have a thorough knowledge of the narrative, characters and themes, as well as creative ideas for the staging of the play. The opportunity to see the live production will not only be an excellent experience, it will prove invaluable for revision, especially for Year 11 students, as the performance is so close to the Drama exam. Blood Brothers is an incredibly popular play and we are very fortunate that it is on tour locally.

'In 1960's Liverpool, twin boys are born to a loving mother who has the heart but not the wealth to care for two babies. Offered a way out by her wealthy, childless boss, Mrs Johnstone agrees to give up one of her boys in exchange for money and a better life for at least one of her sons. She vows to never tell anyone of their agreement. Inevitably the two boys; Mickey and Eddie, meet again in later life, their relationship as friends blossoms much to the despair of their mothers. If the boys remain friends and if they ever find out their true identities, is for the show to divulge!'

The coach will leave school promptly at 5:30pm and we aim to return to school at 11.30pm. The total cost for the trip including transport and ticket for the performance will be **£20**; we have been very lucky to get a large discount for the cost of the tickets. There are a limited number of tickets available; **payment must be received by Friday 8th March**. Cheques should be made payable to The Arnewood School and all money must be handed into the Finance Office in an envelope that is clearly labelled with Blood Brothers Trip, student's name, student's tutor group and the amount of money included.

Please note that places on the trip are limited and if oversubscribed then places will be allocated on a random and equitable basis. If your child has a medical condition/disability please ensure they are not taking part in this visit against your doctor's advice. It is a 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.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Watson
Head of Drama

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Reply Slip – Please return to the Finance Office by Friday 8th March 2019

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the school trip to Kings Theatre, Portsmouth to see Blood Brothers on Thursday 2nd May 2019, as detailed in your letter dated 1st February 2019

My son/daughter will be collected from school by: (named adult).

Signed: Date:
Parent/Carer